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WHITHER THE REGIONAL SOCIETY

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During the past year I have had the pleasure of being the President of the Entomological Society of Manitoba and of observing its activities and functions. Now at the close of my term, I am taking this opportunity to look at the past, present and possible future of the organization. Firstly it appears appropriate to examine the needs which are basic to the existence of a Regional Society and the activities which are essential to their fulfillment.

The objectives of the ESM, as stated in the original Constitution (Proc. of the Ent. Soc. Man., Vol. 1: 6; 1945) are:

- (a) to foster the exchange of information on entomology;
- (b) to further the dissemination of entomological knowledge.

These objectives, however, understate the importance of the regional society since a study of its history reveals that it has filled needs which could not be filled by any but a local organization. These needs are hinted at by Beverley N. Smallman, founding President, in his Introduction to Vol. 1 of the Proc. Ent. Soc. Man., "the entomologists of Manitoba have been deprived of an important means of communicating among themselves and with entomologists from the adjacent provinces and states. This circumstance, coupled with the increased need for the discussion of new developments, and aggravated by restricted travel, led the entomologists of Manitoba to seek every opportunity to meet together."

By meeting together, the entomologists of Manitoba have been able to serve the needs: (a) of the professional community as a forum for the exchange of information and the critical evaluation of research; (b) of the entomological student, by providing a chance to become acquainted with active entomological programs outside the University and to obtain experience in communicating his results to the entomological community; (c) of the community at large, by improving the standards of research, teaching and training for entomologists serving the people of Manitoba.

In the early years of the Society, experienced entomologists were scarce and its major function was to assist the universities in training new entomologists. This was accomplished through spring meetings, where entomological programs were presented and discussed; fall meetings, where review papers were presented by local or invited specialists; and through the Proceedings, which preserved the reviews for future reference and encouraged the early efforts in written communication by inexperienced entomologists.

Subsequently, the mimeographed Proceedings proved unsuitable for the publication of the increasingly significant contributions of Manitoba entomologists. These were submitted to various journals while the emphasis of the Regional Society was focussed on a campaign to persuade the Government of Manitoba to appoint an extension entomologist. A brief, submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, led to the creation of this position in 1957. In addition, active Committees worked for the adoption of approved common names for Manitoba insects and on the preparation of lists of available insecticides.

Within the last 10 years the attention of the Society, through the efforts of a series of editors, has been on the development of a 'recognized' journal which would provide an

outlet for quality papers. In 1967, this development culminated in the initial volume of "The Manitoba Entomologist". The acceptance of this journal, by contributors, research workers and libraries underlines the need for such a publication. Its gratifying success, however, owes a great deal to a simultaneous effort to improve the quality of the Annual Meetings by featuring symposia with invited speakers whose papers appear in the Journal. In addition, there has been renewed emphasis on encouraging students to present papers and publish their results.

Thus our Society is at present actively filling a role even greater than that seen by the founders: it is providing for the needs of the professional community, the students, and through both groups, the needs of the community. In this healthy state, the challenge of being hosts to the Annual Meeting of the E.S.C. in 1970 has been eagerly taken up. The same knowledge and enthusiasm which have led to success in our own Annual Meetings has been applied and arrangements for a topical and challenging program are nearly complete.

I have mentioned some of the past activities of the Society in order to draw attention to the need for an active Regional Society and to emphasize the objectives and activities which seem essential if the Society is to remain active. At the present stage of development of the entomological community in Manitoba I am convinced that the two keys to success are the Annual Meeting and the Journal. These two features serve as focal points to maintain the interest and enthusiasm of the membership and thus enable them to achieve the objectives of the Society.

However, the coming year will bring problems to the E.S.M. as well as the satisfaction of hosting the Annual Meeting with the E.S.C. A number of our members will be leaving Manitoba and those remaining will have to carry a heavier burden. The remaining local members will be able to maintain and improve the Society if they believe, as I do, that a Regional Society is an essential element in promoting professional excellence and in providing an atmosphere for training good new entomologists. With such a Society, we can maintain a level of professional service to the community that we expect and is expected of us.

Past experience suggests the need of foci to maintain interest and enthusiasm. I suggest that high quality in the Annual Meetings and in the Manitoba Entomologist will provide such foci. Without foci to draw together the diverse interests of our members, the Society will degenerate into a second-rate social club. With a smaller local membership maintenance of our present standards may only be possible by increasing membership outside of Manitoba and making greater use of invited contributors to our Annual Meetings and our Journal. In addition, the feasibility of holding our annual meetings jointly with entomologists in adjacent centres of entomological activity should be considered.

Future presidents and executives, in facing the problems of reduced local membership and the continuing problem of the apathy of some members, should remind themselves that without an active Regional Society the community, the entomologists and especially the students will be the poorer. It is possible that, despite all efforts, the Entomological Society of Manitoba may find it impossible to continue to support the present or an improved quality of meeting and publication. If such a situation occurs, I suggest that the Society broaden its base rather than sacrifice its quality. The E.S.M. has always been an open Society, accepting "any person interested in Entomology". Perhaps the E.S.M. could serve as the catalyst for a "Biological Society of Manitoba" and through this to provide for regional needs in other sciences as well as in entomology.

MINUTES OF THE 1969 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Business Meeting was held at the Food Sciences Building Board Room, University of Manitoba Campus, at 1:30 p.m. on November 12, 1969.

PRESENT:

W.J. Turnock(Chairman), D.L. Smith, C.H. Buckner, H.R. Wong, W.G.H. Ives, A. Garland, R.A. Brust, J. Muldrew, G.A. Bradley, A. Ashraff, W. Hanec, A.J. Kolach (Secretary).

1. Minutes of 1968 Meeting

Turnock - Garland moved the adoption of the minutes of the 1968 annual business meeting as published in the Proceedings.

CARRIED

2. Business arising from the Minutes

The business from the minutes will be dealt with in the individual reports following.

3. Regional Directors Report: W. J. Turnock and S. R. Loschiavo (Chairman)

Two meetings of the Directors and one general meeting of the Society were held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the E.S.C., at Guelph, Ontario, 25-29 August 1969. The following points may be of interest to members of the E.S.M., further details may be obtained on request.

1. The general meeting passed the revised fee schedule for membership and revised prices for subscriptions, page charges and reprints in the Canadian Entomologist. Copies of the revised prices have been sent to all members. The E.S.C. Treasurer favors direct collection of fees by the E.S.C. but a satisfactory method of handling this has not been determined. Society membership has increased slightly.

2. At the 25 August Directors meeting, information on the following items was received: Biological Council of Canada (complete copies are available at the Queen's Printer); International Committee on Water Pollution (report available); Working Party on Student Encouragement (Funds are available to assist students to attend the annual meetings of the E.S.C., no applications were received for the 1969 meetings); Working Party on Technicians (an excellent report). The 1972 Annual Meeting will be at Montreal jointly with the E.S.A. and E.S.Q. and the 1973 Annual Meeting of the E.S.C. will be at Edmonton, Alberta; E.S.C. members who do not wish to receive their copies of the Canadian Entomologist and Memoirs can on request have them sent directly to a specified individual or institution.

3. The Annual Achievement Award was presented to Dr. K.E.F. Watt, whose presentation address was entitled "Prospective effects of air pollution on insects".

4. The meeting of the Directors on 29 August covered the following points of interest: appointments of chairmen and members to various committees and boards were made; payment was authorized of unaccountable expense allowances of \$400 each to the Secretary, Treasurer and Editor in 1970; salaried employees are to be paid the amounts of equivalent Government positions and the necessary increases were approved; the 1970 budget was approved, it having been noted that it did not take into consideration the new schedule of fees and charges; Science Policy Committee (A.S. West appointed chairman with authority to co-opt members); contributors to the Society's publications will be instructed to use the approved English and French Common Names.

5. A second journal of the Society is not being considered at present. A report on the Bulletin of the E.S.C. was adopted and D.C. Eidt appointed editor. Four issues per annum are planned but publication costs may affect this.

Turnock - Buckner moved adoption of this report.

CARRIED

4. Secretary's Report: A. J. Kolach

Your executive met three times to discuss business matters pertaining to planning of the 1970 meetings, the 1968 edition of the Manitoba Entomologist, and the 1969 Fall Meeting of this Society. The various items and discussions relating to the above are recorded in the Minutes of the Permanent File of the Secretary. In addition, your executive met specifically on two separate occasions to resolve and finalize the Trust Agreement for the Endowment Fund, and to prepare a notice of motion in regard to changes in Articles 6 and 7 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the E.S.M.

The Spring Business Meeting, held April 25, 1969, dealt for the most part on the E.S.C. membership fees, including their collection, a new journal of applied entomology, and a progress report on the planning of the 1970 meetings. Minutes of the Spring Meetings were circulated to members.

Kolach - Ives moved adoption of this report.

CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: R. Brust

Financial Statement, Nov. 1, 1969

Bank balance, General Fund, Nov. 1, 1968	\$ 602.34
Income (Nov. 1, 1968 - Nov. 1, 1969)	
Dues, Ent. Soc. Man.	280.00
Sales of proceedings and The Manitoba Entomologist	158.42
Sales of reprints and page charges	2,945.80
Interest on Canada Savings Bonds	2.40
TOTAL	\$3,386.62

Expenditures (Nov. 1, 1968 - Nov. 1, 1969)

Printing of Proceedings and The Manitoba Entomologist (including reprints)	\$1,377.24
Typing, Proceedings and The Manitoba Entomologist	135.00
Expenses - Man. Ent. Soc. Nov. 1968 Meeting	67.00
Expenses at the 1968 Can. Ent. Soc. Meeting, Saskatoon	110.65
Deposit, 1969, to U. of M., Ent. Soc. Man. Ann. Meeting	30.00
Deposit, 1970 Can. Ent. Soc. Meeting	25.00
Expenses - 1969 Can. Ent. Soc. Meeting, Guelph	15.00
Subscription to International Editorial Society	10.00
Transfer to Endowment Fund	1,681.00
Bank Balance, General Fund - Nov. 1, 1969	
Ent. Soc. Man. Current Account	579.24
Canada Savings Bonds (Purchased Nov. 13/68)	400.00
TOTAL	979.24

Brust - Bradley moved adoption of this report.

CARRIED

6. Editor's Report: C. H. Buckner

Volume 2 of the Manitoba Entomologist, and Volume 24 of The Proceedings of the Entomological Society of Manitoba were distributed to the general membership on 15 July 1969. On 30 July, 1969 an additional 23 exchange and 23 gift copies of the Manitoba Entomologist were distributed in accordance with past editorial policies. Four gift copies have since been deleted from our mailing list but one of these has already taken subscription and a second is considering.

Subscriptions have risen markedly over the past year. On January 1, 1968 we had nine subscribers and today our subscriptions total 31. As the subscription rate has been increased from \$2.25 to \$6.00, this constitutes a rise from \$20.25 to \$186.00 in annual revenues. Most of the increase in subscriptions is attributable to the distribution of 25 complimentary copies of Volume 1 to Canadian University Libraries. As a consequence of this encouraging response, 300 complimentary copies of Volume 2 were distributed to U.S. and worldwide science libraries. If the response to this mailing is high, many of these new subscribers may want Volume 1, so the Society should soon be prepared to reprint Volume 1, the stocks of which are rapidly depleting.

The Manitoba Entomologist is providing an increased source of revenue for the Society. In addition to the receipts from subscriptions the Society netted \$700.01 from the sale of reprints. Volume 2 earned \$1,235.00 in page charges and this amount has been transferred to The Endowment Fund.

The affairs of the Manitoba Entomologist are demanding increasing amounts of time from the Editor. The notice of motion is in part an attempt to reduce these demands. This approach is in keeping with editorial policies of most scientific and learned societies, and if adopted will provide both flexibility and continuity. Application was made in September of this year to affiliate with the Council of Biological Editors so that we might become aware of the efforts and mechanisms of other Societies.

The following recommendations are put forward for your consideration:

- a. an increase in the number of pages in the Proceedings in order to print committee reports.
- b. an attempt to publish two volumes of the Manitoba Entomologist during the coming year in order to catch up on the lagging year.
- c. an annual stipend to the Editor to compensate for personal losses of time and money concerning the affairs of the Society, to be instituted at the termination of the duties of the current editor.

With respect to recommendations made in the Editor's Report, the following motions were made.

- a. Buckner - Muldrew that the Proceedings contain eight pages to allow for committee reports.

CARRIED

- b. Brust - Smith (D.L.) that recommendation (c) be approved in principle, stated as follows: "an annual stipend to the Editor to compensate for personal losses of time and money concerning the affairs of the Society, to be instituted at the termination of the duties of the current editor."

CARRIED

The Editor also recommended that an attempt be made to publish two volumes of the Manitoba Entomologist during the coming year in order to catch up on the lagging year.

Buckner - Brust moved the adoption of this report.

CARRIED

7. Endowment Fund Trustee Report: R.Brust, S.R. Loschiavo and C.H. Buckner (Chairman)

The Endowment Fund of the Entomological Society of Manitoba was established on October 3, 1969 and officially constituted on October 27, 1969 in accordance with Item 7(c) of the 1968 Annual Meeting. On the date of establishment, the fund consisted of:

Receipts from publication charges	\$1,235.00
Life membership: S.R. Loschiavo	100.00
Life membership: W. J. Turnock	100.00
Life membership: C.H. Buckner	100.00
Personal donation: C.H. Buckner	40.00
Membership surcharge	106.00
TOTAL	<u>\$1,681.00</u>

An additional \$300.00 in publication charges remains outstanding, making the potential total \$1,981.00. Projections indicate that the fund will grow at about an equal rate during the coming year.

The trustees have purchased a Guaranteed Investment Receipt in the amount of \$1,600.00 at an 8¼% interest rate with the Royal Trust Company. The remainder of the fund is held in a Savings Account at 6¾% interest rate with the same company. Our advisor at Royal Trust has been E. C. Radcliffe, and he has provided useful and sound advice.

Buckner - Ives moved adoption of this report.

CARRIED

8. Common Names Committee Report: H. R. Wong (Chairman)

H. R. Wong reported that no common names proposals had been received by the committee this year. Dr. H. B. Wressel has replaced Dr. D. C. Eidt as chairman of the National Committee on common names. The Board of Directors of the Entomological Society of Canada has asked the Chairman of the National Committee on Common Names of Insects to negotiate a joint Entomological Society of Canada and Entomological Society of America committee on English common names.

Wong - Brust moved the adoption of this report.

CARRIED

9. Centennial Project Committee Report: W. Hanec (Chairman)

No report given. The following motion was made:

Muldrew - Ashraff that the E.S.M. sponsor a Centennial Award to the value of \$25.00 to the student or students having the best display on an Entomological subject at the Student Science Fair.

Wong - Garland moved adoption of this report.

CARRIED

10. New Business

a. Student Membership Fees

With respect to student membership fees, the following motion was made. Brust - Wong that student membership fees in the E.S.M. be half that of regular membership fees.

CARRIED

- b. Honorary Membership in E.S.C.
Buckner - Smith (D.L.) that R. D. Bird be given an Honorary Membership in the Society.
- c. The following motion was made in respect to activities of the Centennial Committee.
McGinnis - Muldrew that the Executive appoint A. J. McGinnis as President and W. Romanow as Treasurer of the Centennial Committee of the E.S.M. with authority to receive and disperse the necessary funds, effective Oct. 31/69.

CARRIED

11. Notice of Motion

Turnock - Barker moved the adoption of the Notice of Motion in respect to amendments in articles 6 and 7 of the Constitution and By-laws of the E.S.M.

CARRIED

12. Nominations Committee Report: W. Hanec (Chairman)

W. Hanec (Chairman) presented the following list of officers for the 1970 executive:

Past President — W. J. Turnock
President Elect — G. R. Fraser
Secretary — A. J. Kolach
Treasurer — R. A. Brust

Hanec - Ives moved the adoption of this report.

CARRIED

W. J. Turnock thanked and commended the executive for their fine efforts and co-operation.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.