

## LIFELINES

**Maryann M. Taylor**, see *JALAP* **93**, 328, 1998

**Joseph Lee**, see *JALCA* **100**, 8, 2005

**Lorelie P. Bumanlag**, see *JALCA* **104**, 79, 2009

**Eleanor M. Brown**, see *JALCA* **93**, 328, 1998

**Ono Suparno**, see *JALCA* **105**, 250, 2010

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**Ika A. Kartika** graduated with BSc in Agroindustrial Technology from Bogor Agricultural University (IPB), and with a PhD from ENSIACET, INP de Toulouse-France in Process Engineering. Her academic career included lecturer at the Department of Agroindustrial Technology, Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia. Her research group studies on application of extrusion technology for oilseed transformation has been published in over 10 papers peer reviewed journals and more than 10 publications in conference proceedings.

**Muslich** obtained his master degree in Agroindustrial Technology from Bogor Agricultural University (IPB), Indonesia. Now, he is doing research for his PhD program in the same university. He is developing process to produce vegetable based-brown factice, a special processing aids in rubber industry. He is a lecturer at the Department of Agroindustrial Technology, Bogor Agricultural University.

**Syahrun Mubarak** received a BSc(Hons) in Agricultural Technology from the Department of Agroindustrial Technology, Faculty of Agricultural Technology and Engineering, Bogor Agricultural University (IPB), Indonesia. Currently he is a research assistant in this department. His field of research interest relates to leather tanning and agroindustrial process technology.

**Arife Candas Adıgüzel Zengin** earned her BSc in Leather Technology from Ege University in 2000. She started working as research assistant in Leather Engineering Department in 2001, and she obtained her MSc and Ph.D. degrees in Leather Engineering in 2004 and 2010, respectively. She has been at Aalborg University/Denmark to perform her PhD studies between 2006 and 2007. Her fields of interests include enzyme production and applications in leather engineering, biotechnology, cleaner processing methods for leather, and leather processing technologies.

**Behzat Oral Bitlisli** was born in Manisa-Turkey in 1969. He received all of his degrees from Ege University, Leather Technology Department of Agriculture Faculty. He gained BSc in 1990 and MSc in 1993. He completed his PhD thesis "Investigations On The Ways of Using Natural Grease Obtained From Degreasing Float For Leather Fatliquoring" in 1999. He has published 25 articles on topics such as leather quality, process technologies, waste utilization, leather and shoe industries. He is Associate Professor in the Leather Engineering Department of Faculty of Engineering at Ege University in Turkey.

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**Emel Aslan**, graduated from Department of Biology, Ataturk Faculty of Education, Marmara University, Türkiye in 2007. She received her M.Sc. degree in Biology in 2009 from Marmara University. Emel Aslan is Graduate student (PhD) at University of Waterloo, Department of Biology. Her research experience is in hide microbiology. Also see *JALCA* **106**, 239, 2011.

**Meral Birber**, received a bachelor's degree in biology education in 1985, M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in 1997 and 1997, respectively from Department of Biology, Marmara University. She worked as a research and teaching assistant from 1985 to 1993 at Biology Department of Marmara University. She was

a visiting research scientist in Department of Pathology and Microbiology, Veterinary Medical School, Purdue University in 1990. She was a research scientist in Hides and Leather Department of USDA from 1992 to 1993. Meral Birbir has been working as a Professor of the Division of Plant Diseases and Microbiology, Department of Biology, Faculty of Science and Letters, Marmara University since 2004. Her research interests are in halophilic bacteria, hide microbiology, food microbiology, antimicrobial agents, electric current application

and microbiology of hypersaline environment. Professor Birbir especially focused on halophilic and non-halophilic bacteria that live on salted hides and their control with antimicrobials or electric current. She has published 49 research articles and graduated 27 masters and one doctorate students. She presented 42 oral or poster presentations in national and international congress. She has completed 22 scientific projects. Also see *JALCA* **105**, 342, 2010

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**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**FOR THE 108TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE**  
**AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION**  
**Grandover Resort and Conference, Greensboro, NC**  
**June 7 -10, 2012**

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 the Grandover Resort and Conference Center June, 7 - 10, 2012.

Abstracts are preferred via e-mail and must be submitted by **January 31, 2012** to the Chair of the Technical Program:

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 Bolton, Ontario L7E 5T4, Canada  
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Each abstract should begin with the title in capital letters, followed by the authors' names. An asterisk should denote the name of the speaker, and contact information should be

provided that includes an e-mail 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, 2012** (for details refer to our Publication Policy on our website: leatherchemists.org):

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Presentations at the convention will be limited to 25 minutes. In accordance with the Association Bylaws, papers covering such presentations are to be submitted to the *Journal of the American Leather Chemists Association* for publication consideration. Those papers are not to be published elsewhere, other than in abstract form, without permission of the *Journal* Editor, Robert F. White. (E-mail: jalcaeditor@prodigy.net)

**COUNCIL CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES**  
**AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION**  
**TREASURE ISLAND RESORT, RED WING, MN**  
**October 11, 2011 • 10 am Eastern/ 9 am Central Standard Time**

Present

Officers: Andreas Rhein, Steven Gilberg,  
and Steve Lange

Councilors: Sarah Drayna and Andy Porter

Executive Secretary: Carol Adcock

**1. Welcome.** President Andy Rhein called the meeting to order. A special welcome was given to new VP Elect, Steve Lange, and new councilors, Sarah Drayna and John Rodden. Councilors Alex Campbell and C.K. Liu previously indicated that would be unable to participate in the call. Councilors Mike Bley and John Rodden also did not participate along with Convention Chair, Lee Lehman.

**2. Minutes.** The minutes of the June 9 and 12, 2011 meetings and 2011 Annual Business Meeting were previously approved via email.

**3. Financial Reports – Carol Adcock**  
2011 Annual Meeting Recap

The Council reviewed the Income and Expenses from the 107th ALCA Annual Meeting. A net profit of \$35,226 was realized. Sarah Drayna, Convention Chair, was commended for the tremendous financial success of the convention. Lee Lehman, Convention Vice Chair, was also commended for the sponsorship program's success. The attendance as well as a recap of the John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture expenses was reviewed. The Association should receive reimbursement on the Wilson Lecture soon. From comments received, the venue for the 2011 convention was very popular with the membership.

Mrs. Adcock reported that the main income for the Association between now and the end of the year will be for directory advertising. She is in the process of soliciting all past advertisers as well as some new ones and hopes to get the directory to the printer during the month of October.

Journal advertising was then discussed. Two on Council thought they might have leads for new advertisers for the inside back cover. Mrs. Adcock will email them the rates for advertising and follow up on this.

Mrs. Adcock indicated that she would be researching the cost of software for voting electronically since there are still funds in the budget for the website. When this is obtained, she will forward it to Council for their approval before expending the monies.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the 2011 Annual Meeting Financial Report.

**Year to Date Financial Reports**

Council reviewed the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet through September 30, 2011 as well as a Budget vs. Actual report through the same time period. Mrs. Adcock indicated that the reports did not include the September statement for the Smith Barney account as it had not been received. It is anticipated that the investment account will show a marked decrease in value due to a decline in the stock market. President Rhein will report further on this during the Ways & Means Committee report.

The Membership Breakdown as well as a dues and subscriptions breakdown for 2012 was handed out and reflected the following:

205 Active, 42 Active Life, 3 Active Life Mutual, 19 Active Life Retired, 20 Active Mutual, 32 Active Retired, 2 Students, and 34 SLTC along with 2 SLTC Students, for a total of 359 members. Out of the above membership that is anticipated for 2012, dues will be collected from 226 paying members, excluding the dues that will be collected from the SLTC members. There are 81 subscriptions that will be invoiced for renewal for 2012.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Financial Reports as submitted.

A rough draft of the 2012 Convention Budget as well as the Association's 2012 Budget was reviewed. Mrs. Adcock was asked to disconnect from the call for a few minutes while Council reviewed her salary. It was recommended that Mrs. Adcock's salary be increased by 3%. Discussion followed regarding insurance for Mrs. Adcock. President Rhein will do some research on this matter. Council tabled both budgets until Mr. Lehman submits his budget as it is also contained within the budget of the Association. Mrs. Adcock was asked to email Mr. Lehman and give him a deadline of October 19 to submit his budget.

After the conference call, Council was submitted both the 2012 Convention Budget as well as the Association's Budget. Both were unanimously approved via email. The Association's 2012 Budget is attached.

**4. 2012 Update of Annual Convention.** In the absence of Mr. Lehman, the specifics about the 2012 convention were tabled until he could be present. The following were discussed:

**Technical Program – Steve Gilberg, Chair**

Discussion followed about the length of each presentation. It was decided that the length given for a presentation would depend on the content of the presentation. More commercially oriented presentations would be given less time than a regular scientific research presentation. The length of each presentation will be at the discretion of the Program Chair, Mr. Gilberg. An overall theme for the technical program was discussed. Mr. Gilberg will assemble an outline for topics he wishes to be covered during each session and submitted to Council in the next few weeks. Machine representatives will be encouraged to attend the entire meeting and either become a sponsor of the convention or pay for an exhibit table.

**Wilson Lecture – Susan Steele, Chair**

Mrs. Steele has indicated that the Wilson Lecture is on track for 2012. She will be asked to contact Dr. Covington about his topic and see if there is a possibility of his topic relating to the overall theme of the convention. Mrs. Steele is also the Chair for the 2012 Wilson Lecture and is in the process of assembling names for potential lecturers.

**Alsop Award – Doug Morrison, Chair**

The Alsop recipient for 2012 has already been recommended and approved by Council.

**O’Flaherty Award – Bill Marmer, Chair**

The committee is in the process of making a list of potential candidates for the award. They should be able to finalize this process and recommend a candidate within the next few weeks.

**2013 Convention Site**

Council was asked to email Mr. Lehman of potential locations for the 2013 convention so he can proceed in locating a site.

After the conference call, the name of Steve Yanek was recommended as 2012 Convention Vice Chair. Council unanimously approved his appointment via email.

**5. Editor’s written report (Bob White)**

October 7, 2011

Dear ALCA Officers and Councilors:

**Editor’s Report**

New manuscripts submissions during the first 9 months slowed compared to the surge for the same period last year:

	Received	Rejected	Approved	In process
9 months 2011	50	18	20	12
9 months 2011	80	32	26	22

Annual submissions have been in the range of 80 to 85 in recent years. The rejection rate is slightly lower this year. I am now scheduling manuscripts for our February 2012 issue. Eleven manuscripts are now in the review process with our editorial board.

Six manuscripts from our 107th Annual Meeting, June 2011, have or will be published by February 2012. Continuing to receive publishable manuscripts from our Annual Meetings is a vital component of a successful *JALCA*!

David Price retired from our Editorial Board (EB) after many years of diligent service. We now have 13 active EB reviewers, a number that enables a well-balanced review schedule of 5-8 manuscripts per year for each reviewer. Jorge Lisnevsky and David Rabinovich continue to provide timely Spanish translations of the manuscript abstracts.

We are meeting our goal of uploading the *e-Journal* on the first day of the month, with thanks for the timely production process provided by KSA&D. I expect to publish 46 manuscripts this year (two more than last year); but with an efficiency driven *Journal* page count of as much as 10 percent less than last year. The additional monthly ezine fee this year could be more than offset by the savings from our *e-Journal* strategy, resulting in a modest reduction in *JALCA* costs this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert F. White  
*Journal* Editor

After discussion, motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the Editor’s Report as written.

**6. Ways and Means Committee Report – Andy Rhein**  
Portfolio Performance

As of October 7, 2011 our Portfolio was valued at \$230,358. For the 3 quarters of 2011, the Portfolio value decreased \$37,327. The recent economic difficulties around the globe have erased the gains for the first half of 2011.

The following represents the present Asset Allocation:

Stocks	\$ 162,079	(70.36%)
Preferred Stocks	\$29,394	(12.76%)
Closed End Funds	\$17,438	(7.57%)
Unit Trust	\$ 20,963	(9.10%)
Money Funds	\$ 484	(0.21%)
Total	\$ 230,358	(100.0%)

The following outlines the diversification of the Portfolio in %:

Industrials	23.0
Materials	17.3
Consumer Goods	11.7
Energy	21.8
Telecommunications	13.6
Financials	1.1
Others	11.5
Total	100.0%
Equities	79.5%
Fixed Income	20.3%
Cash & Equivalent	0.20%
Total	100.00%

Respectfully Submitted

Andreas Rhein

Discussion followed regarding the stock market. President Rhein felt things would start to increase by the end of the year or early next year.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the Ways & Means Report as written.

#### **7. Technical Committee Report – Steve Lange, Chair**

Mr. Lange said that the Methods and Specifications Committee reported that the ASTM D13 Committee will meet October 19 and 20.

The Research Liaison Committee is scheduled to meet on April 24 and 25, 2012 at the USDA with ASTM D13 Committee meeting afterwards on April 25 and April 26, 2012 at the same location.

Mrs. Drayna reported that the Environmental Affairs Committee had not met since the convention.

Mr. Lange reported that the Education Committee had a new chair, Mainul Haque. He further reported that one person had completed the course, one was in process of completing the course, and 5 new students had been received since the June convention. Discussion followed regarding the updating of the course. It was noted that four units, namely 6, 9, 16 and 20, need to be revised so there are no discussion questions. Council was reminded that Dr. Anthony Covington and David Rabinovich volunteered to help the Education Committee with these revisions.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to unanimously approve the Technical Committee Reports.

#### **8. Nominating Committee Report – Craig Keyser, Chair**

Mr. Keyser did not have a formal report at this time, but he is in the process of making a list of potential candidates for VP Elect and four persons to run for Councilor. He is to have the recommendations to Council by the end of the year.

#### **9. Old Business**

It was reiterated that the most pressing items for the attention of the Association are finding volunteers for the VP Elect position and the Convention Vice Chair for 2012 along with an advertiser for the inside back cover of the Journal.

#### **10. New Business**

No new business was brought to the attention of Council.

#### **11. Location and Date of Next Council Meeting**

It was suggested that the next council meeting should also be a conference call, to be held early March, 2012. Everyone will be polled after the first of the year to set a date.

There being no further business before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Adcock, Executive Secretary

**The American Leather Chemists Association  
2012 Budget  
Approved November 8, 2011**

**Income:**

Advertising	\$24,500.00
Copyright Income	1,000.00
Correspondence Course	1,625.00
Dues	35,000.00
Postage & Handling	5,500.00
Reprints/Articles	500.00
Subscriptions	14,565.00
Registration	24,000.00
Sponsors, Advertising & Exhibitors	21,650.00
Interest	1,100.00
Dividend	<u>10,900.00</u>

**Total Income****\$140,340.00****Expenses:**

Bank Wire fee	200.00
Bank Service Charges	100.00
Copyright	420.00
Communication Expenses	
Website	1,500.00
Fax	700.00
Telephone	750.00
Credit Card Processing Fees	3,600.00
Discounts Given	2,700.00
Dues & Subscriptions	720.00
Ezine Journal Monthly Fee	7,140.00
Insurance Expense	
Businessowners Coverage	565.00
Employee Dishonesty	306.00
Worker's Compensation	298.00
License, Fees, and Permits	25.00
Office Expenses: Supplies	1,500.00
Office Expenses: Postage	9,800.00
Office Expenses: Printing & Reproduction	32,400.00
Office Expenses: Rent	8,100.00
Payroll Expenses	
Gross Wages	42,436.00
FICA	2,631.03
Medicare	615.32
Professional Fees	
Accounting	4,400.00
Editor	13,200.00
Meetings	500.00
Membership Development	20,500.00
Rowles Scholarship Fund	<u>500.00</u>

**Total Expenses****\$155,606.35****NET INCOME/LOSS****(\$ 15,266.35)**