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FROM: A. V. CASELLI, COUNCIL LIAISON

SUBJECT: COUNCIL ACTIONS

A special meeting of Council was held on Sunday, June 5, in New York. This meeting was prompted by the fact that it is desirable and necessary to have four meetings of Council annually, but there are now only three National Institute Meetings scheduled each year. This memo is to inform you about important Council actions.

The most important business was the appointment of Dr. J. Charles Forman as Associate Executive Director of the Institute with the full understanding that he will be appointed Executive Director upon the retirement of F. J. Van Antwerpen on June 30, 1978. We are indeed fortunate that Chuck Forman has accepted this post and look forward to his joining the staff this summer.

Two items involved the formation of new divisions. Following presentation by Bob Morris and Charlie Ware, who have been working diligently to transform the Machine Computation Committee into divisional status, Council agreed that appropriate requirements have been met and that the new Computing and Systems Technology Division will be officially approved at the forthcoming Denver Meeting in August.

Gene De Haven, who is Chairman of the committee to form a division relating to safety, briefed Council on current activities and requested approval of the name and scope under which the future division would operate. Council agreed that the name of the proposed division should be Safety and Health. The objectives and scope were not fully defined, but should encompass the safety and health of persons, and the protection of property in the manufacture, processing, distribution, and use of chemicals.

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John Shacter, Chairman of the Energy Coordinating Committee-Subcommittee on Education and Communications reviewed plans for the future and introduced a sample Speakers' Kit which could be used by members as a basis to educate the public on energy matters. Council accepted the concept of the Speakers' Kit and arranged to have the sample material distributed at the Annual AIChE Officers Meeting the next day. The committee was then requested to revise the kit to include more references and other specified material for further review by Council prior to establishing a budget for further distribution.

Council then concerned itself with the future functions of the Energy Coordinating Committee, with Joe Fox, Council Liaison, leading the discussion. Council agreed that this committee should be encouraged to develop educational activities through Local Sections, Divisions, and other Committees. Also, the committee was charged with developing a position statement on energy to serve as a framework for Institute activities in this area.

Bryce MacDonald, Council Liaison to the Professional Development Committee, presented a revised charge to modernize the scope and objectives of this committee; the proposal was accepted in principle by Council, although the final wording must undergo some editing.

In order to update and clarify the AIChE electioneering policy, an Ad Hoc Committee was appointed with Sheldon Isakoff as Chairman. He presented the final recommendations which were accepted by Council following much debate. Basically, it was agreed that campaigns should be encouraged, but that they should be reasonable and professional in manner, personally oriented, and financed by the candidates themselves and not by organizations. Some additional details were outlined which will be indicated to the current candidates for the various offices for implementation.

A report was presented by Howard Martin, Chairman of the Equipment Testing Procedures Committee, summarizing activities and specifically outlining the revitalization that has taken place over the past two years. The work of organizing and planning is complete, and the committee is now moving to the job of preparing new test procedures.

Vice President Bill Corcoran indicated that he had been asked whether or not AIChE has had a change in its position on advanced - level accreditation; this position states that AIChE will not accredit advanced - level curricula as such, but will review programs for accreditation using basic - level criteria. Council consensus was that the current position should be maintained.

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A number of other important business items were covered including establishing the new Tappan Zee Section, and approving the national meeting schedule through 1981.

This reviews the major items of interest from the Council Meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions, or if I can help in any way in your activities. I hope you have an enjoyable summer.



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