

AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION

Annual Business Meeting

116th Annual Convention

Eaglewood Resort & Spa, Itasca, IL

June 23, 2022

President Mike Bley welcomed Officers, Councilors and Members and called to order the annual business meeting of the 116th Annual Convention of the American Leather Chemists Association.

1. NEW MEMBERS:

A warm welcome was extended to the 23 new active members who joined the association during the past three years along with 5 new SLTC members. Mrs. Adcock asked all new members present to stand. There were several new members present at the convention. Congratulations were extended to 3 members, Boghos Assadourian, Gian Franco Grandi and Blane Shoemake, who had met the requirements and were approved for life status with the Association and to four members, Kadir Donmez, Richard Evans, Cheng-Kung Liu and Constantin Rosu, who received retired status in the Association.

2. OFFICERS AND COUNCIL**a. Officers Continue:**

At the end of the convention, Joseph Hoefler moves to President and John Rodden becomes Vice President.

b. Council Changes and Presentation of Certificates:

Retiring councilors Jose Luis Gallegos and John Rodden were thanked for their service and contributions during the past five years. Both were presented with a certificate. The results of the election were announced and the incoming councilors for 2022-2025 will be Myron Hooks of Dow Chemical Co. and Roger A. Pinto of Pangea Made, Inc. The new councilors were congratulated, and appreciation was extended to the Nominating Committee, John Rodden, Chair, Joe Hoefler and Katie Kutskill, for their service to the Association.

3. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

The By-Laws state: "The composition of the Nominating Committee shall be reported to the membership at the annual meeting, and shall be subject to ratification by the active members there present." This motion was made at the Business meeting and the following members of the 2023 Nominating Committee were approved:

Mike Bley (Chair), Steve Lange and John Rodden.

The following appointments approved by Council were announced:

2023 O'Flaherty Service Award Committee: Sarah Drayna (Chair), Mike Bley and John Rodden

2023 Alsop Award Committee: Joseph Hoefler (Chair), Mike Bley and Luis Zugno

2024 Wilson Memorial Lecture Committee: Jeff Miller (Chair), Eric Webb and Katie Kutskill

Andreas Rhein of Tyson Foods agreed to continue as the Association's IULTCS representative for the next three years.

4. EDITOR'S REPORT: Steven D. Lange

Mr. Lange gave the following report:

We are on track to publish 50 papers in 2022.

Confirmed manuscripts are scheduled through November.

Two papers from the 2022 Convention have already been published.

I do not have any of the other papers presented at the 2022 Convention.

Four papers have been rejected in 2022.

The online version of the Journal dates to January 2007.

The Top Ten Abstract and Article views were summarized in table format and were the same as shown previously at the Council meeting. It is interesting that the abstract and article view lists do not overlap.

I have been working with UC Press to get older editions of the Journal published online. Based on their suggestion, I am working back from 2007. So far, 2000 to 2006 have been scanned and currently working on the 1990 issues. The older issues are being scanned as searchable PDF files and will, hopefully, be uploaded soon.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven D. Lange
Journal Editor

5. STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION:

a. Membership Review:

A total membership of 278 members, of whom 135 are paying members, was announced. It was noted that the chart showed the paying membership to be slightly increasing which was good.

b. Convention Account:

A bar chart was shown indicating the income and expenses for the annual conventions since 2013. The chart reflected revenue of \$64,475, expenses of \$32,584 for a profit for 2019 of \$32,891.

c. Convention Attendees:

A review of the attendance for 2019 revealed that 17 tanners representing 12 tanning companies, 51 suppliers representing 17 individual chemical companies and 9 individual equipment companies, and 2 research scientists/trade organizations representing 2 organizations were present. Other attendees included 2 ALCA staff, 1 press, 3 consultants, and 1 guest for a grand total of 76.

d. Investments:

The Ways & Means Committee continues to be co-chaired by Shawn Brown and Steve Schroder, Jr. The year to date figures were given for the investment account showing a change in value from \$198,875.08 to \$169,668.57. The loss was indicative of the market in general right now.

e. Sponsorship: This year's meeting had the same sponsorship campaign that was used in 2019. Under this program, there are seven levels of sponsorship, namely, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond, Platinum, Elite 1 and Elite 2. This year we had 1 Elite 2, 3 Platinum, 3 Diamond, 3 Gold, 2 Silver, and 6 Bronze donors. A list of the specific sponsors for each category was shown. The association is very indebted to the generosity of all the sponsors.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Website info:

Everyone was reminded to go to the Association's website at www.leatherchemists.org for information about the Association as well as updates on next year's convention as they develop.

b. 2023 Annual Convention:

The Association will name the site of the 117th Annual Convention at a later date, but it will be a celebration of 120 years since the Association was founded.

7. 2023 WILSON LECTURE:

The 2023 Wilson Lecturer was announced. It will be Mike Redwood of Leather Naturally, teacher at University of Bath School of Management, and Trustee of the U.K. Leather Conservation Centre. His bio was given and will be posted on the Association's website under Annual Convention/Wilson Lecture.

Appreciation was given to the 2023 Wilson Selection Committee, Jeff Miller (Chair), Eric Webb and Doug Morrison for their work in selecting a lecturer.

8. IN MEMORY:

There was a moment of silence observed for members and friends in the leather industry who passed since our last convention:

Philip L. Baxter	March 15, 2019
Hubert M. Wachsmann	May 25, 2019
Eduardo V. Diharce	November 2, 2019
Thomas William Krisko	August 9, 2020
Rodney Hammond	August 13, 2020
Henry Walter Koelblinger	December 10, 2020
Raymond A. Hart	March 30, 2021
Guy H. Moberg	May 2, 2021
Leo Devarenne	June 6, 2021
Thomas P. Mulherin	June 16, 2021
David Rabinovich	July 1, 2021
Bruce A. Rittel	Sept. 21, 2021
Martin P. Heise	December 9, 2021
Robert A. Denbow	February 14, 2022
Thomas Emmerling	Sept. 14, 2021
Thomas Bley	March 24, 2022

11. ADJOURNMENT:

President Mike Bley called for a motion to adjourn the annual business meeting held at the 116th convention of the American Leather Chemists Association. The motion was made and seconded. Motion carried.