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Business meeting report

Flora Haas and was reported at the following year's sessions at Conway.

At the Conway sessions, the members finally agreed that the constitution should be revised under a new corporate title and adopted Dr. Haas' report. The present constitution thus dates back to the Conway sessions. The title was changed to "The Arkansas Academy of Science, Arts and Letters," in the hope of interesting workers in other fields.

At the Arkadelphia session in the spring of 1941 Article I of the constitution was changed so that the title now reads, "The Arkansas Academy of Science". Amendments to the by-laws were made at the Arkadelphia meetings in 1935 and in 1941. There have been no major changes in operation of the Academy since the Conway meeting in 1934. The dues have been increased to \$1.50 per year beginning in 1942 to take care of the increased costs due to publication of the Academy proceedings.

Two of the early fellows (and trustees) of the Academy gave much time and very helpful assistance in the reorganization. The one, Mr. Lewis, referred to many times previously, gave important assistance in the mechanics of reorganization. The other, Dr. Morgan Smith⁷ of the University of Arkansas College of Medicine gave freely of his time to acquaint the new organization with the Academy's past history and with the hopes of the former members. Dr. Smith's wide educational vision, his enthusiasm, and his broad understanding of scientific needs of the state were a great asset to the Academy. Dr. Smith did not live long after the reorganization. The Academy is fortunate to become one of the inheritors of his visions.

¹Taken directly from the records where obtainable

²Later, City Judge in Little Rock.

³H. Hale, H. H. Schwardt, L. M. Turner

⁴Vice President, D. Swartz; Treasurer, H. H. Schwardt; Trustee, L. M. Turner; Trustee, L. C. Price.

⁵Proxies were held by Mr. Lewis for D. Gann, W. P. Manglesdorf, D. A Rhinehart, M. Smith

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⁷Dean of University of Arkansas Medical School, first state health officer, representative of Pulaski county in three legislatures. Died September 13, 1935.

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In 1941, Dr. Dwight Moore stated in his Editorial Note to the first edition of what is now the Journal of the Arkansas Academy of Science that "It is with a feeling of mixed pride and humility that this, the first volume of the Proceedings of the Arkansas Academy of Science, is sent forth into a chaotic world." The second volume of the Proceedings was published in 1947, "with the return of conditions approaching normalcy". Three years later, Dr. Moore noted "with evidence of marked growth in membership in the Academy and number of sections at the various meetings, the prospects for regular and more frequent appearance of the Proceedings are greatly enhanced. Full cooperation of the members will help these prospects materialize." Since 1950, the Proceedings, and then, with the name change in 1997, the Journal of the Arkansas Academy of Science has been published each year in hardcopy, available at the following Annual meeting, and archived electronically at the <http://libinfo.uark.edu/aas/>. The Proceedings and later the Journal has had 11 Editors-in-Chief since Dr. Moore. Of notable longevity is Dr. Stan Trauth, who acted as Editor of the Journal 1993-2007, until Dr. Mostafa Hemmati took over this role in 2008. The Journal celebrates the 70th year of publishing the notable records of Arkansas Science. The Editorial Board honor the past and present visionaries of the Arkansas Academy of Science and look forward to continuing its role in supporting the primary mission of the Academy to "promote a higher standard of education within Arkansas and encourage and promote a higher quality of life through educational opportunities."

This 2016 annual meeting of the Academy is its 100th. Our host is the University of Arkansas and the meeting site is Fayetteville. This is the 14th time that Fayetteville has hosted the Academy.