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Jaya Prakash Alla, see *JALCA* **109**, 431, 2014

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N. Nishad Fathima, see *JALCA* **98**, 263, 2003

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J. Raghava Rao, see *JALCA* **93**, 156, 1998

Mohammed Hussien Seid, see *JALCA* **109**, 170, 2014

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B. Madhan, see *JALCA* **96**, 120, 2001

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

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

Nicholas P. Latona, see *JALCA* **96**, 401, 2001

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

Cheng-Kung Liu, see *JALCA* **94**, 158, 1999

Guilherme P. S. Priebe, see *JALCA* **112**(1), 2017

Mariliz Gutterres, see *JALCA* **112**(1), 2017



Call For Papers
for the 113th Annual Convention of the
American Leather Chemists Association
Pinehurst Resort, Village of Pinehurst, NC
June 13-16, 2017

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 Pinehurst Resort Village of Pinehurst, NC, June 13-16, 2017.

Abstracts are due by April 1, 2017.

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They are to be submitted by e-mail to the ALCA Vice-President and Chair of the Technical Program:

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The 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.

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Council Conference Call Minutes

American Leather Chemists Association

Fall Council Meeting

November 7, 2016

Present

Officers: David Peters, Mike Bley
 Council Members: Shawn Brown, Joe Hoefler,
 Jeff Miller, Beat Schelling
 Executive Secretary: Carol Adcock

1. Welcome.

President David Peters called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their time. Councilors Andy Rhein and Katie Thudium were unable to participate in the call. It was determined that a quorum was present.

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the June 22 and 24, 2016 meetings and 2016 Annual Business Meeting were previously approved via email.

3. 2017 Update of Annual Convention.

Carol Adcock made the following report regarding the 2017 Annual Convention preparations in the absence of Lee Lehman:

Contract Provisions

The 2017 site will be Pinehurst Resort, June 13-16. Our deposit of \$5,000 was March 21, 2016. All reserved rooms are in the Carolina Hotel. The rates will be as follows:

Single \$427.09 per person, per night, inclusive
 Double \$283.43 per person, per night, inclusive

Rates quoted are per person, per night, and include lodging, breakfast, lunch, dinner, all taxes and resort service fees. Package begins with lunch on day of arrival and ending with breakfast on day of departure.

The rates for early arrival, June 12-13, 2017, are as follows:

Single \$239 per person, per night
 Double \$189 per person, per night

Rates for early arrival include accommodation only.

Schedule

The tentative schedule for the convention was previously emailed to Council. Buckman has generously volunteered to send Larry Shaver and his golf analyzer again for 2017. He will do this on Wednesday evening, June 14.

Entertainment

We are scheduling the Chipping into the Fountain Contest and Nite Light Putting Contest again for 2017.

Sponsorship Campaign – Sarah Drayna

Ms. Drayna was unable to participate in the conference call, but she submitted her written report prior to the meeting. A new Convention Sponsorship Campaign has been put together. There will be increases all across the board on all levels. Council was emailed the new campaign prior to the meeting. Discussion was held regarding the new rates. It was noted that it is a very ambitious goal. All of Council was encouraged to solicit three new sponsors the 2017. Mrs. Adcock was asked to email Council a list of the usual supporters of the convention. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that the 2017 new Convention Sponsorship Campaign be accepted as written.

Sports Coordinator

Mr. Lehman has a couple of names in mind for Sports Coordinator for the 2017 Annual Convention that he contacted after the meeting. Council was emailed the name of Shawn Brown for Sports Coordinator and he was unanimously approved. Mr. Brown has already agreed to serve in such position.

Social Coordinator

It was felt that it would be good to have a Social Coordinator for 2017 to coordinate activities for non-golfers on the two afternoons we are free. Mr. Lehman will ask someone to fill that position.

Proposed Budget

A proposed budget for the 2017 convention was emailed to Council for their review. It was reviewed during the call. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve such budget as presented.

AV Person

Mr. Lehman will contact someone about being the AV Coordinator for 2017.

Technical Program – Mike Bley, Chair

Mr. Bley reported that he had approximately 6 oral commitments to present at the 2017 convention. Mr. Peters gave him the name of three more persons wanting to present. Mr. Bley will email

each councilor to get the name of a potential speaker. There are at least 19 slots for presentations on the current schedule.

Wilson Lecture – Andy Rhein, Chair

The Wilson Lecture will be given by Federico Brungnoli, CEO of SPIN360 and COO of Snythesis. It is on track for 2017. Both his photo and bio have been posted on the Association’s website as well as the tentative title for the presentation which is “Sustainability in the Leather Value Chain: Global Overview, Regional and Sectoral Peculiarities.”

Alsop Award – Nick Latona, Chair

The 2017 recipient of the Alsop Award has already been approved by Council.

O’Flaherty Service Award – Beat Schelling, Chair

The 2017 recipient of the O’Flaherty Service Award has already been approved by Council.

2018 Convention Site

Mrs. Drayna gave a written report prior to the meeting that she was looking at 3 sites in the Milwaukee/Chicago area for the 2018 convention. The date she is looking at is June 17-21, 2018. The sites are Eaglewood Resort, Grand Geneva and Kohler. It is unlikely that the Kohler is an option since the room alone is the same cost as this year’s full package. She is still waiting for the proposal from the Grand Geneva before she submits her final recommendation for the site. She is open to other ideas if Council has any recommendations. She does believe the Eaglewood will be a really good option.

Discussion followed about additional sites for the 2018 convention. It was felt that Milwaukee itself would be a good venue for the convention. It was noted that it was held in Milwaukee in 2006 at the Hyatt Regency. Mr. Peters will contact Ms. Drayna about this idea.

2018 Wilson Lecture – Alex Campbell, Chair

Prior to this meeting, the 2018 John Arthur Wilson Selection Committee submitted their recommendation for the 2018 lecture. It was approved and the committee will proceed to see if the candidate will accept the award.

4. Financial Reports – Carol Adcock

2016 Annual Convention Recap

The Council reviewed the Income and Expenses from the 112th ALCA Annual Convention. A net profit of \$31,714 was realized. Doug Morrison was commended for the financial success of the convention. The attendance as well as a recap of the John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture expenses was reviewed. It was felt that the lower cost of the accommodations might have aided in the huge financial success of the convention.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the 2016 Annual Convention Financial Report.

Year to Date Financial Reports

Council reviewed the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet through October 31, 2016 as well as a Budget vs. Actual report through the same time period. It was noted that the financials did not include the investment account through October as that statement had not been received.

The Membership Breakdown as of October 31, 2016 as well as a dues and subscriptions breakdown for 2017 was handed out and reflected the following:

158 Active, 47 Active Life, 4 Active Life Mutual, 20 Active Life Retired, 17 Active Mutual, 42 Active Retired, 3 Students, and 37 SLTC along with 4 SLTC Students, for a total of 332 members. Out of the above membership that is anticipated for 2017, dues will be collected from 181 paying members, excluding the dues that will be collected from the SLTC members. There are 64 subscriptions that will be invoiced for renewal for 2017.

Mrs. Adcock noted that all 8 advertisers in the Journal for 2016 have been contacted to advertise again in 2017. To date 5 have already committed to advertise again in 2017. She is hopeful the rest will also advertise again.

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

A rough draft of the 2017 Association Budget was reviewed. Discussion was held with a motion being made, seconded and carried to approve the 2017 proposed Association budget which is attached to these minutes.

5. Editor’s written report (Bob White)

November 3 2016

Dear ALCA Officers and Councilors:

Editor’s Report

The following compares new manuscript submissions and their disposition/status during the first 10 months of the most recent three years:

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Rejected</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>In process</u>
2016	74	34	24	16
2015	81	35	26	20
2014	63	24	19	20

Receipt of new manuscripts moderated this YTD but at a level that, even with a high rejection rate, comfortably sustains our four quality manuscripts ever month. I am now scheduling most recent approvals into the March 2017 issue.

I am more frequently writing critiques with rejection notes so as not to discourage promising authors. I am also “kicking-back” more otherwise acceptable manuscripts for author pre-editing (usually English, formatting F&T and References) before submitting to review. I continue to look for 1-2 more Editorial Board volunteers that are expert in wet end organic/collagen chemistry.

I met with the four *Journal* involved staff of our publishing resource, KSA&D, Inc., Allentown, PA, last month mostly about fine-tuning our format changes and joint production processes.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert F. White
Journal Editor

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

It was reported that there had been several emails between the Editor, David Peters and J. Raghava Rao. Dr. Rao was recently given a cake by his employer, the Central Leather Research Institute in India, for having published 100 articles in *JALCA*. It was felt that his accomplishment along with all the other authors who have contributed so many articles to our *Journal* should be recognized at the 2017 convention. Joe Hoefler volunteered to organize this recognition.

6. Ways and Means Committee Report – Andy Rhein

Mr. Rhein was out of the country and unable to submit a Ways & Means Report prior to the meeting. He submitted his report after the meeting as follows:

As of November 30, 2016 our Portfolio was valued at \$184,354. For the year, the Portfolio value increased \$8,119.

The following represents the present Asset Allocation Detail:

Cash	\$ 1,228.19	.67%
Fixed Income	\$77,597.39	42.09%
Equities	\$93,913.12	50.94%
Alternative	<u>\$11,615.50</u>	<u>6.30%</u>
Total	\$184,354.20	100.0%

Respectfully Submitted
Andreas Rhein

After the meeting the above report was emailed to Council and was approved.

7. Technical Committee Report – Beat Schelling

Mr. Schelling will contact the technical committees as well as sub-committees to see if they are functioning and email his findings to Council. He reported that his talks with Steve Lange about the merger of the Leather Technology Correspondence Course with University of Cincinnati are still ongoing but moving very slowly. He hopes to have more on this subject later.

8. Nominating Committee Report – Sarah Drayna, Chair

Ms. Drayna and her committee have been working on obtaining a Slate of Candidates for 2017 consisting of four Councilor candidates. They hope to have all candidates by the end of the year.

9. Old Business – David Peters

Discussion followed on the 8 proposed Mission Statements that were sent to Council prior to the meeting. It was felt that a combination of number 5 and 7 was the direction Council wanted to proceed with this project. Mr. Peters will refine the wording and get back with the entire Council for approval of a final version.

10. New Business

No new business came before Council.

11. Location and Date of Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be a conference call regarding an update on the 2017 convention technical program on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 2 pm EST/1 pm CST.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Adcock, Executive Secretary

The American Leather Chemists Association
2017 Budget
Approved November 7, 2016

Income:

Advertising	\$28,600.00
Copyright Income	1,000.00
Correspondence Course	1,000.00
Dues	39,500.00
Postage & Handling	4,850.00
Reprints/Articles	500.00
Subscriptions	12,000.00
Registration	21,125.00
Sponsorships	33,000.00
Dividend	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$151,575.00

Expenses:

Bank Wire fee	200.00
Bank Service Charges	50.00
Copyright	660.00
Communication Expenses	
Website	1,000.00
Fax	130.00
Telephone	1,000.00
Credit Card Processing Fees	3,000.00
Discounts Given	2,100.00
Dues & Subscriptions	480.00
Ezine Journal Monthly Fee	7,140.00

Insurance Expense

Businessowners Coverage	501.00
Employee Dishonesty	191.00
Worker's Compensation	370.00
License, Fees, and Permits	25.00
Lollar Prize Paper Award	1,000.00
Office Expenses: Supplies	1,500.00
Office Expenses: Postage	5,200.00
Office Expenses: Printing & Reproduction	33,125.00
Office Expenses: Rent	8,100.00
Payroll Expenses	
Gross Wages	47,280.00
FICA	2,931.36
Medicare	685.56
Professional Fees	
Accounting	1,200.00
Editor	15,600.00
Membership Development	25,000.00
Rowles Scholarship Fund	<u>500.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$158,968.92
NET INCOME/LOSS	(\$ 7,393.92)

Council Conference Call Minutes

American Leather Chemists Association

January 4, 2017

Present

Officers: David Peters, Mike Bley
 Council Members: Shawn Brown, Joe Hoefler,
 Jeff Miller, Andy Rhein,
 Beat Schelling, Katie Thudium
 Executive Secretary: Carol Adcock

1. Welcome.

President David Peters called the meeting to order.

2. Updates.

2017 Robert M. Lollar Prize Paper Award

Mrs. Adcock reported that she received notice on December 19 that the recipient of the 2017 award would not be able to attend the IULTCS Congress in India this February. Discussion followed about the award and if it should be offered to the second runner up on the committee's list. It was decided that it was too late to offer the award to another person. It was suggested that the funds for the award be rolled over and included in the 2019 award. Council agreed on this suggestion. Mr. Peters will contact the LIA to see if they are willing to also roll over their part of the award to the 2019 award, making it double the amount.

2017 Slate of Candidates

The Nominating Committee has two firm candidates for the 2017 election. They are waiting to hear back from two others. They hope to have all four candidates for Council approval by the end of January.

2018 Annual Convention

Grand Geneva does not offer the American Plan so they have not submitted a proposal for the 2018 convention. Mrs. Drayna is still working with them to see if they could include meals and give a proposal. She already has a proposal from Eaglewood Resort. She is in the process of obtaining proposals from two hotels in Milwaukee and hopes to have this finalized by the end of January. The dates she is looking at for the convention is June 19-21, 2018. It would start on a Tuesday night with the opening reception, then two full days of papers on Wednesday and Thursday ending with the banquet on Thursday evening and departure on Friday morning. Council agreed that what Mrs. Drayna was working on should be enough.

2017 Annual Convention Technical Program

Mike Bley reported that he has 9 fairly firm presentations and 3 possible ones. He quickly reviewed the list with Council so Councilors would know who has been contacted. He will compile the list and send it out to Council via email. Several councilors indicated they are waiting for people to reply back to them about presenting. Council was reminded that there is a new sponsorship campaign for 2017 and asked to encourage their companies to support the convention.

Mission Statement

Council was reminded that an email vote had been taken approving a new mission statement, namely, the following:

The leather industry's technical center for prospective development founded on a platform of peer review and discussion.

It was decided that this new statement should be put on the Association's website as well as on the cover of the Journal.

3. Leather Technology Correspondence Course

Mr. Peters received an inquiry from Steve Lange of the Leather Research Laboratory at the University of Cincinnati. He asked if it would be acceptable to the ALCA to incorporate the text of the current ALCA correspondence course into the four week course they are doing at the USDA. Discussion followed. It was felt that a fee per student should be charged for using the ALCA course. Mr. Peters will check with Mr. Lange and get more particulars on his course and how the ALCA course would be used. He will report back to Council about this later.

4. 2017 Association Budget

Mr. Rhein was unable to attend the last conference call of Council. In looking over the minutes of the meeting, he noticed there was no discussion about a cost of living raise for the Executive Secretary. As a past president of the Association, he felt that this was an oversight and should have been discussed at the last meeting. It was agreed that Council will discuss this outside the presence of Mrs. Adcock and would like the input of Sarah Drayna as past president of the Association.

5. Technical Committee

Mr. Schelling reported that after the last Council meeting he emailed all subcommittee chairs for an update on their activities. He only received a reply from Eleanor Brown that she was no longer in leather. Mr. Schelling reminded council that his term as Councilor will be ending in June of this year and he would like help with the technical subcommittees. It was felt that an evaluation needed to be conducted on the subcommittees by a small group. David Peters, Beat Schelling and Andy Rhein will do such evaluation and report back to Council.

6. Location and Date of Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be the regular spring conference call in March. Dates will be presented later.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Adcock, Executive Secretary

Few people realize that Leather Making is the world's oldest manufacturing process, thus the world's oldest industry. Tanning—the process of converting hides and skins into leather—is also the world's first science.

Also, because of the pure craftsmanship involved, tanning may well be the world's first art form.

Anyone who doubts that a
sheepskin has up to 30,000
fibers per square inch has
only to count them.

NOTHING TAKES THE
PLACE OF LEATHER

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