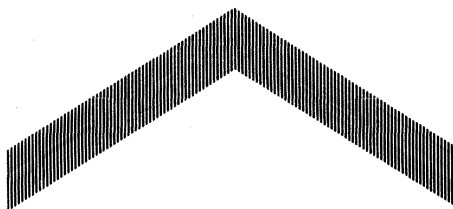




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New Jersey Academy of Science

The New Jersey Academy of Science, a recent affiliate of the AAAS, came into being during the year 1954 through the efforts of a small group of individuals, guided largely by Roger H. Charlier and Courtlandt J. Daley, who were interested in founding an organization that would eventually accomplish for science on a state-wide basis what the AAAS achieves on a nationwide scale. Such an organization, they felt, could be made to serve all disciplines in science by bringing together at regular intervals scientists, engineers, and members of the medical and dental professions. It would thus effect a degree of cross-fertilization in science which ordinarily is unattainable in professional organizations devoted to specialized fields. It was also hoped that by embracing all facets of science, engineering, and medicine, the organization might be able to bring together and to share the points of view reflected in these areas and to apply them to state as well as to national problems of a scientific nature. It would thus serve not only to unify the scientific interests of the state but also to encourage interdisciplinary study and research. Concomitantly it would, as stated in the constitution, "promote fraternal relationship among those engaged in scientific work."

The first annual meeting was held at Township Hall in Chester, N.J., on 29 January 1955, with about 40 members in attendance. At this meeting several of the members presented papers, officers were elected for a 2-year period, and an executive committee and an editorial staff for the academy publication, the *Bulletin*, were appointed. The executive committee was empowered to draw up a constitution and bylaws. The draft constitution and bylaws, with minor alterations, were approved by the members at the annual meeting held in 1956.

According to provisions of the constitution all officers are elected for a period of 2 years, the newly elected officers assuming their duties at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the election year. Election is by secret ballot, a proposed slate of officers being submitted to the members by a nominating committee appointed by the president. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the time of the election. The present officers, whose terms expire in 1961, are as follows: president, Robert K. Zuck (Drew University, Madison); vice presidents, James H. Leatham (Rutgers University, New

Brunswick) and M. Lelyn Branin (Newark College of Engineering, Newark, N.J.); executive secretary, Hirsch L. Silverman (Yeshiva University, New York, N.Y.); recording secretary, Michael Charney (Hackensack Biochemical Laboratory, Hackensack); and treasurer, Louise F. Bush (Drew University). The academy representative on the AAAS Council is M. Lelyn Branin.

The *Bulletin* is published semiannually under the co-editorship of M. Lelyn Branin and Hirsch L. Silverman. Original contributions to science are published, together with news items and announcements of particular interest to members. Plans are under way for the creation of a monthly or bimonthly newsletter to supplement the *Bulletin* and thus make more space available in the latter for publication of scholarly contributions.

The annual meeting of the academy is held in March or April of each year, ordinarily on the campus of one of the New Jersey colleges or universities. It consists of a business meeting and technical sessions in the afternoon, followed by an informal dinner and an evening session at which a nationally known scientist speaks on some subject of broad public interest. All sessions except the business meeting are open to the public. This year's annual meeting was held on 25 March at Newark College of Engineering, in conjunction with the college's 75th anniversary celebration.

The academy is now planning to establish, with the cooperation of the New Jersey Science Teachers Association, a junior academy of science for public and private high-school and junior high-school students throughout the state. Committees representing both the academy and the science teachers association have recently held a series of meetings to determine what form the organization should take and how the plan finally agreed upon should be implemented. It is hoped that the details of an organizational plan for the junior academy can be agreed upon before the spring meetings of the two sponsoring societies so that the plan can be presented to the members for discussion and possible approval.

During the past 5 years the academy has grown from the original small group to an organization of approximately 250 members, including some out-of-state and foreign members. Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in science. The annual membership fee of \$3 includes a subscription to the *Bulletin*. Student membership is available to high-school and college students for one-half the regular annual fee.

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