World Federation for Culture Collections

Third International Conference on Culture Collections

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board, 15 March 1976

Bombay University Club House, Churchgate, Bombay, India

1. **Present.** S. M. Martin, Canada (President); E. J. Da Silva, India (Vice-President); V. B. D. Skerman, Australia (Treasurer); T. Hasegawa, Japan; E. G. Simmons, U.S.A.; S. P. Lapage, United Kingdom (Secretary).

2. **Minutes of the Last Meetings of the Executive Boards.** Minutes of the last meetings in São Paulo, which had been circulated among the new and old Boards, and later published (*Int. J. Syst. Bacteriol.* 25:90-94, 1975), were agreed and signed.

3. **Election of the Nominating Committee.** J. W. M. La Rivière, Netherlands, S. M. Martin, Canada, and J. J. S. Snell, United Kingdom, were unanimously elected.

Discussion on the procedure for nomination at future Conferences was referred to the General Meeting and for the consideration of the new Board that would be elected.

4. **Election of Resolutions Committee.** It was noted that a Resolutions Committee had been elected at the opening of the scientific sessions. Membership as follows: E. G. Simmons, U.S.A. (Chairman); E. Afrikan, U.S.S.R.; A. Ayanaba, Nigeria; C. Casas-Campillo, Mexico; Davi Yanasugondha, Thailand; H. Iizuka, Japan; A. Johnston, U.K.; M. V. N. Shirodkar, India; L. I. Sly, Australia.

5. **Fees for Affiliated Members.** After discussion and presentation of the results of a ballot of culture collections, 86 in favour/14 against, it was agreed to recommend that affiliated members be required to pay fees, but that this fee could be waived for any given culture collection at the discretion of the Executive Board of WFCC, in which case, if more appropriate, the governing body of the culture collection might be requested to join as a sustaining member, and that this might be done even if the culture collection was able to pay a fee. It was agreed to recommend to the General Meeting that the annual fee be from U.S. \$10 to \$50 in \$10 amounts (i.e., U.S. \$10, 20, 30, 40, 50) and that each culture collection itself decide which amount it considers that it is able to contribute.

6. **Standards for Affiliated Members.** Standards had been published (*Int. J. Syst. Bacteriol.* 25:90-94, 1975) and comments requested, but none had been received. It was agreed to recommend to the General Meeting that these published Standards be adopted.

7. **Membership of National Federations, National Committees, and Other International Bodies.** It was agreed in discussion and from previous correspondence to recommend to the General Meeting

that a separate category be established for the above bodies and that they should be charged no fees.

8. **National Representation in WFCC.** Official national representation in WFCC was discussed but not considered suitable for WFCC at the present time and it was agreed to recommend this to the General Meeting.

9. **Sustaining Members.** It was agreed to recommend to the General Meeting and the new Board that the search for sustaining members be intensified.

10. **Future Election of Officers and Executive Board of WFCC.**

(a) **Nominations.** Postal ballot had revealed that of those WFCC ordinary members who replied, 22 were in favour of nomination by both prior postal ballot and at the Conference, 6 were in favour of postal ballot only, and 2 were in favour of nomination at the Conference only. It was agreed to recommend to the General Meeting that postal nominations be called for by the Secretary at least 6 months before the Conference and that the results of this and of nominations made at the Conference be referred to a Nominating Committee appointed at the Conference.

It was agreed to recommend that nominees should be ordinary members of WFCC or at least join WFCC on their nomination, and that their agreement to serve and a short account of their interests be provided by the sponsors to the Secretary or Nominating Committee.

(b) **Elections.** Of WFCC ordinary members who replied, 13 were in favour of election by postal ballot and 17 were in favour of election at the Conference.

It was agreed that the matter be put to the General Meeting for discussion.

11. **Committees of WFCC.** After discussion it was agreed to recommend to the General Meeting that all Committees of WFCC be dissolved at each Conference, reviewed, and reconstituted as considered fit by the Executive Board elected at the Conference.

It was recommended that the newly elected Executive Board consider the means of operation of this decision if adopted by the General Meeting.

12. Dr. Da Silva reported to the Board on the various UNEP Meetings in Nairobi and on the UNEP/UNESCO/ICRO/WFCC Meeting/Workshop in Brisbane in 1975, and it was agreed to prepare a statement on WFCC possibly for publication in the WFCC Newsletter.

S. P. Lapage, *Secretary*