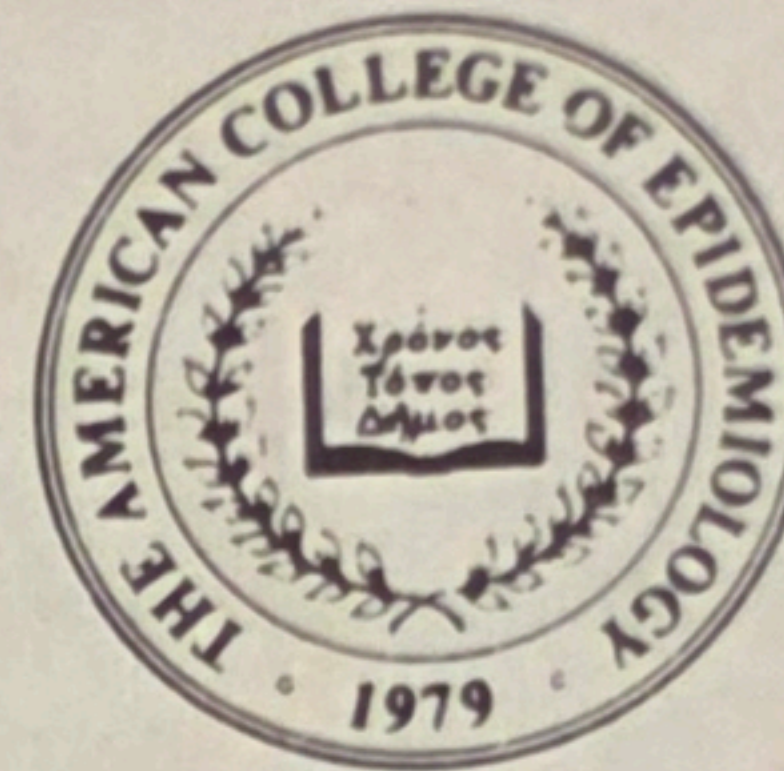




President's Message

Lewis H. Kuller, M.D., Dr. P.H.

The American College of Epidemiology had a very successful meeting, September 17-20, 1985, in Santa Monica, California. I thank our hosts, the University of California at Los Angeles, School of Public Health, and specifically Anne Coulson, for their hospitality. The Scientific Program included topics of current interest, epidemiology and health policy. During the second day, following the annual College meeting, a program on epidemiology and the law included a panel discussion with two federal judges who have been closely involved with litigation that depended on the use or abuse of epidemiological methods. The presentations by the judges, the attorneys and epidemiologists were outstanding. Many of us learned a great deal about the importance of epidemiology; especially in tort law. We believe that the information presented was so important that we hope to repeat this at subsequent meetings and also, perhaps, plan a continuing education program around this extremely interesting topic.

The College also presented an excellent post-graduate course on nutrition and epidemiology just prior to this meeting. Dr. Leonard Schuman has done a superb job in organizing these post-graduate courses.

The meeting next year will be in New Haven, Connecticut, September 25-26, 1986. Dr. Dwight Janerich will be the program chairperson.

Two major issues face the College. The first is whether the College should attempt to develop a permanent office, possibly in Washington, D.C., and take a more active role in epidemiology and health policy. Some of us believe that an important function of the College is to be a professional organization of epidemiologists that can provide consultation and recommendations for public health policy that is directly dependent on epidemiological methods and data. We believe that this would demonstrate the importance of epidemiological research and enhance the visibility of epidemiology within the professional community. The history of epidemiology obviously is rich with the successful application of epidemiology to the solution of major public health problems. Dr. Paul Stolley at the University of Pennsylvania is the Chairperson of the Health Policy Committee. We hope to have a more formal discussion of this important topic during the year and make a presentation at the next annual meeting. The direction of the College will obviously affect both the dues structure and the day-to-day management of the College. I would appreciate any views that you may have about this important topic.



Epidemiology and the Law symposium panelists

The second issue relates to the certification examination. The Examination Committee has done an outstanding job in planning the examinations. The College is currently evaluating the best approach for administering the examination including perhaps making the exam available to recent or soon to be graduates of graduate programs in epidemiology. We are looking for other potential markets for the examination.

The American College of Epidemiology is a young, vibrant organization. We hope that one of the major goals of the organization is to become a society of professional epidemiologists similar to other professional societies and other disciplines. The American College of Epidemiology is not a basic research organization in competition with other epidemiological research societies. We believe that a strong American College of Epidemiology will substantially enhance the discipline and can work side-by-side with other epidemiology organizations and other professional groups to improve and enhance the discipline. The organization needs the active participation of all of its members. The membership continues to grow, but we still need you to urge some of the wayward flock to join and support the College. This may be especially important at times when health research and epidemiology may be substantially jeopardized by contracting availability or resources.

The center section of this newsletter is an application form which may be removed and shared with a colleague. If additional forms are required, please copy this insert or contact the Secretary.

Second Annual Certifying Examination Held

The second certifying examination was held June 17, 1985 at four locations. Five eligible candidates took the two-part examination covering study design, infectious and noninfectious diseases, methods of statistical analysis, and vital statistics. Four candidates passed the examination and were elected to membership by the Board at its Fall meeting.

Members of the Examination Committee were Fred Ederer (Chairman), Richard Hamman, Victor Hawthorne, David Jenkins, Robert Oseasohn, and Alfred Rimm. Fred Ederer's term on the Committee is completed and Dr. Hamman is the incoming Chairman of the Examination Committee. Preparations are underway for the third examination, tentatively planned for June, 1986. Applicants who have fulfilled the training criteria for membership since 1982 will be eligible to take the examination.

Election of Directors

A majority of the membership participated in the balloting for election of Directors under the new mailed ballot voting procedures. Nominations were made by a Nominating Committee, chaired by Donald Louria, and including Ted Doege and Carol Redmond. Elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors were: Philip Brachman, Joseph Fraumeni, Charles Hennekens, Michel Ibrahim, and Leonard Schuman.

The continuing members of the Board are: Carol Buck, Pat Buffler, Anne Coulson, Al Evans, Lew Kuller, Ralph Paffenbarger, Earl Pollack, Susan Sacks, David Schottenfeld, and Paul Stolley.

On Becoming a Fellow

With the development of the examination procedure for admission, the Admissions Committee increasingly has been occupied

with the review of Members nominated, by themselves or others, to be Fellows. For the information of all Members and Fellows, Jim Banta of the Admissions Committee prepared the following description of procedures and criteria used in reviewing applications and nominations for election as Fellow.

The major function of the Admissions Committee of the American College of Epidemiology is to review the credentials of members or new applicants with respect to their eligibility for election as Members or Fellows of the College. In performing this function, the Committee is guided by several specific criteria, however, much of the decision-making process is of necessity based on considerations which go beyond the bare enumeration of biographical data. This approach is dictated by the Committee's duty principally to assess the *contributions* of the applicant to the discipline of epidemiology. Because contributions to a discipline as eclectic as epidemiology will be in varied forms, e.g., teaching, research, public policy, editorial responsibility, public health practice, etc., no single standard applied rigidly to all applicants can be fair and equitable or, reflect particular expertise.

In the absence of a single, universal standard by which to assess the contributions of members or applicants, the Committee has adopted the practice of reviewing all of the credentials presented to it, usually summarized in a curriculum vita, with each Committee member making an independent assessment as to whether the candidate's contributions to epidemiology merit election as Member or Fellow. When the recommendations of the five Committee members suggest a significant lack of consensus, i.e., votes of three to two, the applicant's credentials are discussed for the purpose of reconciling the differences in judgment. Sometimes these discussions result in requests for additional information from the applicant with the application being deferred to a subsequent meeting.

The assessments of Committee members usually are influenced greatly by the extent and nature of the applicant's record of epidemiologic productivity, principally as reflected in publication, teaching, and practice. Typically, the Committee is concerned with the pertinence of the publications, the quality of peer review they are presumed to have received, and the ability of the applicant to sustain significant productivity over a period of five or more years.

Other contributions of the candidate to the practice of epidemiology also are weighed. The Committee attempts to evaluate this form of contributions within the context of the individual's own sphere of activity, e.g., occupational epidemiology, public health practice, teaching, etc. The relevance of the professional activity to epidemiology is considered, as are career achievements, such as promotion in rank and awards. As with the review of research contributions, the Committee is concerned with a record of sustained contribution rather than with an isolated event or accomplishment.

Candidates are encouraged to solicit letters of support from Fellows of the College which address specific and substantive information with regard to assessing training, experience, unique expertise, and contributions of the candidate. These data are most useful and best considered at the time the Admissions Committee initially reviews the candidate when the information facilitates a full and fair consideration of the candidate's status with regard to Membership or Fellowship.

The Committee attempts to consider the unique contributions of each candidate. Although its deliberations bear resemblance to the function of a tenure review committee in an academic setting, it is not the function of the Committee to replicate tenure reviews. It is possible that some persons judged to merit election as Fellow will not hold tenure or its equivalent. Likewise, it is possible that a tenured individual will not be deemed to merit Fellow status.

The process whereby the Committee decides on its recommendations relies on the collective judgment of the Admissions

Committee, following arguments of the merits of each applicant. Each candidate is reviewed individually, but, in the interest of fairness and equity, with due consideration of preceding recommendations. All recommendations of the Committee are subject to possible reconsideration and to review and approval by the Board of Directors.

Having chaired this committee throughout an important formative period of development for the College, Dr. Banta deserves the appreciation of the membership expressed at our most recent Annual Meeting. The incoming chairperson of the Committee is Dr. Genevieve Matanoski. Inquires concerning membership or change in status should be addressed to the Secretary.

Board Approves Change in Membership Procedures

At its September meeting, the Board of Directors approved a proposal to permit applicants, who have fulfilled the training requirements for membership, to sit for the certifying examination even though they may not have fulfilled the requirement for two year's experience working in epidemiology. This will permit recent graduates of an epidemiology program to take the examination immediately, and automatically enter the College on completion of the remaining criteria.

The so-called grandfather provision remains in place. Epidemiologists, who met the training and experience criteria prior to 1983, may be admitted to the College as Members or Fellows on review of their credentials by the Admissions Committee.

General information and an application form is included in this issue of the Newsletter. Members are encouraged to copy and circulate these materials to any potential candidates.

New Fellows and Members

At its most recent meeting, the Board of Directors approved the recommendations of the Admissions and Examinations Committees for the election of new Fellows and Members. These additions bring the current membership of the College to 421 Fellows and 471 Members. **Fellows:** Roger Detels, Daniel Fife, Han Kang, Allan Smith, Brian Strom. **Members:** Jean Chen, Shirley Conibear, Tracy Gustafson, Anne McTiernan, Thomas Pearson, Sally Stansfield, Paul Stehr.

1986 Annual Meeting to be Held in New Haven

Dwight Janerich and the Yale School of Public Health will host the 1986 Annual Meeting of the College, September 25-26. The meeting will be preceded by a continuing education program focusing on recent advances in virological research and disease.

In 1987, the Annual Meeting will be held in New Orleans, with Jim Banta and the Tulane School of Public Health as hosts. The tentative date for the meeting is October 1-2 1987.

Announcements

The Fifth International Symposium on Epidemiology in Occupational Health will be held September 9-11, 1986 at the University of California, Los Angeles. The Symposium is sponsored by the Southern California Occupational Health Center of the University of California, under the auspices of the International Commission on Occupational Health, Scientific Committee on Epidemiology in Occupational Health. Contact Dr. David Wegman, UCLA School of Public Health, Los Angeles, CA 90024 (213) 825-7066.

The next annual meeting of the Society for Epidemiologic Research will be held in Pittsburgh, June 18-20, 1986. It will be hosted by Dr. Lewis Kuller and his colleagues at the University of Pittsburgh. The deadline for contributed abstracts is February 8. For further information on program arrangements contact Judy Walk, Graduate School for Public Health, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15261, (412) 624-4795.

Dr. Manning Feinleib is Chairman of the search committee for Associate Director for Epidemiology, Demography, and Biometry for the National Institute on Aging. The individual recruited will be responsible for providing administrative direction and leadership to the Institute's epidemiology research program. The position is a Senior Executive Service position.

Nominations, applications, and requests for further information may be directed to **Mr. Michael P. Lockard, Personnel Officer, NIA, National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Room 2b63, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda MD 20892.**

Notice

In accordance with the current by-laws of the College, notice is hereby given that changes in the by-laws will be proposed and acted on at the Annual Meeting in New Haven, September 26, 1986. **Dr. Earl Pollack** is chairman of the *ad hoc* committee on by-laws. Suggestions regarding revisions should be addressed to **Dr. Pollack, 7504 Elmore Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20817.** Recommended changes will be circulated to the membership in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Calendar Year 1985

Jess F. Kraus, Ph.D.

There has been some progress in the request for tax exempt status for the College. We have been informed by the Internal Revenue Service that our request for current tax-exempt status has been approved and we are petitioning for retrospective status following regulations specified by the Internal Revenue Service.

Our year-end bank balance is approximately \$22,000, of which \$17,000 is invested in a C.D. Over the past two years, there has been a steady increase in the expenses associated with the activities of the Admissions and the Examinations Committees. This was anticipated and, as a result of these and projected costs for other committees, the Board of Directors recommended and the membership voted that the dues structure for the American College of Epidemiology will change effective January 1, 1986. The dues notices to be mailed late in January will reflect an increase from \$25 to \$50 a year. The College activities, of course, are expected to increase proportionally with other committees being instituted and working on activities described in the By-Laws of the College.

There have been only minor problems in the operations of the Treasurer's office; most notably, the increase in remittance of dues from a member's institution, without identification on the check as to who should be credited. For those members who remit through their institutions, would you please have the check list your name so that proper credit may be given.

Report of the International Affairs Committee - 1985

Richard Kaslow, M.D., M.P.H.

Chairman, International Affairs Committee

This Committee was constituted at the end of 1984 and has had no formal meeting yet. However, ideas for the major goals and functions of the Committee have been received from several sources and they may be summarized as follows:

1. The greatest interest seemed to be in the potential relation between ACE and other organizations with mutual interests, such as the International Epidemiological Association; and the Faculty of Community Medicine, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Specifically, mutual interests on an international scale could include maintaining standards of teaching in epidemiology, coordinating postdoctoral or other training (perhaps with foundation support), assisting underdeveloped countries in developing curricula, and perhaps even establishing col-

laborative research, presumably by assisting coordination through relevant local organizations.

2. There were suggestions that ACE might serve as the umbrella for international exchange by placing faculty or students in educational settings or consultants in investigative and policy-making settings (e.g., USAID, UNICEF, PAHO, Fund for Population).

A registry of individual capabilities and interests could be circulated to likely user organizations. A by-product of this effort could be that these exchange opportunities would attract bright young professional students into epidemiology.

3. As for the narrower function of credentialing, it may be useful to know how epidemiologists are evaluated by institutions and organizations that draw on their services. Moreover, the college may wish to influence those who, in the broadest sense, *employ* epidemiologists, guiding such employers as to acceptable credentials and standards.

An idea of how a venerable speciality society based on credentials operates came from a discussion with the Secretary of the International Medical Activities Subcommittee of the Membership Policy Committee of the American College of Physicians (ACP). It was clear that this organization devotes most of its relatively recent international effort to conducting post-graduate courses abroad, primarily in Latin America. The ACP apparently does not involve itself in certification of foreign physicians. ACP also has two other Committees with international interests: 1) Fellowships and Scholarships and 2) Human Rights in Medical Practice. The former provides assistance for foreign members or associates to study abroad, among other things. More information will be forthcoming on these approaches.

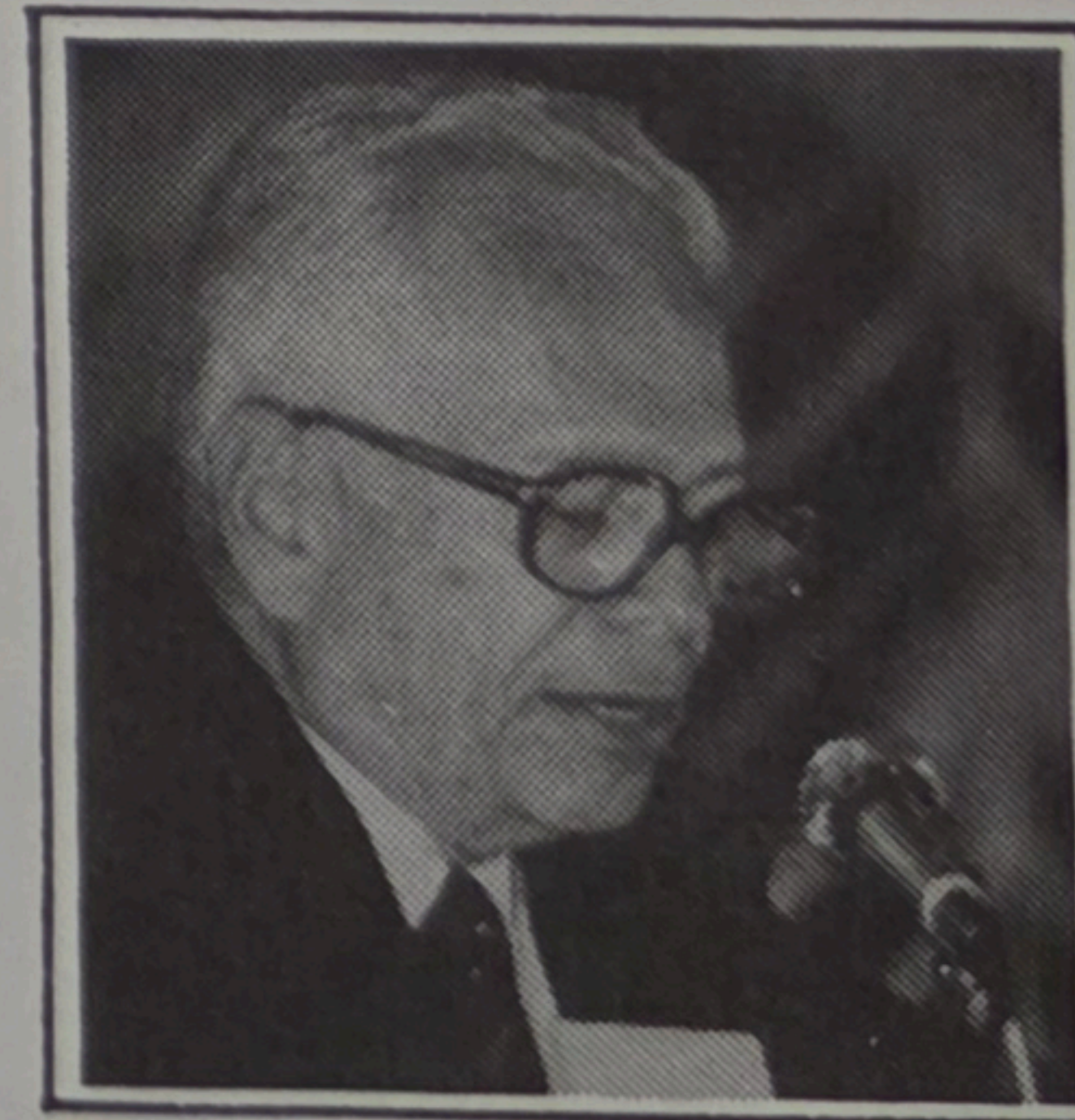
4. The Committee could work with others outside the U.S. to assess guidelines for such matters as professional ethics, as well as legal and regulatory uses of epidemiologic evidence.

When these ideas are completely collected and digested by the Committee members, the Board members, and others who wish to have input, they will be explored further at a committee meeting and recommendations will be presented to the Board.

The American College of Epidemiology's Abraham Lilienfeld Award - 1985

*Remarks of Dr. Philip Brachman
Award Ceremony, September 19*

The American College of Epidemiology's first **Abraham Lilienfeld Award for Excellence in Epidemiology** is awarded to **Milton Terris, M.D.**, an individual who has emulated the spirit of Abraham Lilienfeld emphasizing excellence in the practice of epidemiology and



Dr. Terris

who has contributed to the ongoing development of the specialty through teaching, research, and the application of epidemiologic principles to the solution of public health problems.

Dr. Terris received his A.B. degree from Columbia College in 1935, his M.D. degree from New York University College of Medicine in 1935, and his M.P.H. degree from Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene in 1944. On completing his residency training in New York City, he worked for four years in the New York State Department of Health, first as an apprentice epidemiologist, then as an Assistant District State Health Officer. During this time, he became an instructor in the Department of Public Health/Preventive Medicine at the University of Buffalo School of Medicine. From 1946 to 1951, he worked for the American Public

Health Association. In 1951, he returned to the University of Buffalo School of Medicine, where he progressed to the rank of Associate Professor of Preventive Medicine and Public Health. From 1958 to 1960, he was Professor of Epidemiology at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1960, he returned to the New York University College of Medicine as an Adjunct Professor of Preventive Medicine (Epidemiology). From 1960-1964, he was also the head of the Chronic Disease Unit in the Department of Epidemiology, the Public Health Research Institute of the City of New York, and from 1962-64 was a lecturer in epidemiology at the Columbia University School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine. In 1964, he became Professor of Community and Preventive Medicine at the New York Medical College and in 1968 he became chairperson of the Department, positions he held until he retired in 1980.

In 1965, he became a member of the Faculty and Curriculum Director of the Graduate Summer Session in Epidemiology at the University of Wisconsin. In 1967, he became a member of the Faculty of the Graduate Summer Session in Epidemiology at the University of Minnesota, a position he holds to the present. In 1967, he founded and became the director of the Bank of Epidemiologic Exercises, a position he held until 1980. In 1980, he founded and became the editor of the *Journal of Public Health Policy*.

He belongs to a number of professional societies including Phi Beta Kappa, American Epidemiological Society, International Epidemiological Association, American Public Health Association, Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine, American Board of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, and New York Academy of Medicine. He was a founder and a president of the Society for Epidemiologic Research, founder and a president of The Herman Biggs Society, and founder and president of the National Association for Public Health Policy. He has many publications covering a variety of diseases including tuberculosis, sarcoid, cancer, heart disease, and prematurity. He has written on health insurance, medical care, health services, social problems, and education with emphasis of teaching of epidemiology to medical and other students. Some of his more farsighted articles include *Approaches to the Epidemiology of Health, The Epidemiologic Revolution, The Second Epidemiologic Revolution, The Epidemiologic Tradition, Public Health in the United States - The Next 100 Years, and Epidemiology as a Basic Science in the Education of Health Professionals*. He presented the American Public Health Association's first John Snow Award to Abraham Lilienfeld in 1976.

It is apparent that Dr. Terris' broad range of interests and scientific abilities strongly resemble those of Abraham Lilienfeld. It gives me great pleasure to present the Abraham Lilienfeld Award for Excellence in Epidemiology to Milton Terris.



Dr. Milton Terris is shown with Dr. Philip Brachman

ACE Board Meeting, Los Angeles, California September, 17-18

Report of the President, Dr. Philip Brachman

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m., Tuesday, September 17, with the following board members in attendance: **Philip Brachman, Anne Coulson, Charles Hennekens, Dwight Janerich, Lew Kuller, Earl Pollack, Curtis Mettlin, Ralph Paffenbarger, Susan Sacks, David Schottenfeld, Len Schuman, and Paul Stolley.** On Wednesday, members **Carol Buck** and **Michel Ibrahim** were in attendance in addition to the above. Absent and excused were **Pat Buffler, Al Evans, and Jess Kraus.** Additionally, on Tuesday afternoon, **Fred Ederer** and **Dick Hamman** of the Examination Committee, and on Wednesday, **Jim Banta** and **David Lilienfeld** participated in the meeting.

Dr. Brachman reviewed the agenda and made some general comments summarizing the College's activities during the past year. He reported on some committee activities in the absence of the committee chairpersons. The **International Affairs Committee** headed by **Dr. Richard Kaslow** has initiated correspondence among members soliciting ideas as to appropriate international activities to be supported by the committee. Dr. Kaslow will give a detailed report at the annual business meeting.

Dr. Alfred Evans, archivist for the College, has sent letters to selected members soliciting information concerning the founding and early years of the College and has had some responses. He is making plans to review the records of the College that are held by Dr. Mettlin. The President has authorized Dr. Evans to purchase a portable recorder so that oral histories can be obtained. Dr. Evans has again requested that the program of each annual meeting include at least one paper dealing with a historical epidemiological subject. Support for this idea has been received from several members.

The President reported on the correspondence with **Professor Michael Garraway** and **Dr. G.D. Forwell** of the United Kingdom concerning a joint meeting between the American College of Epidemiology and the Faculty of Community Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom, in conjunction with the next meeting of the International Epidemiological Association (IEA) to be held in Helsinki, Finland, August 1987. A copy of a letter from **Dr. Frada Eskin**, chairman of the meeting committee of the Faculty of Community Medicine, was distributed to the board. Dr. Eskin has spoken to Professor Garraway about holding a joint meeting on the day before the IEA meeting with one topic selected for discussion. Two or three members from each organization could be asked to contribute scientific papers. At that meeting, participants could also discuss future interaction and cooperation.

The board agreed that an attempt be made to develop a meeting between the two groups and discussed various possibilities. Because members of the American College of Epidemiology may be taking chartered flights to the IEA meeting, it may be impractical to attempt to develop a joint meeting that would precede or follow IEA. Without knowing which members of the College would be in attendance at Helsinki, we would be unable to determine the subject matter for presentation at this time. It may be that because of the diverseness of those in attendance it might be more appropriate to solicit invited papers without any specific topic. Another idea was for the two groups to co-sponsor an open plenary session of the IEA which would be placed on the regular program of the IEA. An evening dinner after the plenary session could be planned and limited to members of the two groups, at which time future interaction and cooperation could be discussed. This could be followed by an after-dinner speaker from one of the two organizations. Dr. Brachman subsequently discussed these ideas with Dr. Kaslow, chairman International Affairs Committee, who agreed to assume the responsibility to continue these negotiations.

American College of Epidemiology



General Information

The American College of Epidemiology was formed to provide a means for certifying epidemiologists who are trained and accomplished in the practice of their discipline, to stimulate the development of continuing education programs in epidemiology, and to provide a forum for the review and discussion of any issues pertaining to the status, future development, and practice of epidemiology.

The membership of the College includes over 900 Fellows and Members. Annual dues are fifty dollars. Annual meetings include a scientific program as well as a general business meeting of the membership. The affairs of the College are managed through the voluntary efforts of the Board of Directors, the officers, the standing committees, and the membership.

Membership Procedures

Applications to the American College of Epidemiology are reviewed by the Admissions Committee. Applicants whose training and experience in epidemiology predate January 1, 1983 may be recommended directly to the Board of Directors for election as Fellow or Member. This is the so-called "grandfather" admissions procedure. Applicants who fulfilled the training and experience criteria for membership after January 1, 1983 are recommended to the Examinations Committee as eligible to be examined for admission as a Member of the College. Written examinations on knowledge and skills essential to the practice of epidemiology are held annually in June.

Individuals whose contributions to epidemiology are of exceptional quality will be recommended to the Board of Directors without further consideration, however, in the vast majority of instances, three areas will be considered by the Admission Committee in determining qualifications for membership. These are training, experience and in the case of Fellows, contributions to the field.

Training should be relevant to epidemiology as indicated by:

- 1) a doctoral degree in epidemiology; or,
- 2) a doctoral degree in a field relevant to epidemiology and specific formal training in epidemiology of at least one year's duration equivalent to a Master's degree; or
- 3) a doctoral degree in a field relevant to epidemiology and at least two years of supervised and structured experience in epidemiology.

The person or persons who supervised the training should be identified.

Applicants with training other than that indicated above will be considered on an individual basis by the Admissions Committee. At least two year's experience in the teaching, research or practice of epidemiology independent of that involved in their training is required but application to the College and examination may be done immediately following completion of training.

Fellows are distinguished by their contributions to epidemiology. These may be contributions to research, teaching and/or practice in epidemiology. Evidence of contributions is usually, but not exclusively, in the form of publications in scientific journals, reports on policy and practices, etc.

Persons whose permanent residence is outside North or South America are invited to apply as Overseas Fellows or as Overseas Members. Applications will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee using the same criteria and procedures as pertain to resident Fellows and Associate members.

All applications and the applicant's current curriculum vitae should be submitted to the Secretary of the College. A non-refundable fee of \$50 in U.S. funds is required for processing and review.

Return completed application to:

Dr. Curtis Mettlin
c/o Roswell Park Memorial Institute
666 Elm Street
Buffalo, New York 14263

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EPIDEMIOLOGY

Application

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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The President discussed approaching the deans of Schools of Public Health concerning their support of and membership in the American College of Epidemiology. It was mentioned that some of the deans are not epidemiologists and thus contacting them should be on an individual basis. It was suggested that it would be better to approach the chairpersons of Departments of Epidemiology and Departments of Preventive Medicine concerning their support and potential membership in the College. **Dr. Schuman** indicated he could provide a listing of these individuals. It was suggested that the responsibility to follow up on this should be delegated to a member or a small committee of the board. It was further suggested that a letter from the College signed by the President and possibly a cover note from a board member who knows the individual could be sent. The letter would discuss the goals of the College and request both membership and publicity concerning the College among faculty and students at the School or in the Department. It was also suggested that these activities could be coordinated through a College member who is at that particular school. There was a brief discussion about creating an institutional membership that could be of use in publicizing the College and in encouraging membership.

The **Examination Committee** gave its report. **Fred Ederer**, the chairperson, and **Richard Hamman**, the incoming chairperson, of the committee, reported that four out of five individuals who took the examination in June passed. The one individual who did not pass also did not pass last year.

A change in the by-laws was requested so that the Examination Committee could increase its membership to six. This would allow one member (excluding the chairperson) to cover each of the five areas of the examination. This matter will be referred to the **By-Laws Committee**. In order to continue the current structure of the committee, the chair gave permission for the appointment of an ad-hoc member to the committee. The committee's activities for 1985-86 were discussed along with a proposed budget that was approved by the board.

The board discussed the need for developing a system for managing the examination questions. There was general agreement that a system for maintaining the file of questions was necessary. Currently, a word-processor is used, but it was felt that either a personal computer or possibly a mini-computer was necessary in order to maintain the filing system in a more efficient and effective manner. An outline of requirements for such a system, prepared by the committee, was reviewed. **Dr. Hamman** will continue the investigations seeking to identify a specific system that his committee can recommend. He was asked to prepare a report to be discussed at the board meeting in the spring of 1986.

The 1986 timetable for the examination was reviewed. **Dr. Hamman** reported that the Examinations Committee had prepared an outline of an examination protocol that they will write in detail over the next year that will serve as a permanent record of the procedures to be followed in developing and conducting the annual examination.

The board acknowledged the significant activities of the committee and the leadership role that **Fred Ederer** had played over the past years. The gratitude of the board was extended to **Fred** with its profound thanks.

Leonard Schuman, the chairperson of the **Education Committee**, reported on the continuing education program for this year's meeting. The subjects were nutrition and endocrinology and 24 people had registered in advance (the actual attendees numbered 30 with 28 paying the \$75.00 fee). Additionally, **Dr. Schuman** indicated he was planning on conducting a survey concerning future programs. Arrangements had been made for participants to receive five CME credits for this year's course. He hopes to make arrangements so that the College can award the credits directly without having to go through an academic institution.

Lew Kuller and **Anne Coulson** reported on the scientific program for this year's meeting. The papers to be presented were reviewed and the possibility of some of them being developed into policy statements representing the position of the College on the subject was discussed. It was agreed that there could be additional policy statements prepared following suggestions from any members of the College.

Curt Mettlin announced the results of the election for board members indicating that 488 members had sent in ballots. Those elected or re-elected were **Len Schuman**, **Michel Ibrahim**, **Charles Hennekens**, **Joseph Fraumeni**, and **Phil Brachman**.

On Wednesday, **Jim Banta** reported on the activities of the Membership Committee and reviewed a statement concerning the function of the Admissions Committee that included the standards for admission to the College. **Dr. Banta** indicated they are currently processing approximately 30 applications a year. Approximately 10% are not appropriate for consideration. The remainder are evaluated by each member of the committee who mail their rating to the chairperson. Some candidates are accepted by acclamation whereas others are discussed at a committee meeting. The committee is authorized to meet twice a year, though at times they have met only once a year. It was proposed that possibly they could conduct some of their business by conference phone call which **Dr. Banta** indicated may be possible.

There was some discussion concerning whether board members should have an opportunity to comment on candidates of whom they may have some personal knowledge prior to the committee's decisions being brought to the Board. Some members felt this may introduce an additional procedure that would add complexities to the process. It was decided subsequently that applicants can solicit letters from Members or Fellows of the College including Board members but that there would be no other attempt by the Admissions Committee to develop specific support materials from the board or other members of the College. On recommendation of the Admissions Committee, three individuals were recommended to be elevated to fellowship status, two individuals to be admitted directly to fellowship status, and seven individuals to be admitted as Members. The motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept the report of the Admissions Committee.

Dr. Mettlin reported on the status of the **Lilienfeld Award** and circulated a draft of the profile of **Dr. Lilienfeld** that would be used on the medal. The Board felt that the likeness could be improved, that the spacing of the lettering could be better, and further suggested that the name of the recipient and the year of the award could be engraved on the medal.

Dr. Mettlin will transmit these suggestions to the manufacturing company. The certificate that **Dr. Mettlin** had prepared was reviewed and found to be very appropriate. When a new outline of the medal is available, it will be distributed to the Board or, if not ready until the spring meeting, brought to the Board at that time for comments.

David Lilienfeld discussed the program for the Friday morning session on *The Epidemiologist in Court*. It appeared to be an ambitious program and, if successful, could serve as a template for future meetings.

There was discussion on whether the presentations by the participants in the session of the *The Epidemiologist in Court* should be prepared as a publication approved by the College, published separately with acknowledgement that it was given at the College meeting, or published without any mention of the College. Another possibility was for the presentations to appear as a position paper of the College. After further discussion, a committee of two consisting of **Drs. Schuman** and **Spitzer** was appointed to decide, following the session, which of the above alternatives would be most appropriate. **Dr. Brachman** discussed this with **Dr. Lilienfeld** following the Board meeting.

The Board discussed the question of developing a committee to explore the need for ethical guidelines for epidemiologists as suggested by **Dr. Colin L. Soskolne**. It was decided that Dr. Soskolne should distribute a three-page statement that he had prepared at the registration desk and have an opportunity to discuss the issue at the business meeting.

Dr. Kuller raised the issue of whether the College's examination would be more appropriate to be given immediately after candidates completed their academic training, that is, upon receiving their doctorate degree, instead of having a two-year period of experience prior to being eligible to take the examination. Dr. Kuller emphasized that most board examinations are handled in this way; and, additionally, this might encourage more individuals to take the examination instead of waiting for two years. At that time, they may be reluctant to take the exam since, if already working in an epidemiologic position, they may see no real need for the examination. Additionally, it was felt that the examination possibly would be found acceptable by academic institutions as a mechanism to evaluate their own training programs. The matter was discussed in detail, a motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously to make this change. Present for these discussions were Mr. Ederer and Dr. Banta who agreed with the decision.

A motion was made and seconded to increase the cost of the application for examination to **\$50.00**. The matter was discussed and passed unanimously.

In the absence of **Dr. Kraus**, **Dr. Mettlin** gave the Treasurer's report indicating that the balance in the treasury was \$28,111.40. Over the past year, there has been a decrease in the treasury balance by approximately \$4,000. There was discussion of increasing the dues and also whether there should be an inducement for members to pay dues for 2-3 years by allowing a reduced annual dues, if several years are paid in advance. In light of the possibility of having additional financial needs for the College, it was decided to only consider single year dues payments until other matters have been resolved. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to increase the annual dues to \$50.00. This matter will be discussed and voted upon at membership meeting.

The Board considered the subject of developing a permanent office as discussed in a letter from **Dr. Kuller** dated September 9 and distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting. The discussion centered around development of a permanent office with a paid executive secretary to be located in Washington, D.C. for purposes of developing a professional base of activity and visibility. Possibly, this office could serve as the Executive Secretariat for the College assuming responsibilities for maintaining the membership rolls, keeping records of meetings and reports, serve as a liaison with other organizations, help to identify important issues relevant to the College bringing these issues to the attention of the membership, serve as a coordinating office for College activities, and as the focus for developing educational programs both for the College and individuals. It could also enhance the development of relationships between the College and governmental and non-governmental organizations whose activities and policies impinge on the College and its membership. It was recognized that this is a major responsibility that initially should begin on a modest basis, such as with a part-time administrator, as is the case with some other organizations. It was recognized that if this idea is implemented there would have to be an increase in the annual dues. Dr. Kuller suggested that specific donations or even assessments could be considered for selective members of the College. It might also be appropriate to develop a sliding dues scale reflecting the professional position of individual College members.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed that a committee should investigate the feasibility of developing this office, and consider that availability of part-time personnel in Washington, the cost of an office, and recommend how the monies should be raised. Various alternatives should be considered

and presented to the Board at its spring meeting. Dr. Kuller suggested that the committee could consist of the immediate past president, the current president, vice president, and the secretary. It was recommended that a good source of information would be Mr. Michael Gemmell, currently the Executive Director of the Association of Schools of Public Health in Washington, D.C.

Dr. David Schottenfeld reported on the status of the Abraham Lilienfeld Memorial issue of the **Journal of Chronic Diseases**. He stated that 18 manuscripts would be published and that five already had been submitted to him. He recognized that the date of September 1 for submission of the manuscripts was not realistic and that he was more interested in quality than in speed of their preparation. Thus, he was suggesting a final submission date of December 1985. He estimated that the manuscripts would cover approximately 125 printed pages.

The Board discussed the mechanism by which additional copies could be made available for the members to buy who do not subscribe to the **Journal of Chronic Diseases**. It was suggested that Dr. Schottenfeld discuss with the journal the possibility of preparing a special edition of the issue with a hard cover and appropriate lettering on the cover and on the end. Subsequently, **Dr. Walter Spitzer**, co-editor of the **Journal of Chronic Diseases**, indicated that they would work with Dr. Schottenfeld to develop a special issue.

Susan Sacks discussed that status of the **Brochure Committee**. She and her committee had discussed the matter by mail, and she was currently assembling a listing of epidemiologic organizations that potentially would be interested in co-sponsoring the brochure. She hopes to have a draft of a brochure available for the board to consider at its spring meeting.

The need to consider changes in the by-laws was discussed; and **Earl Pollack**, who had already been appointed to chair this *ad-hoc* committee, indicated he would solicit volunteers to work with him. He recognized the necessity of notifying the members six months before the annual meeting that by-laws changes were being considered. The suggested changes will be discussed at the spring board meeting and then distributed to the membership 30 days prior to the next annual meeting. The changes will be discussed and voted upon at the annual business meeting.

The spring board meeting will be held on **March 17, 1986**, and **Dr. Mettlin** will explore the possibility of holding it in the immediate vicinity of the Newark airport. (*It was subsequently decided to hold the meeting in Washington, D.C.*)

Four cities had offered to host the next annual meeting. After discussion, it was voted to hold the 1986 meeting in New Haven, Connecticut, September 25-26 (**Dr. Dwight Janerich**, host). The board meeting will begin on the afternoon of September 23 and extend through September 24. New Orleans (**Dr. James Banta**, host) was selected for the site for the 1987 meeting. It was decided to hold the meeting on October 1-2 recognizing that October 2 is the eve of Yom Kippur. If this is found unacceptable, it was decided to hold the meeting on October 8-9, though at the business meeting, a Canadian member indicated that this conflicted with the Canadian Thanksgiving Day. Montreal was one of the cities that had offered to sponsor the 1986 meeting, and Dr. Spitzer had graciously offered to serve as our host. It was decided that Montreal was a preferred site and that a decision will be made in 1986 on the 1988 meeting site.

In deciding on New Haven as a site for 1986 meeting, it was agreed that with the number of virologists in the area the subject for the continuing medical education program could be virology and include a discussion of the association between viruses and chronic diseases.

An election was held for vice-president, and **Dr. Michael Ibrahim** was elected. The departure of **Dr. Janerich** from the board was acknowledged. Appreciation was expressed for his significant contributions, especially during the founding days of the College.

as well as serving as its founding Secretary, second President and as a Director.

The responsibilities of the **Policy Committee** were discussed, and it was agreed that the committee should decide on one or several topics of epidemiologic importance that could be the subject for position papers. Some of the topics covered in presentations at the annual scientific meeting could be selected. The committee will identify either a member of the College or another individual to prepare the paper, which should be moderately short, such as 3-5 pages that will be submitted to the Policy Committee. Once they approve it, it will be distributed to the board members and their comments and approval solicited. The Policy Committee will make final decisions concerning the statement, working closely with the author. With the President's approval, the statement will be accepted and distributed to the membership for their information giving them a limited period of time to send comments to the Policy Committee. The committee will decide on the best method of distributing the statement to the appropriate audience such as by publication in a specific journal or sending it to specific agencies or organizations.

Subsequently, the Policy Committee was constituted with **Paul Stolley** as chairperson and **Walter Spitzer** and **Don Louria** as members. They accepted their responsibilities with enthusiasm.

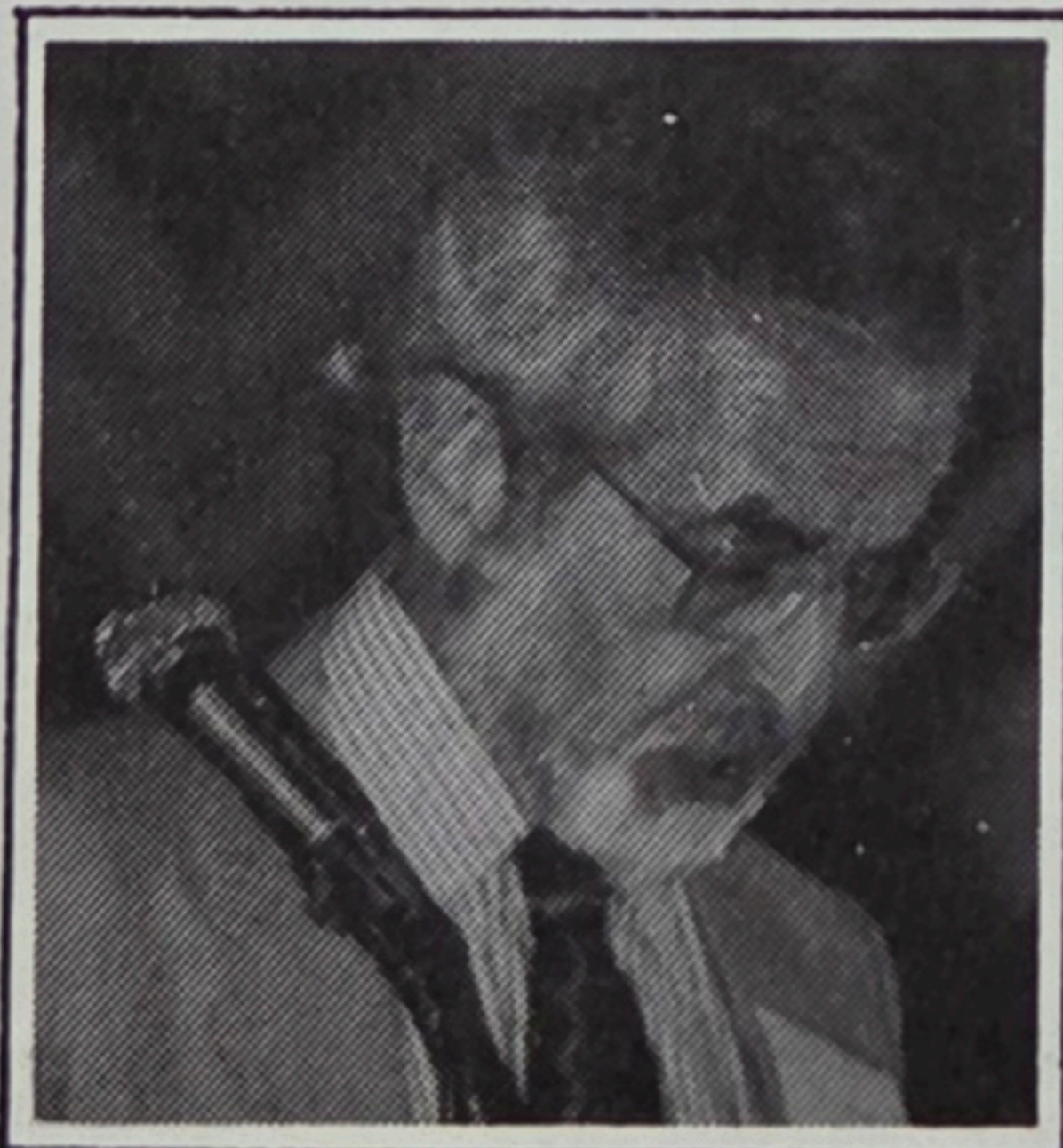
There was a brief discussion on whether the Secretary wished one of the by-laws changes to indicate that the Secretary could extend his office beyond the single five-year term to which it is now limited. **Dr. Mettlin** indicated that this was not necessary on his own behalf.

There being no further business, the Board meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18.

ACE Annual Business Meeting Los Angeles, California, September 20, 1985

*Report of the President
Dr. Philip Brachman*

The annual business meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m. There were approximately 75 members in attendance. Dr. Brachman reported that the College had been strengthened during the past year, as would become evident from the committee reports. A new committee, the



Policy Committee, has been appointed and will be chaired by **Dr. Paul Stolley** with **Drs. Donald Louria** and **Walter Spitzer** as members. Their responsibilities are to identify subjects of epidemiologic importance for which position papers should be prepared by either members or others who would be invited to prepare them. The committee will review the papers and then distribute them to the Board of Directors, who will provide their comments to the committee. The committee, in collaboration with the author, will prepare the final copy which, if approved by the President, will be distributed to members of the College asking that comments be sent to the Policy Committee within a limited time period. The Policy Committee will then determine the most appropriate method of publicizing the paper, either by publication in an appropriate scientific journal or distribution to appropriate individuals, agencies, committees, etc. There was some discussion from the floor which indicated concurrence with this plan.

Dr. Brachman reported that a **By-Laws Committee** has been appointed with **Dr. Earl Pollack** as chairperson.

It was announced that **Dr. Lewis Kuller** will assume the Presidency on completion of the meeting, and that **Dr. Michel Ibrahim** had been elected by the board as the new Vice-President.

Dr. Brachman reported on the correspondence with the Faculty of Community Medicine, the Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom, and the proposal to hold a joint meeting of the College and the Faculty of Community Medicine in conjunction with the meeting of the International Epidemiological Association in Helsinki, Finland, August 1987. The discussions will be continued by **Dr. Richard Kaslow**, Chairperson of the International Affairs Committee.

Dr. Mettlin reported that 488 members had returned ballots for the election of Directors and that **Drs. Schuman, Ibrahim, Hennekens, Fraumeni, and Brachman** had been elected or re-elected to the Board of Directors. Dr. Mettlin gave the treasurer's report in the absence of Dr. Jess Kraus indicating that the assets of the College amounted to \$28,111.40. In light of the reduction in the overall financial reserve of the College over the past year, Dr. Mettlin reported the Board had recommended a dues increase to \$50.00. A motion to increase the annual dues to \$50.00 was made, seconded, and discussed. The motion was then passed with two negative votes.

Committee reports followed. **Fred Ederer** reported on the **Examinations Committee** indicating that four out of the five individuals who took the examination this year passed. He discussed the recommendations of the Examination Committee to computerize maintenance of the examination files. Software was currently being investigated. Several questions were raised including the need to consider copywriting the questions; reference was made to other examinations for which the examinees had to pledge not to divulge the examination questions. The committee will consider this matter and report on their deliberations at next year's meeting. Mr. Ederer, who is retiring as chairperson, was thanked for his sterling leadership of the committee. The new chairperson, **Richard Hamman**, has been a member of the committee since its inception.

Jim Banta reported for the **Admissions Committee** and reviewed a statement prepared by the committee summarizing the policy of the Admissions Committee. He reported that applicants for the College could now take the examination upon completing their academic training and would be considered for membership in the College after completing two years of experience. Dr. Banta was thanked for his inspiring leadership of the Admissions Committee, a position that he is vacating this year. A new chairperson will be designated by Dr. Kuller. (*Dr. Genevieve Matanowski subsequently agreed to serve in this capacity.*)

Dr. Richard Kaslow, reported on the status of the **International Affairs Committee** stating that the committee had identified several ideas to be considered for activities supported by the committee. They included developing international teaching standards, postdoctoral training opportunities, providing a central point for international exchange of personnel including consultants, and serve as a resource for centralized recruiting. Also, they could function as a liaison for developing courses for international epidemiologists. He solicited additional ideas from the membership.

Earl Pollack discussed the **By-Laws Committee** and asked for volunteers to join his committee. There have already been several changes of and additions to the by-laws suggested. The membership will be properly notified in advance of next year's meeting concerning suggested changes and additions.

Dr. Leonard Schuman reported on the **Education Committee** and the success of the second annual continuing medical education program held, Wednesday, September 18. Thirty individuals participated in the program that was devoted to nutrition and endocrinology.

Dr. David Schottenfeld reported on the current status of the Abraham Lilienfeld Memorial issue of the **Journal of Chronic Diseases** stating that there would be 18 papers with approximately 125 printed pages. He stated that five papers had already been submitted and the deadline for all manuscripts was December 1985. He has initiated discussions with **Dr. Walter Spitzer**, co-editor of the **Journal of Chronic Diseases**, concerning preparation of a specially-bound volume of the memorial issue for purchase.

Dr. Brachman reported that the annual scientific meeting for 1986 would be held in New Haven, Connecticut, September 25-26. Additionally, the meeting for 1987 would be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on October 1-2. Should these dates not be appropriate, alternate dates would be considered.

No old business was reported. Under new business, **Dr. Colin L. Soskolne** discussed his proposal to establish a committee to explore the need for ethical guidelines for epidemiologists. Discussion from the floor indicated support for his proposal, with several members indicating they knew of examples in which the ethics of practicing epidemiologists could be questioned. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that a committee be formed to look into the issue and report back to the board. **Dr. Kuller** will appoint this committee.

Dr. Benjamin Pasamanick moved that the childhood home of **Dr. Theobald Smith** in Albany, New York, be placed on the National Registry of Historic Sites. The motion was seconded, and there was a brief discussion. The motion was passed.

There being no new business, **Dr. Brachman** called attention to the fact that **Dr. Dwight Janerich**, a founder of the College, its second President, and a Director since its inception, was retiring from the board. The membership acknowledged the multiple contributions that **Dr. Janerich** has made to the College.

Dr. Brachman commented on the significant ongoing contributions made to the College by its secretary and treasurer, **Curt Mettlin** and **Jess Kraus**. The members acknowledged their appreciation to these two individuals.

The membership expressed its sincere thanks to **Anne Coulson** for the excellence of the local arrangements and the support of her staff, especially **Ms. Roberta Kraus Wyde**, and **Ms. Roberta Madison**. The program committee, under the leadership of **Lew Kuller** and **Anne Coulson**, and the Education Committee, under **Len Schuman** and **Anne Coulson**, also were thanked for their superb efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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