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1989 Council Meeting

President Walter E. Massey presided at the 1989 AAAS Council meeting, which took place 18 January in San Francisco, with 57 of 83 members present. President-elect Richard C. Atkinson represented the AAAS Committee on Council Affairs, steering group for the council.

During the course of the meeting, council members:

- learned that a long-range/strategic planning process for AAAS had been inaugurated by former executive officer Alvin Trivelpiece and a long-range planning committee of the board of directors. Current committee members are Mary Clutter (chair), Donald Langenberg (president-elect designate), Beatrix Hamburg, and Thomas Ratchford (staff officer).

- received an update from Langenberg on the status of Project 2061: Education for a Changing Future. The Phase I integrated report, *Science for All Americans*—which specifies for all high school graduates what constitutes literacy in science, mathematics, and technology—had been approved by the board. Comments from council and section officers had been incorporated into the report. The integrated report and five attendant panel reports in particular subject areas were released for distribution at a press conference in February 1989.

- were briefed on other activities new in 1988: a bimonthly newsletter, *THE AAAS OBSERVER*; the Executive Branch Sci-

ence and Engineering Fellowship; a 90-second commercial radio show, "Science Update"; and a press breakfast for recipients of the National Medal of Science and National Medal of Technology.

1989 Budget

- heard from acting executive officer Philip Abelson that the board had approved a \$33.9-million balanced budget for 1989, with income level 11 percent higher than in 1988. Severe constraints were necessary to balance the budget because of a \$1-million deficit in 1988. Expenses in 1989 will be reduced further by \$300,000, and a contingency fund of a similar amount has been set aside for unexpected expenses and new opportunities.

Elections and Appointments

- elected as members of the committee on council affairs by mail ballot in January 1989: Daniel C. Drucker, John B. Little, Elroy Rodriguez, and Henry M. Wilburn.

- learned that section steering groups had appointed the following section secretaries: Section D (Astronomy), Nancy Houk; E (Geology and Geography), Dana Isherwood; G (Biological Sciences), Judith P. Grassle (reappointed); H (Anthropology), Anna Roosevelt; L (History and Philosophy of Science), Edward Manier; and T (Information, Computing, and Communication), Elliot R. Siegel (reappointed).

(Results of the 1988 general and electorate elections appeared in the 2 December issue of *Science*, page 1313. Terms of all new officers began on 20 January 1989.)

Approval of Affiliates

- granted affiliate status to six organizations: American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, Association of Women Geoscientists, Delaware Academy of Science, Industrial Research Institute, National Science Supervisors Association, and Scientists Center for Animal Welfare.

Resolution

- endorsed a resolution urging that the U.S. return to full participation in the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization. It was submitted by Marjorie Gardner, director of the Lawrence Hall of Science, University of California-Berkeley, and modified by AAAS Committee on Council Affairs. The text of the resolution appears here.

Constitutional and Bylaw Amendments

- approved an additional AAAS objective to be inserted into Constitution Article II: to advance education in science. (The amendment was described in *Science*, 2 December, page 1312.) Membership will be asked to ratify it during the general election next fall.

- approved an amendment to Bylaw Articles II and III permitting members to vote in three sections. It will probably take effect no earlier than January 1990 due to requirements

RESOLUTION ON U.S. RETURN TO UNESCO*

Whereas UNESCO has a distinguished record of accomplishment related to global scientific activities, such as the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and Man and the Biosphere Program; nongovernmental scientific organizations, such as the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) and the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO); science education; public understanding of science; and other activities consistent with the constitutional objectives of AAAS; and

Whereas during the period in which it has not participated in UNESCO programs, the United States has been isolated from portions of the international

community of science and science education, especially among Third World nations; and

Whereas UNESCO has new leadership under its Director General, Assistant Director General for Education, and Assistant Director General for Science, thereby creating positive changes; and

Whereas it is important for the United States to return to full participation in UNESCO in order to enhance information exchange, assure a U.S. role in programs of wide concern in the international community of scientists and educators, and to fulfill the social responsibility of the United States to the world community;

Therefore, be it resolved that the American Association for the Advancement of Science recommend (1) that the United States return to active participation in UNESCO with a budget of at least the level at the time of departure in 1984 and (2) that the United States take an active role in naming strong candidates for UNESCO staff leadership positions, advisory council and general assembly positions, and for the delegation at UNESCO in Paris in order to provide leadership and to assure continued improvement in the administrative and programmatic aspects of UNESCO.

—Adopted by the AAAS Council at the AAAS Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California
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* United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization