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**DR. WILLIAM MEDWAY WAS INSTALLED PRESIDENT, AND DR. JESSE WHITE VOTED PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE IAAAM** at the conclusion of the business meeting of the 5th Annual Conference and Workshop of the IAAAM held in Orlando, Florida, April 29-May 1, 1974. **Dr. J. D. Hyman** was reelected **Secretary Treasurer**, and **Dr. Ken Gray** was elected to the **Executive Board**. **Dr. Mark Keyes** was approved by the assembly to continue as **Editor of IAAAM NEWS**.

No changes in assignment have yet been announced in standing Committees of the Association (IAAAM NEWS, Vol. 5, No. 1).



**THE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE** chaired by **Dr. Robert Temple** reported substantial progress in making recommendations to USDA for **minimum standards** to be incorporated in federal regulations on **"Specifications for the Humane Handling, Care, Treatment, and Transportation of Marine Mammals."** Such regulations will be adopted coincidentally by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce in the near future.

During the Conference the Committee met with **Dr. Oscar Clabaugh (USDA, APHIS)** in a working session, and agreed to develop an **Association reference guide** recommending **optimum standards**.

The Committee adopted a resolution in favor of making United States marine mammals available to qualified oceanariums in foreign countries. The resolution was intended to represent association views at hearings in Wash., D.C. held May 30 on this topic.

**Dr. Temple** has since attended another hearing in Wash., D.C., June 4, regarding a proposal to permit oceanariums to replace animals lost through normal attrition, without resorting to the permit process each time, and regarding a proposal to permit researchers to take advantage of unexpected opportunities to acquire scientific data on marine mammals without having to obtain an additional permit. The Association's position on these proposals, as expressed by the L.L. Committee Chairman, is that such arrangements would be practical, sensible, and in the best interests of achieving the spirit and intent of the Act (MMPA of 1972).

**REVISIONS OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS PROPOSED** — **Dr. Ken Gray**, acting in the absence of Dr. Nick Palumbo, Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Revision Committee, read the recommendations of the committee to the assembly.

The proposed revisions would — **redefine** the **objectives** of the association . . . emphasize **practice** of aquatic animal medicine . . . **promote** such practice by doctors of veterinary medicine.

**change** membership categories and requirements . . . providing a way for associate members to obtain the right to vote and hold office in the association; i.e., "Associate members of the IAAAM, in good standing, who have made a significant contribution to aquatic animal medical science and have demonstrated their strong support of the objectives of the association and who have the approval of the Executive Board."

**stipulate** that "A majority of the members of the Executive Board shall, at all times, be Doctors of Veterinary medicine."

**provides**, under Dues and Finance of the By-Laws, two new sections dealing with the non-profit status of the association in compliance with codes of the Internal Revenue Service.

The proposed revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws were presented by the Committee and, according to rule, approved or revised, point by point, by a simple majority vote of the assembly at the annual meeting.

The new Constitution and By-Laws will be circulated to the members in the near future for ratification, which requires a yeas vote by two thirds of the voting members.



**MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER** — There were 130 members, wives, students and attendees gathered at Admiral Benbow Inn, Court of Flags Hotels in Orlando, Florida, for our 5th Annual Conference and Workshop. Those of us attending enjoyed an excellent scientific program which included presentations on fish and invertebrate diseases as well as marine mammal problems.

Of great interest to our membership was a talk by Mr. Pete Jensen, Staff Assistant to the Deputy Director of NMFS, speaking on the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Many

areas of this strict new law affect our members; for example, a U.S. citizen working and living in North Borneo and collecting marine mammals for his employer, the Borneo Aquarium, would still be subject to the provisions of this law and would have to have a permit from the Department of Commerce of the U.S. despite the fact that in the country where he is living and working, everything is done according to the laws of that country. This vital talk and lively question and answer period pointed out the need for the IAAAM to strive for practicality in future amendments of the act so that our members can carry on the good work of husbandry and medical care and research without fear of being in technical violation of the law.

Aside from the enlightenment of the scientific meetings, the attending members and guests were hosted most graciously.

The third part of our meeting dealt with business, and those of us present saw some interesting developments. Although some differences of opinion were discussed until the wee hours, the basic spirit of dedication toward the IAAAM prevailed. The business meeting was ably conducted by our President, Dr. Lanny Cornell, and essential matters were dealt with in a manner that was surprisingly expeditious considering the complex nature of such business as constitutional revision.

Soon all voting members will receive a copy of the proposed constitutional changes, and shortly thereafter will receive a ballot to be cast either for or against ratification. If two thirds of the voting members do not ratify the new constitution then the old constitution will stand. Since there are presently 65 voting members it will take 43 yeas to ratify the proposed constitution, so each member is urged to act on this issue. For additional information contact any of your colleagues in attendance at the business meeting.

With best wishes,  
**Jay Hyman**



**THE 6th ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP OF THE IAAAM** will be held in **Amsterdam** and hosted by **Dolfinarium Harderwijk**. A special charter from New York City preceded by a 1-day symposium at the **New York Aquarium**, is contemplated.

The President-Elect and Program Chairman, **Dr. Jesse R. White**, is now **calling for papers**. Dr. White would also appreciate it if the members would convey their expressions of preference to him with regard to content of the program.

In **1976** the Conference will be held in **Seattle**, Washington.



**NEW MEMBERS OF THE IAAAM** approved by the Executive Board were: Dr.'s D. Edward, J. Brundrett, L. Dunn, J. Gratzek, G. Colgrove, D. Beusse, and M. Fowler.

New associate members approved by the Executive Board were: B. Andrews, D. Odell, T. Otten, S. Gruber, R. Wright, J. Holden, J. McBain, K. Dormer, G. Ekberg, S. Searles, G. Hulett, E. Roberts, D. Kemper, S. Rich, D. Griffin, V. Kisling, M. Siegel, R. Brownell, T. Akers, G. Akukor, J. Timmel, J. Mead. Welcome to the IAAAM!



**VETERINARIAN WANTED** — Miami Seaquarium now is accepting applications for consideration for the position of staff veterinarian. The veterinarian is responsible for maintaining clinical health and well being of all animals, both at Miami Seaquarium and Flipper's Sea School on Grassy Key, Florida. Interested candidates should send their resume to:

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