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Karel Kolomaznik, see *JALCA* **91**, 18, 1996

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Michaela Barinova, see *JALCA* **104**, 177, 2009

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Anna Bacardit, see *JALCA* **101**, 284, 2006

Mireia Cobos, see *JALCA* **104**, 103, 2009

Joaquim Font, see *JALCA* **97**, 277, 2002

Joan Jorge, see *JALCA* **105**, 51, 2010

Lluis Olle, see *JALCA* **101**, 284, 2006

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION
GRAND GENEVA RESORT, LAKE GENEVA, WI
JUNE 10, 2010

Present:

Officers: David LeBlanc, Craig Keyser,
 Andreas Rhein

Councilors: Mike Bley, Goetz Hagen,
 and George Stockman

Executive Secretary: Carol Adcock

Convention Chair: Sarah Drayna

1. Welcome—David LeBlanc, President

President David LeBlanc called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Councilors Alex Campbell, Steve Lange, and Jeff Miller were unable to attend.

March 3 and 4, 2010 conference call minutes were previously approved by email.

Results from the Board of Tellers, David LeBlanc, Craig Keyser and Goetz Hagen, were announced. Incoming officers will be Steven Gilberg as Vice President Elect, Andreas Rhein as Vice President, and Craig Keyser as President. New councilors will be C. K. Liu and Andy Porter. Retiring councilors, Steve Lange and Jeff Miller, were thanked for their service the past three years.

2. Old Business—David LeBlanc, PresidentLife Members

Four candidates for life membership, Harold H. Axen, Adel Z. Hanna, Michael Komanowsky, and Anthony G. Maggi, were recommended to Council for life membership as they had been a paying member of the Association for forty (40) years. Council unanimously approved their life memberships.

3. Convention Items and Meeting with Hotel Staff—

Sarah Drayna

The staff of the Grand Geneva came in and introduced themselves and their positions. The schedule for the convention was reviewed. Room nights well exceeded the contract, so there was no attrition.

Thanks to the efforts the Convention Vice Chair, Lee Lehmand, the budget for advertising and sponsorships combined exceeded their goals.

4. Editor's Report—Robert F. White

Mr. White submitted the following written report:

June 2, 2010

Dear ALCA Officers and Councilors:

New manuscripts submissions during the first 5 months of this year were 26, compared to 25 for the same period of 2009. Manuscript activity for 12-month periods June through May;

	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>
Received	86	58	69
Rejected	27	22	29
Approved	37	28	32
In process (or inactive)	22	8	15

After a very slow fall/winter, manuscript submissions have surged in recent months. At this date this editor has 23 "active" manuscripts (still in the approval or rejection process) including 11 waiting for my initial review to be completed. The most difficult ones are the ones that seem "marginal" for reader interest and compliance with our *Journal* Publication Policy. I sometimes return these manuscripts to authors specifying changes that must be made before I can further consider accepting for peer review. I am now scheduling approved manuscripts for the November 2010 issue of the *Journal*.

Comparisons for the first 5 months of the year;

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total billed pages	228	256	- 11.0
Total Manuscript pages	174	193	- 9.8
Total KSAD billings, \$			- 3.0
F&T Surcharges, \$			- 9.3
Postage costs, \$			+ 6.2

The Editorial Board (EB) experienced reduced participation by a few members for various reasons since the beginning of this year. My recent invitation to prospective new EB members received good response, so I expect to be at full EB compliment by the end of June. Jorge Lisnevsky and David Rabinovich continued to provide timely Spanish translations of the manuscript abstracts.

The ALCA Dell editor computer never satisfactorily recovered from its December 2009 Mal-ware takedown. The expert restoration job made it “functional” but now its far too slow and quirky to reasonable handle *Journal* manuscript management and editing requirements. I am now provisionally using an Office for Mac program on a new personally owned computer.

Our Publisher Link Project (PLP) was completed in 2008 with my recommendation of an outside resource to provide us with an electronic version of *JALCA* as soon as the funding for the initial start-up costs became available. Meanwhile, further time was spent in 2009/2010 evaluating a proposal by our present design/printing resource (KSA&D) for a member/subscriber electronic *Journal* in the form of an Ezine. There have been several examples of this Ezine approach e-mailed to Council as demos. The cost/benefits of the various options continue to be reviewed with the ALCA office and Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. White

Journal Editor

Mr. White was unable to attend this meeting, but he will attend the Sunday morning meeting. Discussion followed regarding the computer for the editor. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that Mr. White be reimbursed \$543 as requested for a portion of his computer purchase as well as upgrading software. It was suggested that it would be helpful if the editor could attend the first council meeting each year at convention, and he will be asked to do so in the future.

Discussion then followed on the electronic journal project. Mr. Stockman passed out several graphs he had prepared which outlined how the project could be funded. Mrs. Adcock was asked to get a quote from the current website host by August 1 before a decision will be made on the electronic journal.

After much discussion about funding the electronic journal and dues, motion was then made, seconded and unanimously passed that current dues of \$130 would entitle members to receive the electronic journal only, but for an additional fee of \$10 a member could also receive a hard copy of the *Journal*.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Editor's Report as written.

5. Technical Committee Reports—Andreas Rhein, Vice President Elect

Mr. Rhein indicated that the technical committees would be giving their reports during the Annual Business Meeting. He also reported that Lori Hyllengren will continue to chair the Research Liaison Committee. All chairs are present with the exception of the Education Chair, Steve Yanek. Mr. Rhein will give that report. One item in Mr. Yanek's report was the inventory on hand of the Leather Facts booklet that accompanies the Correspondence Course. The New England Tanners Club had quoted pricing, and it needed to be reviewed with Council. The pricing was reviewed and Mr. Rhein said he would talk to the NETC about this issue.

One of the goals for the Council is to outline an action plan for each technical committee and how the ALCA interfaces with each committee. We also need to define the benefits of each committee to our membership and encourage members to utilize the service provided by each of these committees. Committees need to be challenged to improve services and products they are offering to the membership; look for ways to increase our members and ask all members to do their part in selling the organization to non members. The President hopes to meet with the LIA, the USHSL and the ERRC regarding linking the Association's goal and their work.

It was suggested that the Uses of Collagen and Its Coproducts Committee might become a sub-committee of the Environmental Committee.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept the Technical Committee Reports.

6. Financial Report—Carol Adcock

The council reviewed the Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2010 as well as the Profit and Loss Statement for the same time period.

The Membership and Subscription Report was also reviewed. The ALCA currently has 385 members consisting of 230 active, 44 active life, 2 active life mutual, 15 active life retired, 22 active mutual, 37 active retired, 33 SLTC, and 2 students. A moment of silence was observed for three members and friends, Thomas H. Goodemote, Aswini Inaganti, and Umberto Sammarco, who had passed since the last annual meeting.

For 2010, 257 paying members contributed \$35,648. There is outstanding approximately \$596 in dues from the SLTC after subtracting the dues of our mutual members.

Subscriptions for 2010 have brought in \$14,875 in fees and \$4,296.75 in postage and handling charges. Discounts have been given in the amount of \$1,170, making a total of subscriptions and postage and handling charges minus discounts in the amount of \$18,001.75. Thirty-two new members have joined ALCA since the last Annual Meeting: thirty active members and two SLTC. The bylaws state, "Any member whose dues are unpaid on April 1st shall be dropped from membership." Accordingly twelve members were dropped from the membership roles for non-payment of their 2010 dues.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Financial Report as presented.

7. Ways and Means Committee

Andreas Rhein, Chair for the Ways and Means Committee, submitted the following written report:

Portfolio Performance

As of June 2, 2010 our Portfolio was valued at \$232,916. For the second quarter of 2010, the Portfolio value declined (\$13,380), for the first half of 2010 the Portfolio gained \$3,093. Some of the initial gain was offset by a loss in Energy (BP -38%) and Financials (BOA -58.7%).

Since 1996, the average annual gain of our Portfolio was 6.8%, and for the last 12 month our Portfolio gained 20.6%

Last week (June 4), we sold 520 shares and purchased 800 shares of another stock with a yield of 6.8%!

The following represents the present Asset Allocation:

Equities	\$ 141,497	(60.8%)
Fixed Income	\$80,433	(34.5%)
Cash & Equivalents	\$10,986	(4.70%)
Total	\$232,916	(100.0%)

The following outlines the diversification of the Portfolio in %:

<u>Equities</u>	
Industrials	14.4
Consumer Staples	12.7
Materials	11.1
Consumer Goods	10.1

Energy	7.5
Telecommunications	3.6
Financials	1.4
<u>Total</u>	60.80%
<u>Fixed Income</u>	34.50%
<u>Cash& Equivalents</u>	4.70%
<u>Total</u>	100.00%

Respectfully Submitted

Andy Rhein

Discussion followed regarding the Association's portfolio. It was felt that the Smith Barney advisor, Greg Cannon, was doing an excellent job.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Ways & Means Committee Report.

8. Future Annual Meetings—Sarah Drayna

The 2011 Annual Meeting will be held at Treasure Resort and Casino at Red Wing, MN, June 9–12, 2011. Sarah Drayna, 2010 and 2011 Convention Chair, reported that she had signed the contract with Treasure Island and got a very good room rate. Discussion followed regarding the golf outing and lack of enough golfers to justify a shotgun tournament. Motion was made, seconded and carried to discontinue a formal golf shotgun tournament. Ms. Drayna is open to booking tee times for those wishing to golf, but there will also be fishing available next year.

9. Committee Appointments—David LeBlanc, President

President LeBlanc announced the following appointments:

2011 Nominating Committee: Steve Yanek (Chair), Steve Lange, Jeff Miller

2011 ALSOP Committee: Gennaro Maffia (Chair), Eleanor Brown, Chris Koelblinger

2011 O'Flaherty Award Committee: Rob Harvey (Chair), Shawn Brown, Roar Solberg

2012 Wilson Selection Committee: Luis Velez (Chair), Mike Bley, Alex Campbell

After a brief discussion, motion was made, seconded, and passed that the above appointments be accepted.

10. Other Business—Stephen S. Yanek, President

Convention Survey

Vice President Keyser recommended that this year's attendees be surveyed about the convention site and technical program.

11. Adjournment

The next Council meeting will be Sunday, June 13, at 9am.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Carol Adcock, Executive Secretary

AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
106TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
GRAND GENEVA RESORT & SPA, LAKE GENEVA, WI
JUNE 12, 2010

President David LeBlanc welcomed Officers, Councilors and Members and called to order the annual business meeting of the 106th annual convention of the American Leather Chemists Association.

1. New Members:

A warm welcome was extended to the 30 new active members who joined the association during the past year along with two new SLTC members. Congratulations were extended to four members, Harold H. Axen, Adel Z. Hanna, Michael Komanowsky, and Anthony G. Maggi, who had met the requirements and were approved for life status.

2. Officers and Council

a. Officer Changes:

At the end of the convention, Craig Keyser moves to President, Andreas Rhein moves to Vice President and congratulations were extended to Steve Gilberg, who will be the new Vice-President Elect.

b. Council Changes and Presentation of Certificates:

Retiring councilors Steve Lange and Jeff Miller were thanked for their service and contributions during the past three years and presented with Certificates of Appreciation. The results of the election were announced and the incoming councilors for 2010–2013 will be ChengKung Liu and Andy Porter. The new councilors were congratulated, and appreciation was extended to Tellers David LeBlanc, Craig Keyser and Goetz Hagen and to the Nominating Committee, Rob Harvey, Chair, Gary Rennerfeldt and Bill Marmer, for their service to the Association.

3. Technical Committee Reports:

Vice President Elect, Andy Rhein, called upon each chair of a technical committee to give their Annual Report:

a. Committee on Methods and Specifications

Nick Latona gave the following report on behalf of Co-Chair Lori Hyllengren and himself:

The methods and specifications committee met at the technical committee meetings at the 106th annual meeting.

Those in attendance were Steven Wren, Lori Hyllengren and myself. Other members of the committee were present, however were attending other technical meetings. As one of the purposes of the committees is to coordinate the development and maintenance of the official test methods and official specifications of the association with the ASTM D31 committee on leather, the ASTM D31 committee met in Wyndmoor, PA in April 2010 at the USDAs ERRC. There are new standard methods for the enumeration of halophilic and proteolytic enzymes in raceways as well for fresh hides and skins. The fat extraction method using hexane or petroleum ether for wet blue and or wet white has been finalized. The test methods for Nitrogen using the Kjeldahl or Keltec has been finalized for wet blue or wet white. The methods currently in development for wet blue and wet white are Atomic absorption spectroscopy methods for chrome, calcium, and fungicides. Once all methods have been balloted and approved for the wet blue subcommittee will work on the specifications for wet blue including chrome, pH, amount of fat, and fungicide. Other concerns of the other subcommittees of ASTM D31 are for vegetable leather there is still no consistent hide powder available in the US. There are new methods for the Thermal conductivity of leather for footwear and a Torsion wire test for glove leather. In development are discussions for a suitable soap replacement for neutral chip soap for the colorfastness and transfer of color in washing of leather, a new flame resistance based on the ALCA E50 method. The next ASTM D31 committee will meet at the LIA Laboratories on October 20–21 in Cincinnati, OH.

Lori Hyllengren reviewed the guidelines for the Randall Rowles Memorial Scholarship and announced that Alejandro Velez, son of member Luis Velez, was the 2010 Rowles Scholarship recipient. Luis Velez was presented with a \$500 check to give his son.

b. Education Committee

Mr. Rhein summarized a written report he had received from Steve Yanek, Chair of the Education Committee, as follows:

There are currently two students actively completing Correspondence Course assignments. Both are approximately 20% complete with the Course and have been making steady progress.

Two certificates of completion were awarded in the fall of 2009. No certificates have been issued in 2010, and none are pending.

Any ALCA member interested in joining the Education Committee are encouraged to contact Steve Yanek.

No other open issues to report at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Yanek

Education Committee

c. Environmental Affairs Committee

Sarah Drayna reported that the main focus of the committee since her becoming chair has been to grow its membership. Several new members had been added to the committee. Ms. Drayna is anxious to have a place on the Association's website for the committee to keep members informed about the activities of the committee as well as an online discussion forum for the committee. Ms. Drayna will also strive to have more direct communication between her committee and the Research Liaison Committee, the Leather Industries of America and the Leather Working Group.

d. Research Liaison Committee

Lori Hyllengren, Interim Chair

Eleanor Brown read the following report from the last meeting of the RLC at the ERRC:

ALCA-RLC meeting April 27–28, 2010.

Attendance was excellent, with all areas of the industry, except meatpackers represented.

Presentations included an update on global trade issues with respect to US hides and leather by Susan Hogan (USHSLA), results of a preliminary study to evaluate the effects different preservation methods by Ed Godsalve (representing hides dealers), an overview of recent collagen utilization projects by Jerry Maffia (Widener University). Each ERRC scientist presented a short summary of current research and brief statement of how their work addresses industry priorities and their anticipated direction in the near future.

Frank Flora, ARS National Program Leader, thanked the group for the support by stakeholders and customers of ERRC research. He then explained the Agency's push toward using competitive grants as a means of supporting ARS research. He acknowledged that no competitive grant opportunities are targeted for some small ARS programs, including the hides

and leather research. He challenged the participants to develop creative ways of supporting this research, CRADAs being one possibility.

Lori Hyllengren led a round table discussion. A general comment was that updates more frequently than once per year would be appreciated. One suggestion was the formation of a stakeholder liaison position or group with a representative for each research area. The use of conference calls or videoconferences will be explored to exchange information and feedback on a more frequent basis.

ERRC researchers thanked the committee for their encouragement and support of ERRC research. They also reminded committee members that while they value their input, and use it in the design of future research plans, resources are limited and not all issues can be addressed.

e. Uses of Collagen and Its Coproducts,

Renee Latona, Chair

Renee Latona gave the following report:

The purpose of this committee is to provide information about potential uses for hide byproducts. This is generally accomplished by inviting speakers to make presentations at the annual meeting. The 2010 John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture's presentation was about collagen research. There were a few other presentations that also discussed collagen research. The committee is open to suggestions for possible speakers for the 2011 annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Latona

4. Committee Appointments:

The By-Laws state: "The composition of the Nominating Committee shall be reported to the membership at the annual meeting, and shall be subject to ratification by the active members there present." This motion was made at the Business meeting and the following members of the 2011 Nominating Committee were approved:

Steve Yanek (Chair), Steve Lange and Jeff Miller

The following committee appointments approved by Council were announced:

2011 O'Flaherty Service Award Committee: Rob Harvey (Chair), Shawn Brown, Roar Solberg

2011 Alsop Award Committee: Gennaro Maffia (Chair), Ellie Brown, Chris Koelblinger

2012 Wilson Memorial Lecture Committee: Luis Velez (Chair), Mike Bley and Alex Campbell

5. Editor's Report: Robert F. White

Mr. White gave the following report:

Author submissions of new manuscripts continued at a rate that enabled us to sustain the monthly publication of four good quality manuscripts per regular issue. The manuscript final acceptance rate for the last 12 months was 58% and I am now scheduling for our December 2010 issue. I want to thank the many presenters at this Annual Convention that have provide me with finalized manuscripts early enough to be promptly published in our September and October issues.

The stricter guidelines for manuscript submission included in our 2009 revised *Journal* Publication Policy have been helpful to authors and for control our budget. I continue to work with Council toward finalizing and implementing an appropriate e-*Journal* strategy.

We proceed with the understanding the a significant number of members/subscribers still seem to want the print *Journal*, so the addition of an electronic version will require, at least initially, some additional funding. Our analysis suggests that conversions from print to e-only will diminish the requirement for additional funding.

I want to recognize our *Journal* Editorial Board for their excellent manuscript peer review work this past year. These are the volunteers that devote a lot of their precious time to assure the quality of our publication: Chris Black, Kenneth Boni, Eleanor Brown, Robert Dudley, Graham Lampard, Cheng-Kung Liu, Edwin Nungesser, David Price, Mila Aldema-Ramos, George Stockman, Brandon Yeomans and Maryann Taylor. I also want to again thank our Spanish translators David Rabinovich Jorge Lisnevsky for their remarkable punctuality.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. White

Journal Editor

Vice President Craig Keyser commented that the *Journal* was respected globally and asked for a round of applause for Editor, Robert F. White.

6. State of the Association:

a. Membership Review:

A total membership of 385 members, of whom 257 are paying members, was announced.

b. Convention Account:

A bar chart was shown indicating the income and expenses for the annual meetings since 2003. The chart reflected a profit for 2009 of almost \$18,000.

c. Convention Attendees:

A review of the attendance for 2010 revealed that 17 tanners representing 11 tanning companies, 41 suppliers representing 20 individual chemical companies and 5 individual equipment companies, 11 research scientists representing 5 organizations, and 7 educators representing 3 universities or technical schools were present. Other attendees included 2 ALCA staff, 1 press, 4 consultants/retirees, and 10 guests for a grand total of 93.

d. Investments:

A bar chart was shown reflecting the portfolio performance since 2002. The chart compared first quarter earnings versus the average portfolio value.

The report was included on the slide, which read as follows:

As of April 30, 2010, our investments were valued at \$246,674. The year-to-date liquid earnings were \$3,932 (\$983/mo). Note in the graphic for program year 2010 that both our First Quarter Earnings and Overall Portfolio Value follow their respective trends since 2002. We feel our investments, money market and recovered funds are well positioned to endure volatility and earnings pressure as we now see in the market.

Mr. Rhein reported further that some stock had been sold but a purchase had been made. He further stated that the gain on the portfolio had averaged 6.8% since 1996.

e. Sponsorship:

This year's meeting had a three level sponsorship program. They were Gold for a donation of \$1,000, Silver for a donation of \$750, and Bronze for a donation of \$500. There were 10 gold, 1 silver, and 8 bronze donors. A list of the specific sponsors for each category was shown. The association is very indebted to the generosity of all the sponsors.

In addition there were 5 exhibitors and 9 program advertisers. Appreciation was also extended to these generous supporters.

7. President LeBlanc reviewed what the Association was doing well and what it needed to work on. The following slide was shown:

- What is ALCA doing well
 - Convention continues to succeed
 - Financially
 - Technical information sharing
 - Networking

- Interface with ERRC
 - Guiding relevant government research
 - Gaining new members
- What is ALCA not doing well
 - Recruiting new ACTIVE members
 - Providing more value than annual convention
 - Communicating to members
 - Making changes through committees

He further stated that the Association needs to involve more tanners.

8. New Business:

a. Website info:

Everyone was reminded to go to the Association's website at www.leatherchemists.org for information about the Association as well as updates on next year's convention.

b. 2011 Annual Meeting:

The Association will host its 107th ALCA Annual Meeting at the Treasure Island Resort and Casino at Red Wing, MN, June 9–12, 2011.

9. 2011 Wilson Lecture:

The 2011 Wilson Lecturer was announced. It will be our own David Rabinovich. His bio was given as follows:

- Born in the Andean town of Medellin, Colombia, he received his primary and most of his second education at the Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana schools in Medellin. He attended the University of California at Berkeley where he received a BS in Chemistry (1962) and San Jose State College where he obtained a Master's in Chemistry in 1965.
- He worked as a tanner in a family business, Andina de Curtidos. He was involved in the founding of ACOLCUR, the Colombian Leather Chemists Association and was on

the board of the CIDI's leather research institute at the Bolivariana.

- From 1993 to 1995 he was in charge of research and development for the Titan tannery in Cali, Colombia. In early 1996 he started working for J.H. Lowenstein & Sons, Brooklyn, NY, traveling mainly to India and Mexico, through 2006. Since 2007 he has been a leather consultant, currently traveling primarily to Latin America for Crupo ABC Leder Andino SA, implementing low pollution processing, with zero sulphide/chrome in the effluents from tannery wet-end processes.
- David is well known by the membership of the ALCA for his lively discussions at technical sessions during the Annual Meetings as well as his contributions to the leather industry all over the world where he is recognized as a problem solver applying results of his deep knowledge of leather science on the everyday tanning processes.

10. In Memory:

There was a moment of silence observed for those members and leather industry colleagues and friends who passed on during the past year:

Thomas H. Goodemote September 17, 2009

Umberto Sammarco April 29, 2010

Aswini Inaganti December 2, 2009

Peter Basel May 20, 2010

11. Adjournment:

President David LeBlanc called for a motion to adjourn the annual business meeting held at the 106th convention of the American Leather Chemists Association. The motion was made and seconded. Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION
GRAND GENEVA RESORT, LAKE GENEVA, WI
JUNE 13, 2010

Present:

Officers: David LeBlanc, Craig Keyser,
 Andreas Rhein

Old Councilors: Mike Bley, Alex Campbell,
 Goetz Hagen, and
 George Stockman

New Councilors: C.K. Liu and Andy Porter

Executive Secretary: Carol Adcock

Convention Chair: Sarah Drayna

Editor: Robert F. White

1. Welcome—David LeBlanc, President

President David LeBlanc called the meeting to order and handed the gavel over to new President, Craig Keyser.

Mr. Keyser welcomed the new ones. New councilors, C.K. Liu and Andy Porter introduced themselves and told a little about their background. Steve Gilberg was welcomed as the new Vice President Elect, but he was unable to attend the meeting. Thanks were extended to councilors leaving office, Steve Lange and Jeff Miller, for their contribution to the ongoing success of the Association. Prayers were asked for Jeff Miller and his family due to the illness of his father.

2. Comments on Purpose, Function and Issues—Craig KeyserVice President/Technical Session Chair

The technical sessions held during the current convention were reviewed. It was felt that the variety of topics was very good.

Vice President Elect/Technical Committees

Each councilor was encouraged to pick a technical committee to be a part of and participate in their meetings. Mr. Rhein encouraged the committees to have a more detailed action plan and to communicate it at least quarterly or every four months to the membership.

The various technical committees were then discussed along with what things needed to be done in each committee. The

Methods and Specifications still have a list of methods not changed into ASTM methods. There needs to be an evaluation if this still needs to be done. The Education Committee needs to look at the curriculum of the correspondence course to see if it needs updating, look for new students, and let tanneries know about the course. Elton Hurlow had told Council about a new program the IULTCS has to give out certificate in professional education. He suggested that a liaison from the Education Committee, namely its Chair, could talk with the IULTCS about this. It might be a way to promote the course as well. The Environmental Affairs Committee needs a discussion forum on the Association's website and to build a network to get across their message. It was reported that the ERRC's website listed their projects along the progress of each. It was suggested that there might be a link to this on the Association's website.

It was also suggested that each technical committee chair email its members who did not attend the convention and inform them about what happened at the convention. Mrs. Adcock will check into getting discussion forums for each technical committee on the Association's website.

The function of the Uses of Collagen Committee was discussed. It was felt that it might be better as a sub-committee of the Environmental Affairs Committee. Its function might be changed to reporting what's new in collagen or current alternative practices. Motion was made, seconded and carried that the Uses of Collagen Committee become a sub-committee of the Environmental Affairs Committee. Sarah Drayna will discuss this with that committee's chair and revise the mission statement of her committee.

President Keyser recommended Ulrich Blank and Dick Waite as the remaining two members of the Randall Rowles Memorial Scholarship Committee. Motion was made, seconded and carried that these recommendations be approved.

The newsletter of the Association was discussed. It was felt that information should be put in the next newsletter about searching abstracts of the *Journal* on our website.

Job descriptions were discussed. It was felt that everyone needed to help in updating their job description before passing it to the next position holder. A new job description needs to be made for the AV coordinator for the convention.

Editor

Bob White reported that the Editorial Board met on Saturday. He has added three new members to the Board, namely, Nicholas Cory, Anton Ela'mma, and Prasad Inaganti. Mr. White brought the new councilors up to speed on the ezine project for the *Journal*. Mr. White had polled the Editorial Board as to how many would continue the hard copy of the *Journal* as opposed to only getting the ezine version. Two indicated they would want the hard copy with 8 indicating the ezine was enough. Protection in passing the ezine version around was then discussed.

After discussion about the ezine, it was felt that it was time to start the process and not wait for another bid. George Stockman made a motion to adapt the proposal by KSA&D for the ezine *Journal*. Motion was seconded by Andy Rhein. A vote was called for, and it passed. Mr. White and Mr. Stockman will proceed to get the ezine up and running as soon as possible so members might preview it before going to it in January of 2011.

Executive Secretary

The duties of the Executive Secretary were discussed with the new councilors to let them know the current procedures of the Association's office.

Ways & Means Committee

Mr. Rhein reported that the investment account was making money. He stated that the Smith Barney consultant, Greg Canon, was very good and on the right track with the account.

As to membership, Mr. Rhein still wants to update the brochure of Why to Join the ALCA and get Dick Peckham to talk to companies about joining the ALCA.

3. Annual Meeting—Sarah Drayna

2010 Convention

A survey will be sent to all attendees before September to evaluate this year's convention.

2011 Convention

The next convention will be held at Treasure Island Resort & Casino in Red Wing, MN, June 9–12, 2011. A contract has been signed.

2012 Convention

A possible site for the 2012 convention might be the north east. It was suggested that we should take a different approach as to the site of the convention and consider where made the most profit.

4. New Business

President Keyser discussed the Association's relationship with the IULTCS and various other leather organizations. It hopes to get a real connection with as many organizations as he can to keep the Association connected in the leather industry.

5. Wrap up/Next Council Meeting

The fall Council meeting will probably be conference calls to be set at a later date.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Carol Adcock, Executive Secretary

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If you have recently completed or will shortly be completing research studies relevant to hide preservation, hide and leather defects, leather manufacturing technology, new product development, tannery equipment development, leather properties and specifications, tannery environmental management, or other related subjects, you are encouraged to present the results of this research at the next annual convention of the Association to be held at Treasure Island Resort, Red Wing, MN, June 9–12, 2011.

Abstracts are preferred via email and must be submitted by **January 31, 2011** to the Chair of the Technical Program:

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Each abstract should begin with the title in capital letters, followed by the authors' names. The name of the speaker should be denoted by an asterisk, and contact information

should be provided that includes an email address. The abstract should be no longer than 300 English words and in the Microsoft Word format. Manuscripts based on the presentation, **in publication-ready form**, are to be sent to the editor in electronic format as an e-mail attachment by **May 15, 2011** (see revised Publication Policy on our website: leatherchemists.org).

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