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Tox Talk

Newsletter



News for and about Members of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Society of Forensic Toxicologists enters its second decade with its membership expanding and its role in the professional recognition of forensic toxicology established. We have seen the development of a Board certification and requalification process, the institution of an Education Award with its second recipient just selected and a series of successful annual meetings. This year's goal is to solidify the administrative processes required for the smooth and effective operation of the organization.

In our name, emphasis is on the final word Toxicologists. We are an organization of professionals rather than merely a professional organization. It is time for more members to take an active part in our meetings and activities. Our next meeting in Chicago promises to be an exciting one with a full 3 day program of scheduled papers, open forum discussions and special symposia. Please consider sharing your research and cases with your colleagues.

This year SOFT is making an active effort to increase its membership to include all of those engaged in forensic toxicology. Members are urged to make our Society known to other toxicologists. Please contact Everett Solomons for descriptive brochures and membership applications.

The following members have been appointed to serve on committees for 1981. I wish to take this opportunity to thank them for their help and look forward to a productive year.

COMMITTEES

Membership

*H. Horton McCurdy
Robert Eberhardt
Rosemary Alstott

Grants and Endowments

*Raymond Bath
Robert Simon
C. Nicholas Hodnett

Bylaws

*Kurt Dubowski
Joseph Monforte
Thomas Rejent

Education

*Vincent Lynch
Jesse Bidanset
Yale Caplan

ANNUAL MEETING 1981

Do you have a desire to better understand the application of toxicology/ pharmacology as it applies to forensic medicine of today? You are cordially invited to meet with others possessing the same interest at the 11th Annual Meeting of the Society of Forensic Toxicology in Chicago, Illinois.

When

November 4-6, 1981

Where

Ramada, The O'Hare Inn

Topics for Discussion

The Challenges of Toxicology
The Drug scene, et al.
Is that level lethal or therapeutic?
It isn't all drugs anymore.
Environmental Problems and the Role of the Toxicologist
Comparative Methods of Trace Metal Analysis
Current Analytical Techniques in Toxicology
Instrumentation of the Future

Round Table/Open Forum

Discussions?
Problems?
Assistance?
Suggestions?

Workshops

Areas of Need

Plan to Present a Paper!!

Deadline for Abstracts is August 1, 1981

Send abstracts to:

Eleanor Berman, Ph.D.
Division of Biochemistry
Cook County Hospital
1835 West Harrison Street
Chicago, Illinois 60612

CHANGE IN MEETING SITE FOR 1982

Because both the SOFT and AAFS were scheduled for the same area of Florida within seven months of each other, the Board of Directors has, on the suggestion of Len Bednarczyk, changed the meeting site to Virginia for 1982.



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EDITORIAL

Sorry for the long news "blackout". This issue contains minutes from the last three regular and Board of Director meetings, which should bring you up to date on what's happened. You have all received mailings from Eleanor Berman concerning the Chicago meeting and an October issue of Tox Talk will contain program information concerning that meeting, nominating committee reports, proposed budgets, etc. Please keep this issue since minutes of the Annual meeting will not be republished. I wish to acknowledge the work of Everett Solomons and co-workers for their efforts in up-dating the mailing list. Their efforts to put together a registry are enormously helpful to our new Treasurer, Membership committee and Newsletter editor.

Other places in this newsletter you will find my pleadings concerning contribution to Tox Talk that are other than Executive board and other official matters. I welcome all contributions and would particularly like to see an expanded job opportunity section and a technical section where applications notes can be presented in a less formal format. Share your interesting cases and solutions with fellow forensic toxicologists.

The next issue will be distributed 30 days prior to the meeting date so that deadline for new material is September 15, 1981. Looking forward to your contribution.



Those attending a recent Board of Directors meeting include: in the back row, Arthur McBay, Leonard Bednarczyk, Yale Caplan, Joseph Monforte, and Randall Baselt and seated, Everett Solomons, Leo Dal Cortivo, Thomas Rejent, James Valentour, Joseph Balkon and Jesse Bidanset

SOCIETY OF FORENSIC TOXICOLOGISTS, INC.
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CENTRE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES (CONFERENCE ROOM)
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA
SEPTEMBER 30, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by President Leonard Bednarczyk. Those present were L. Bednarczyk, President; Y. Caplan, Vice-President; J. Balkon, Treasurer; E. Solomons, Secretary; T. Rejent, immediate Past President; Members of the Board of Directors: R. Baselt, L. Dal Cortivo, A. McBay, J. Monforte, J. Valentour; and Tox Talk Newsletter Editor . Bidanset.

The agenda was largely that of the Administrative Officers Board Meeting in Baltimore on July 18 at which a number of proposals were made which required final discussion and approval or disapproval.

CONSTITUTIONALITY OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS MEETING:

A question was raised as to the constitutionality of having an Administrative Officers Meeting (as opposed to a full Board of Directors Meeting). After discussion it was the consensus that: In those circumstances in which pressing business matters make it imperative to have an interim business meeting and the treasury cannot withstand the expense of a full Board Meeting, the President should have authority to call an Administrative Officers Meeting. However, it must be recognized that only proposals may be adopted since no final decisions without the approval of the Board may be made.

VOTING OF NON-MEMBERS AT THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:

Pres. L. Bednarczyk expressed concern regarding the possibility that non-members had participated in voting at the annual business meeting. It was generally agreed that this problem would be best alleviated by announcing immediately prior to balloting that only full members are allowed to vote and then simply rely upon the honor system.

MEMBERSHIP:

At the officers meeting in July it was noted that applications for membership were not being processed in a timely fashion, hence, the following suggestions were made;

- 1) that a detailed procedure for application processing be established and a flow chart depicting such procedure be drawn up
- 2) prepare forms for application processing
- 3) maintain files with pertinent information regarding applicants

E. Solomons successfully carried out responsibilities by August 1, 1980 and this was approved by the Board on this date.

In the absence of the Committee Chairman, R. Simon, President Bednarczyk indicated that approximately thirteen applications for membership had been received. Of these, ten were accepted for full membership, one associate, one student, and one has been held for further study.

JOINT MEETING:

Pres. Bednarczyk reiterated that he had received correspondence from the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology proposing a joint meeting between AACT and SOFT in 1985 or 86. The AACT meeting in 1985 is to convene at the Crown Center in Kansas City.

Several members of the Board were less than enthusiastic about a meeting in Kansas City; therefore, the possibility of a joint meeting in 1986 is being considered with cities such as Atlanta, Boston and Washington being suggested.

DUES INCREASE:

The need for a dues increase was again indicated by Pres. Bednarczyk and supported by the treasurer, Joe Balkon, who pointed out a very narrow projected margin of only \$82.21 for FY 80-81.

After much discussion an across-the-board increase of \$5.00 was approved.

HONOR SOCIETY:

The formation of an Honor Society for students in forensic toxicology which had previously been proposed by J. Balkon was discussed at length. No conclusion was drawn and the subject was tabled for further consideration at a later time.

S.O.F.T., INC. BROCHURE:

E. Solomons distributed a newly-designed (by H. Horton McCurdy and E. Solomons) brochure which had been requested in July by Pres. Bednarczyk. The brochure was designed to be informative and includes a brief history, a list of SOFT sponsored programs, purposes and goals, membership qualifications, and future meeting dates. The brochure was well received and Pres. Bednarczyk expressed appreciation especially to H. Horton McCurdy for the competent and expeditious manner in which this task was completed.

REGISTRY OF FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY ANALYSTS - ("THE REGISTRY"):

Several members of the Board expressed concern regarding the present form of the "Registry" as proposed by the American Board of Forensic Toxicology, Inc. Some of these concerns were:

- 1) The "Registry" could have a diluting effect on ABFT certification.
- 2) The "Registry" would register those persons who are performing blood alcohol analyses only.
- 3) That an insufficient number of non-Ph.D. toxicologists would be interested in being registered.
- 4) That registration would imply a lack of qualification to interpret results.

E. Solomons questioned the accuracy of 2,3, and 4. (It was later ascertained that ABFT had not intended implications 2 or 4.)

Following discussion, Y. Caplan moved that the Board of Directors (SOFT) be opposed to the proposed Registry of Forensic Toxicology Analysts as currently written, but that the Board does not oppose in general the concept of an alternative pathway for recognition of properly qualified non-Ph.D. toxicologists.

This motion was seconded and carried by a vote of 10 to 1.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Everett T. Solomons, Ph.D.
Secretary
Society of Forensic Toxicologists, Inc.

SOCIETY OF FORENSIC TOXICOLOGISTS, INC.
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
THE BUCKINGHAM ROOM
LOEW'S WESTBURY HOTEL
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA
OCTOBER 3, 1980

The meeting was called to order by President Leonard Bednarczyk (in his own distinctive manner) at 1:50 PM after having duly determined the presence of a quorum.

President Bednarczyk called for a motion to accept the minutes of the 1979 Annual Business Meeting as published. Mrs. June K. Jones made the motion which was seconded by Nicholas Hodnett and carried unanimously.

E. Solomons was then called to present the minutes of the September 30, 1980 Board of Directors Meeting. These were presented and approved as read. (The complete text of the minutes may be found in this issue of the Tox Talk Newsletter.)

PROFICIENCY TESTING:

President Bednarczyk informed the group that of seventeen laboratories which expressed interest in participating in the SOFT, Inc. sponsored testing program, only six had submitted answers and only two had paid the twenty four dollar fee required to support the program. Pres. Bednarczyk therefore indicated that he will solicit a response in writing to determine interest in the program and whether or not the program is continued will be determined by this response.

GRANTS AND ENDOWMENTS:

Raymond Bath indicated that in order to obtain funds, we must contact those people who are familiar with SOFT, Inc. and forensic toxicology in general. R. Bath plans to contact a number of members during the coming year and ask individual members to directly contact any person they may know personally who might secure financial assistance for supporting the "grants and endowments program". It was also indicated that it would be desirable to obtain a continuing source of support as opposed to the single donation source.

Neal Reading stated that more publicity is needed. Pres. Bednarczyk pointed out that Ron Backer (Publicity Chairman) was making progress in this area.

NEWSLETTER AND WORKSHOPS:

Tox Talk Editor Jesse Bidanset expounded on the perennial problem of soliciting comments from the readership. Members are encouraged to make their opinions known through this important medium of our Society. Jane Speaker asked about the financial status of Tox Talk. J. Bidanset reported chat with the new format (which should present a better image of the Society) the Newsletter costs approximately \$700.00/year. Joe Balkon pointed out that if the mailing volume were increased to 400 copies, then bulk mailing rates could be utilized and mailing cost per copy would be reduced.

A workshop at St. John's University on radioimmunoassays has been arranged to be held in November. The workshop committee is composed of J. Balkon,

J. Bidanset, L. Dal Cortivo, and L. Bednarczyk. Requests from the membership as to workshop topics and locations for workshops are welcomed and encouraged by the Committee. Raymond Bath suggested the possibility of also presenting a lecture-type course on statistical analysis, e.g.

TREASURY REPORT:

June Jones raised a question concerning a report of \$2,910.00 received from general membership dues in 1980 as compared to a listed "General Membership-Remaining Dues" listed in the Proposed Budget for Fiscal 1980-81 of \$1,600.00. J. Balkon answered this as relating to the fact that the figure of \$2,910.00 was derived from an entire years dues (Fiscal 1980) whereas the figure of \$1,600.00 is an anticipated figure for a portion of a year only. Any further discrepancy is based on the fact that this was "the first year that we really acted upon sending out dues notices in April and collecting money between April and July 1st of the beginning of the fiscal year".

R. Bath stated that it might be worthwhile to set the dues date to coincide closer to the annual meeting date.

Tom Rejent pointed out that the proposed budget on paper is to a degree "unrealistic" and that the "fictitious figure of eighty some odd dollars is "hardly true".

1981 MEETING (CHICAGO):

Eleanor Berman reported that the 1981 meeting will begin on Tuesday the first week of November and will be held at the Ramada-O'Hare Inn. Free transportation between the airport and the Inn will be provided as well as free parking. The meeting will include an interdisciplinary session on Toxicants in the Environment and the Role of the Toxicologist, symposia, and paper sessions.

Entertainment may include an opera or a play if sufficient interest is displayed.

Dr. Berman solicits any suggestions you might have regarding this meeting.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The slate of officers nominated by the Nominating Committee was presented by Tom Rejent and included:

President: Yale Caplan
Vice President: Joe Balkon
Treasurer: Mike McGee
Secretary: (no nominee - two year term of office)
Board of Directors: Rosemary Alstott
Nicholas Hodnett

President Bednarczyk then called for nominations from the floor.

Jesse Bidanset nominated Robert Eberhardt for treasurer.

After a second, a secret ballot was cast and Mike McGee was selected by majority vote.

President Bednarczyk asked that the remaining officers be elected by acclamation. There was no opposition.

1982 MEETING SITE:

Joe Monforte indicated that the meeting in Detroit would not be held in

an abandoned Chrysler plant.

1984 MEETING SITE:

The possibility of another boat meeting was discussed at length, but no conclusion was drawn. Some of the points raised included:

- 1) a boat trip is expensive - this was contradicted
- 2) the boat trip was poorly attended - wasn't so poorly attended
- 3) L. Bednarczyk did indicate that he needs to know well in advance to make boat reservations; also, at the last boat meeting:
 - a) the audience was captive and sessions well attended
 - b) the scientific papers were excellent
- 4) the possibility of a joint SAFS-SOFT meeting on the boat be considered.

Bob Eberhardt offered Milwaukee as a possibility and will write Len Bednarczyk if a firm offer is to be made.

ABFT REPORT:

As reported by Tom Rejent: "the major highlight of the ABFT Boards efforts in Toronto was the determination of the official application, documentation, rules, regulations, and fees relative to requalification of present diplomates. These should be ready inside of 45 days at which time those diplomates whose term of five years is about to expire will be notified of subsequent actions required. This notification should occur six months prior to the time of a diplomates original certificate date. The Board is now on a rigid schedule, decisions have been made, and you (diplomates) will be notified at the appropriate time.

The action relative to alternate pathways has at the moment been tabled for a lot of reasons."

CLOSING REMARKS:

Pres. Bednarczyk ended the meeting by thanking the officers and the members of the Board for their support throughout the year and expressed strong appreciation to our Canadian friends for their excellent organization and hospitality in hosting the 1980 annual meeting of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,
Everett T. Solomons, Ph.D., DABFT
Secretary of SOFT, Inc.

SOCIETY OF FORENSIC TOXICOLOGISTS, INC.
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE OFFICE OF
THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
DECEMBER 12, 1980

The meeting was called to order by President L. Bednarczyk at 9:45 AM. Those attending included: President L. Bednarczyk; Vice President Y. Caplan; Treasurer J. Balkon; Treasurer elect M. McGee; Secretary E. Solomons and Board Members elect: R. Alstott and J. Valentour.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS:

It was reiterated that Constitution and By-laws changes must be made in order to attain tax exempt status. These changes must be determined and approved by the general membership before they can be submitted to the attorney, David Walsh, who will file for tax exempt status. It was noted that this matter obviously has dragged on for too many years.

DUES INCREASE:

The \$5.00 dues increase approved at the Meeting of the Board of Directors in Toronto on September 30, will take effect in 1981 and be implemented with the next billing.

1981 MEETING:

A check has been mailed to Eleanor Berman and plans for the meeting are on schedule. The dates for the meeting are November 4-6 starting with a reception on Tuesday evening November 3.

The meeting will include:

- 1) General papers
- 2) Symposium on trace metals with some time for open forum
- 3) Some papers emphasizing pesticides
- 4) Evening entertainment

It was suggested that exhibitors be given an opportunity to make presentations in order to increase their interest in contributing to the organization. This was generally agreed upon.

1982 MEETING IN ORLANDO:

This will be a joint meeting with the Southern Association of Forensic Scientists. The meeting will be held at the Gateway Hilton from October 6 through October 9. (These arrangements have been subsequently changed).

1984 MEETING:

A letter has been received from Abe Stolman, et. al., offering to host the meeting in Hartford, Connecticut. Also, a letter from Marina Stajic offering to host the meeting near or in Washington, D.C. has been received. These two sites will receive further consideration.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IN LOS ANGELES:

THE date and time of the Board of Directors Meeting to be held at the annual AAFS meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 20 at 5:00 PM.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

Applications and newly-created brochures should be mailed right away in an effort to solicit new members. The secretary and the new membership committee chairman, H. Horton McCurdy, were assigned this task by the President-elect.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:

The task of revising the membership list and creating a new Membership Directory to include the purposes of the organization, a membership roster, future meeting sites, and application forms has also been assigned to the secretary and the new membership chairman.

EDUCATION AWARD (?):

Since the award has never been given an official title, no one really knows what it should be called.

The question of whether an award committee should be appointed was raised. The question was never answered. However, since many questions have been raised as to the title of the award, the amount of the award, the purpose of the award, guidelines for application of the money, renewability of the disbursement, and who shall decide upon the recipient, perhaps a committee should be formed.

It was pointed out that in order to help solicit additional funding for the award, a SOFT, Inc. information package should be assembled.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

The President-elect emphasized that SOFT publicity needs to be widened by disseminating more news to journals, other publications, and to other scientific organizations. This information could include meeting dates, education awards, board meetings, new officers, etc.

VICE-PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES:

The President-elect suggested that the Vice President be assigned the responsibility of extracting and compiling policy decisions from the minutes of previous directors and business meetings. Also the Vice President was asked to draw up proposals for the final purpose of establishing policy for determining under what conditions the Board of Directors would be called upon to make a decision regarding a membership application and to prepare a by-laws statement regarding the convening of an Administrative Officers Meeting.

ANOTHER SOFT, INC. SPONSORED JOURNAL ISSUE:

This topic was discussed and the possibility of approaching the Journal of Forensic Pathology was considered.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR SOFT, INC. OFFICERS:

Each officer is expected to draw up a practical list of duties for his office and a time table. This document will then be transferred to each new officer from the previous.

MONIES FROM TORONTO MEETING:

At the time of this meeting, revenue from the October 1980 SOFT Meeting in Toronto had not been transferred to the treasurer. The President-elect requested the treasurer to solicit an advance of 50% of the estimated amount due SOFT, Inc.

TREASURY TRANSFER:

The new treasurer asked for a decision on use of interest from the new interest bearing checking account to be opened in Richmond, Virginia. It was decided that the 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ % should be applied to the Education Award.

The necessary papers were filled out and signed thus allowing for the transfer of the treasury.

The business having been successfully transacted, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Everett T. Solomons, Ph.D., DABFT
Secretary, SOFT, Inc.

SOCIETY OF FORENSIC TOXICOLOGISTS, INC.
End of Office Treasurers Report
Period Ending: January 31, 1981
Period Duration: July 1, 1981 to
January 31, 1981

A. General Operating Budget

1. Income

a. Balance as of July 1980	\$ 1682.21
b. Income: Membership Dues	1770.00
c. Income: Application Fees	60.00
d. Income: Meeting	none reported
e. Total Income during Period	<u>1830.00</u>
f. Total Available Assets	3512.21

2. Disbursements

a. Stationery, Postage, Printing	725.89
b. Newsletter	547.41
c. Board of Directors	1317.45
d. Meeting Advance	200.00
e. Meeting Costs	970.45
f. Funds Transfer	500.00
g. Bank Charges	11.49
h. Total Disbursements	<u>4362.49</u>

3. Balance: General Operating Budget
January 31, 1981 -750.28

B. Grant in Aid Stipend Budget

1. Balance: July 1, 1980	1100.00
2. Income	
a. Stipend: Allied Chemical	500.00
3. Disbursements	<u>none</u>
4. Total Budget Assets	1600.00

C. Total Assets Available for Transfer \$ 859.72

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Balken, Ph.D.
Past Treasurer, Soft, Inc.

SOCIETY OF FORENSIC TOXICOLOGISTS, INC.
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE HARTFORD ROOM OF THE HILTON HOTEL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
FEBRUARY 20, 1981

ATTENDEES:

Pres. Yale Caplan; Vice President Joe Balkon; Secretary Everett Solomons; Treasurer Mike McGee; Immediate Past President Leonard Bednarczyk. Members of the Board: Rosemary Alstott, Robert Blanke, Art McBay and Joe Monforte. Newsletter Editor: Jesse Bidanset

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 PM by Pres. Caplan.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

These committees were listed and commented on by Pres. Caplan as follows:

A. MEMBERSHIP:

1. Chairman Horton McCurdy for term ending in 1982
2. Bob Eberhardt for completion of a term ending in 1981
3. Rosemary Alstott for a term ending in 1983

B. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:

1. Kurt Dubowski, Chairman
2. Joe Monforte
3. Tom Rejent

This committee has accepted a limited mandate to revise a part of the by-laws in order to make them compatible with the requirements for obtaining tax exempt status.

C. PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (previously the Publicity Committee)

1. Ron Backer, Chairman
2. Marina Stajic
3. Jim Valentour

Goal: to develop mechanics for publicity information, news and announcements, etc. concerning SOFT, Inc. and maintaining a profile of the group through scientific journals, etc.

D. WORKSHOP:

1. Jesse Bidanset, Chairman
2. Joe Balkon
3. Leo Dal Cortivo
4. Len Bednarczyk

E. EDUCATION

1. Vincent Lynch, Chairman
2. Jesse Bidanset
3. Yale Caplan

F. GRANTS AND ENDOWMENTS:

1. Raymond Bath, Chairman
2. Robert Simon
3. Nicholas Hodnett

G. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

1. Mark Lewis
2. Horton McCurdy
3. Everett Solomons

H. EDUCATION AWARDS REVIEW:

1. Tom Rejent
2. Art McBay
3. Jane Speaker

Goal: To review education award applications;

I. NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Jesse Bidanset

MINUTES OF JULY 18, 1980 BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING:

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting in Baltimore on July 18, 1980, which had been mailed to the Board were approved as written in the final copy.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND DIRECTORY REPORT:

E. Solomons reported that plans were well underway for preparing a mailing which would include:

1. a letter of explanation
2. an update card
3. a SOFT brochure; and
4. a copy of application forms

The primary goal was to obtain all update information and to prepare a directory by June.

TREASURY REPORT:

The immediate past Treasurer, Joe Balkon, indicated that the margin between the organizations income and outgo has continually decreased over the past two year and that consideration of conserving where possible is important.

However, at the present, the treasury is healthy due to the generosity of the Canadians in sharing the income from the Toronto meeting. Pres. Caplan recommended that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Canadian group.

It was also noted that having the fiscal year of the treasury run from July 1 through June 30, whereas the terms of the officers are from January 1 through December 31, is a complicating factor.

The new treasurer, Mike McGee, has received and deposited \$500.00 to open the new account. Monies presently available include \$1600.00 (education endowment) and \$1400.00 (general budget).

Joe Balkon recommended that a committee be created to study expenditures and make recommendations on what SOFT monies should be spent and how much.

Joe Balkon raised a question regarding filing of tax reports for past years for which records may not be available and on whom responsibility lies for providing such records.

Major expenses for coming year will include:

- 1) Newsletter
- 2) Membership Directory and Drive
- 3) Officer's Meeting

WORKSHOPS:

A consensus was reached that a workshop held in conjunction with the Chicago meeting is agreeable as long as it is self-sustaining.

HAQ MEMBERSHIP:

The subject of Mr. Haq's application was presented by Pres. Y. Caplan. After discussion the vote was taken. All were opposed to acceptance with the exception of one abstention.

NEWSLETTER:

J. Bidanset again urged everyone to support the Newsletter by contributing newsworthy information. The new two column format will be used in the next issue.

MEETINGS:

1981 - The meeting will be held at the Ramada O'Hara Inn on November 4-6. The subjects of topics, workshops, banquets, open forums, social events, registration fees, and format were discussed.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

Workshop

*Jesse Bidanset
Joseph Balkon
Leo Dal Cortivo
Leonard Bednarczyk

Membership Drive

Mark Lewis
H. Horton McCurdy
Everett Solomons

Professional Relations

*Ronald C. Backer
Marina Stajic
James Valentour

Education Awards Review

*Thomas Rejent
Arthur McBay
Jane Speaker

1981 Meeting

Eleanor Berman

Newsletter Editor

Jesse Bidanset

Yale Caplan, Ph.D., DABFT
President

ANNUAL MEETING AWARDS

In addition to each member receiving a commemorative paper weight (often referred to as a hockey puck) to celebrate SOFT's tenth Annual meeting, our First President Jane Speaker is shown receiving a plaque in recognition of her service to the Society. Making the presentation is incoming President Yale Caplan.



MINUTES (cont'd)

1982 - The problem of the AAFS and SOFT meeting in the same city during 1982 was briefly discussed.

1983 - Joe Monforte reported that he had been approached by Walt Decker of the Academy of Clinical Toxicologists concerning the possibility of a joint meeting with SOFT in Detroit. It was moved and approved that such a joint meeting would be agreeable to the board.

1984 - After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that this meeting should be held in the Washington area.

1985 - When discussed, an expression of interest in a joint meeting with the Southwestern Association of Toxicologists was generated and shall be further considered.

MEETINGS GENERAL:

Pres. Caplan indicated that when the roster update is complete, it could be informative to locate the membership on a map and take this into consideration when planning meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Everett T. Solomons, Ph.D., DABFT
Secretary, SOFT, INC.



George Cimbura, President of the CSFS, presents Leonard Bednarczyk, President of SOFT, with a wooden plaque bearing the SOFT emblem embossed on a metal plate, in recognition of SOFT's tenth anniversary.

THE JOINT MEETING OF SOFT-CSFS 1980

Over 100 toxicologists attended the joint Annual meeting of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists and the Canadian Society of Forensic Sciences held at the Westbury Hotel in Toronto, Ontario, from September 30 to October 3, 1980. Technical sessions, business meetings and social affairs were well attended. A special thanks to George Cimbura, President; John Wells, Program Chairman; Bill Robinson and their respective staffs for providing outstanding preparation for a very successful meeting.

The photographs appearing in this newsletter are courtesy of the Centre of Forensic Sciences, Photography Section.

W. CHRISTOPHER LONG AWARDED SOFT GRANT-IN-AID

W. Christopher Long, a toxicologist with the Nassau County Office of the Medical Examiner and Ph.D. candidate at St. John's University was selected as the second recipient of the SOFT Grant-in-Aid. This award is presented to recognize a student's interests and accomplishments in the field of forensic toxicology. "Chris" (hopefully Dr. Long by the Annual meeting date) will present an overview of his research involving lidocaine toxicity. Congratulations Chris!



ROBERT D EBERHARDT
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HALES CORNERS WI 53130

Attend your annual meeting