



Scientific Research Society of America

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THE Scientific Research Society of America, known as RESA, was organized by Sigma Xi in 1947 primarily to meet the needs of research workers in industrial and governmental laboratories, but it may function also in educational institutions.

The charter and constitution of RESA are patterned after those of Sigma Xi, and it has been ruled a tax-exempt organization by both the Federal Government and the state of Connecticut. Members of Sigma Xi may become members of RESA by registration, and the branches of RESA elect members, also, on the basis of the same qualifications as are used by Sigma Xi chapters.

RESA, therefore, extends to scientific workers in laboratories not included in the Sigma Xi program the same advantages and similar national recognition as membership in the older society carries. RESA participates in the Sigma Xi grants-in-aid of research program and the traveling lecturer schedules, and each member receives the *American Scientist*. The current membership of RESA is more than 4000 including 34 branches and clubs and a membership-at-large of several hundred.

Because of the interest and generous contributions of the late William Procter, the organization and operation of RESA during its early years have placed no financial burden on Sigma Xi. His bequest of \$100,000 to the society will continue this support as well as provide for the annual award of the William Procter prize for scientific achievement. This prize of \$1000 was established in 1950, and the recipients of it have been Karl T. Compton, Ernest O. Lawrence, Shields Warren, David B. Steinman, and Vannevar Bush.

Present officers of RESA are Joseph W. Barker, chairman; and Donald B. Prentice, director and treasurer. Members of the board of governors are Wallace R. Brode (chairman-elect), T. T. Holme, C. A. Kimball (member-elect), Philip M. Morse, Henry M. O'Bryan, Albert J. Phillips, C. G. Suits, Harold Vagtborg, Alan T. Waterman, and Edward R. Weidlein. The national offices are at Yale University, 56 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut.

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