

### *Section S—Pharmaceutical Sciences*

Chairperson-Elect: David A. Knapp

Member-at-Large of the Section Committee: Louis A. Luzzi

Members of the Electorate Nominating Committee: Arthur R. Mlodozeniec and Richard H. Reuning

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Chairperson-Elect: Henry M. Kissman

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Members of the Electorate Nominating Committee: Julie A. C. Virgo and Harold Wooster

### *Section U—Statistics*

Chairperson-Elect: Oscar Kempthorne

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Members of the Electorate Nominating Committee: Peter J. Bickel and Donald W. Marquardt

### *Section W—Atmospheric and Hydrospheric Sciences*

Chairperson-Elect: Edward S. Epstein

Member-at-Large of the Section Committee: Franklin A. Gifford, Jr.

Members of the Electorate Nominating Committee: Donna Wells Blake and Richard S. Greenfield

### *Section X—General*

Chairperson-Elect: Vera Kistiakowsky

Member-at-Large of the Section Committee: S. Fred Singer

Members of the Electorate Nominating Committee: Rosemary A. Chalk and Chauncey Starr

## **Amendments to the AAAS Constitution and Bylaws**

A ballot (a) proposing amendment of the AAAS constitution and (b) asking members whether the practice of electing AAAS Fellows should be continued was enclosed with the 1978 election ballots. Eighty-four percent of the members who responded voted in favor of the amendment; it takes effect immediately, as follows.

Article VII, Section 2 on Council membership, is amended by addition of the italicized words and deletion of the bracketed material: "The Council shall

consist of (a) the members of the Board of Directors, (b) *the retiring Section Chairmen*, (c) delegates from each Electorate, elected from among and by the members of the Electorate, [(c) one delegate from each Section Committee, elected by the Section Committee from among those of its members who are representatives of affiliated organizations,] (d) at least two delegates from the Association of Academies of Science, and (e) one delegate from each Regional Division."

With the adoption of this amendment, bylaw amendments provisionally adopted by the Council on 16 February 1978 also take effect immediately, as follows:

Article III, Section 2, Subparagraph (a) on function of Section Committees, is amended by deletion of the words in brackets: "... [From among those of its members who are representatives of affiliated organizations, each Section Committee shall at three-year intervals elect one delegate to the Council to serve a term of three years. It shall not reelect a delegate who is completing two consecutive terms.]" Section 2 is further amended by the addition of a new Subparagraph (d), as follows: "*Representation on the Council*. The Section Committee shall be represented on the Council by the retiring Section Chairman." Present Subparagraph (d) is renumbered (e).

Article IV, Section 1 on duties of officers, is amended by addition of a new Subparagraph (h): "The retiring Section Chairmen shall be members of the Council."

On the question of continuing the practice of electing AAAS Fellows, 66 percent of the members who returned ballots voted yes. A proposal for improving the present nominating procedures will therefore be drafted by the Committee on Council Affairs and Council Committee on Fellows for presentation to the Council during the 1979 Annual Meeting.

## **Board of Directors Makes China Trip**

At the invitation of Professor Chou Pei-yuan, president of Peking University and vice chairman of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the AAAS Board of Directors is making a visit to the People's Republic of China.

The delegation, led by Board Chairman Emilio Q. Daddario, was scheduled to be received by Chou in Peking, 13 November 1978. The Board are guests of the Science and Technology Association

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of the People's Republic of China (STAPRC), which is also headed by Chou. STAPRC is the Chinese counterpart of the AAAS.

Board members will be in the People's Republic of China for 3 weeks, visiting various scientific installations and meeting with leaders of the Chinese movement to accelerate science, technology, and science education. Planned stops for the delegation in China include Peking, Kweilin, Shanghai, and Canton.

While in the People's Republic of China, Board members will give a broad range of lectures on U.S. science policy, industrial research management, technology assessment, scientific information systems, social science research, and U.S. arrangements for stimulating basic research and industrial innovation.

During their visit, the Board will make plans for continuing linkages between the STAPRC and the AAAS.

AAAS News will carry a report of the Board's visit to China in a later issue.

## **A New Magazine of Science?**

The AAAS is considering the possibility of publishing a new popular magazine of science. Conceived of as a vehicle for enhancing public understanding of science, the magazine would be intended for an educated audience but one untrained in science. It would cover new developments in science, technology, and medicine. It would also report on the process by which new science and technology are created—what scientists do and how they think about their work. It would explore controversial issues of public policy that involve science and technology. The magazine would carry feature articles, news columns, a variety of regular departments and would use four-color illustrations and photographs.