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SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Business Meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics was held at the Palmer House, Chicago, at 2:10 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22, 1952. Dr. Warren W. Quillian, President of the Academy, presided.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with and that they be approved as published.

Dr. Lee Forrest Hill was appointed to serve as parliamentarian of the meeting.

President Quillian paid tribute to the industry and efforts of the Board, and mentioned the following highlights from the abstracted report of the meeting:

A tentative plan for life membership, as proposed by the Committee on Life Membership, was approved by the Board and definite plans will be available to the membership after the semi-annual meeting of the Board in 1953, so that those members 50 years of age and over, who wish to avail themselves of life membership classification, will have that privilege.

The Board is thoroughly aware of the inadequacy of pediatric training in internship and discussed this question at length, and went on record as approving the Medical Education Committee's efforts toward making improvements.

The report of the Executive Secretary was read by the Executive Secretary, Dr. E. H. Christopher, as follows:

"The American Academy of Pediatrics has just concluded a successful year when judged by standards of business operation; increase in membership; the activity of the officers, state chapters, Academy committees and Liaison Representatives; the success of the meetings and of PEDIATRICS and our relationships with other organizations.

"In May of 1952, 150 new Fellows were accepted into the Academy. At this October meeting 209 applications will be considered, so that we can safely say that approximately 359 new members will have been taken into the Academy this year. That will give a total active membership of about 3260 Fellows and including Emeritus, Honorary and Associate Fellows, the entire membership will be approximately 3439. The Academy continues to grow at a rate of about 10% per year.

"The various Districts of the Academy had the following distribution of Fellows as of September 1952:

District I	252	District VI	314
District II	474	District VII	343
District III	286	District VIII	404
District IV	305	District IX	310
District V	363		

"There are organized chapters of the Academy in 21 states. Pennsylvania has effected its chapter organization, as has South Carolina. Tennessee and the Northern Section of California have indicated that they intend to organize chapters.

"It is rather obvious to the Central Office that the Academy is much more effective in promoting

its objectives in those states where there are organized chapters. Having a state chapter does not mean that it is necessary to hold more meetings or to make more noise about the Academy, but it does seem that a state chapter as the representative of a national organization is able to carry much more weight when it is necessary to deal with medical societies, hospital staffs, health departments and other organizations.

"The officers of the Academy have devoted much more time to the affairs of the Academy. The President and President-elect have represented the Academy at many meetings and special functions, as have some of the District Chairmen.

"The Treasurer has visited the Central Office on 2 occasions to review the financial situation of the Academy and to counsel with the Executive Secretary.

"All the officers have been most helpful in assisting the Executive Secretary.

"The business affairs of the Academy are in good order. During the past fiscal year the Central Office operated within the prescribed budget with some saving to the Academy. All of the budgeted committees have likewise stayed within their appropriations. The budget for the 1952-53 fiscal year is a little less than the budget for the 1951-52 year which has been made possible by the adoption of several stream-lining procedures and by the acquisition of labor- and time-saving equipment. The move to the new office location saves in rent. The purchase of an off-set printing machine makes it possible to do about 90% of the required printing in the office, with special paper purchases, another saving.

"News-Letters have been increased from 4 last year to 10 this year.

"The increased committee activities, plus more News-Letters and more information regarding meetings has resulted in a great increase in mail, both coming into and going out of this office. In July and August of this year 15,500 pieces of mail were sent out from the office. In a 12 months' period this would mean 93,000 items and an average of 348 pieces a working day.

"During the year the Executive Secretary has met with members of the Academy in Washington, Boston, Miami, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro and Mexico City. The Third Pan American Congress of Pediatrics was attended in Montevideo.

"Meetings with 9 of the Academy's Committees have been held. Frequent get-togethers with both the Editor and the publisher of PEDIATRICS have been arranged.

"The meetings of 6 other medical organizations have been attended.

"Conferences have been held with representatives of 27 societies interested in child welfare.

"The Academy has worked cooperatively on programs with the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, the National Safety Council, the National Health Council, the P.T.A., the National Education Association, the New York State Department of Health, the Research Foundation, American Hospital Association, The National Conference on Citizenship, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, the American Standards Association and the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

"It will be seen after reading the various committee reports that the majority of the Academy's 29 committees have been very active during the year. These committees devote much time and effort to the study of problems and in preparing reports and recommendations that are of incalculable value to the members of the Academy and often to the entire medical profession of the Americas, and of course, ultimately add to the progress being made in Child Health.

"A new revised edition of the Report of the Committee on Immunization and Therapeutic Procedures for Acute Infectious Diseases (the Red Book) has been published. Several other reports and recommendations are being prepared. The Red Book and the *Standards and Recommendations for Hospital Care of the Newborn* are used extensively by schools, health departments and hospitals. The Committee on Accident Prevention prepared the pamphlets *Are You Using the New Safety Vaccine?* and *A Formula for Child Safety* in cooperation with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The Committee on Medical Education published, as a supplement to PEDIATRICS, the *Report on Regional Conferences of Pediatric Educators*.

"PEDIATRICS, the official journal of the Academy, continues to prosper. The distribution is now around 7100 and the journal is doing very satisfactorily from a financial standpoint. PEDIATRICS is considered as a superior journal and we should be most appreciative of the efforts of the Editor and the Editorial Board.

"The 25 Liaison Representatives of the Academy to organizations working all or in part in areas of child welfare have kept the Academy informed as to the activities of these organizations. They

have also served in the capacity of advisors to the other groups and in many instances have brought about very worth while co-operative programs.

"As might be expected with the growth of the Academy, both the Annual Meetings and the Areal Meetings are increasing in size. The 2 meetings this year have been successful ones from the standpoint of good programs, attendance and financial remuneration.

"Every effort is being made and will continue to be made to make the meetings more interesting and attractive to the members. The members are now given a great advantage in the fees paid and only members may register for Seminars, Round Tables and procure banquet tickets in advance of the meeting. The headquarters hotel also gives preference to members. The size of our meetings will in the future more and more limit the sites where meetings can be held.

"Before closing it should be mentioned that the Business Manager and the entire Central Office staff have worked hard and diligently and are all contributing much to the success and welfare of the Academy. The Executive Secretary appreciates their interest, diligence and loyalty very much."

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the report of the Executive Secretary be accepted.

The Executive Secretary then announced the results of the election of district chairmen and alternate district chairmen as follows:

District I—Alternate District Chairman, Dr. Robert M. Lord, Providence, R.I.

District III—District Chairman, Dr. Joseph A. Gilmartin, Pittsburgh.

District IV—Alternate District Chairman, Dr. William Weston, Jr., Columbia, S.C.

District VII—Alternate District Chairman, Dr. Oliver W. Hill, Jr., Knoxville, Tenn.

The Executive Secretary then called attention to the names of the new fellows as listed in the printed agenda. There were 209 new members distributed by Districts as follows:

District I	16 new members	1 Affiliate in Surgery
District II	22 new members	
District III	13 new members	2 Affiliates in Surgery
District IV	20 new members	
District V	29 new members	
District VI	19 new members	1 Affiliate in Surgery
District VII	26 new members	1 Affiliate in Surgery
District VIII	27 new members	
District IX	32 new members	

The names of the 18 members who were elected to Emeritus Fellowship were read. (These names are listed in the abstract of the Executive Board meeting.)

Two members were granted an extension of leave of absence for one year: Dr. Gerti Dooneief, New York, and Dr. Amelia Sheftall Geeslin, Jacksonville, Fla.

Leaves of absence of one year were granted to 4 fellows.

The Executive Secretary had been notified of the death of the following 11 members since the last meeting:

Dr. Elmer Walter Barron, Rockland, Mass. (Emeritus)

Dr. Malvin Finkelstein, Jersey City, N.J.

Dr. Norman L. Hawkins, Watertown, N.Y. (Emeritus)

Dr. Rockwell M. Kempton, Saginaw, Mich.

Dr. Louis Charles Rosenberg, Newark, N.J.

Dr. Oscar M. Schloss, Southold, Long Island, N.Y.

Dr. Eugene H. Smith, Ogden, Utah.

Dr. LeRoy T. Stokes, Haverhill, Mass.

Dr. James J. York, Schenectady, N.Y.

Dr. Jaime Ramirez Acha, LaPaz, Bolivia.

Dr. Joseph S. Wall, Washington, D.C. (Emeritus)

President Quillian: "Clifford Grulee, very appropriately, as our Honorary President and as a long-time associate and friend of Dr. Joseph Wall, one of our deceased members, who was a Past President of this organization, will address a few remarks to the members, as a tribute to Dr. Wall."

Dr. Clifford Grulee: "I need not tell you that this is a very sad occasion for me, because nobody was closer to me than was Joe Wall.

"Dr. Joseph Stiles Wall was born in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 3, 1876. He received his early education in that city, graduating from the Central High School in 1893. He then attended the School of Medicine, Georgetown University, where he graduated in 1897. He took his graduate training at the Garfield Memorial Hospital and Children's Hospital and later the Providence Hospital. After postgraduate work in New York and Oxford, England, he began the practice of medicine in Washington.

"On May 29, 1909 he married Agnes Reimer of Brooklyn, N.Y. They had only one child, Frances, who is still alive.

"Dr. Wall held various teaching positions in Georgetown Medical College but his chief interest always lay in pediatrics and he became Assistant Professor of Diseases of Children of Georgetown University in 1897. From then on, he progressed rapidly, teaching in the departments of chemistry, pathology, physiology, as well as pediatrics, and was named Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in 1912. This position he held for many years until he resigned from his active work in 1951.

"Dr. Wall received many honors. He was twice honored by the Medical Society of the District of Columbia—being given a citation on Dec. 6, 1929, and later serving as its president.

"The American Academy of Pediatrics elected him to the presidency in 1944 and during his period of service he was granted an illuminated scroll for his activities in behalf of that organization.

"In July 1947 the President of Cuba presented him with the Decoration of Merit Order of Carlos I. Finlay.

"During his long and active medical life, Dr. Wall contributed to medical literature and was especially active in meetings. He was an excellent speaker, having a very great command of English, and therefore, was in much demand for his services both in medical societies and in social affairs. For many years he was the spokesman for the Academy at Congress and carried on most efficiently in that capacity. Later, as President of the Academy, he presented most forcibly the prevailing attitude of the members as against the Pepper Bill.

"Few who knew Dr. Wall but loved him. The proof of a kindly nature and loved by all is the patriarchal position which he held in Washington, D.C. It is from one's neighbors that one learns the truth of individual values and certainly no one was held in higher esteem than was Joseph Wall. Those of us who have seen him in meeting and in council feel that deep regret which is without expression. One wonders how a man so big could have been so humble. This Academy has not only lost a friend and an ex-President, but it has lost a counselor whose place cannot easily be filled.

"I should like to ask that this be put on the minutes and a copy sent to his daughter."

President Quillian: "That will be done, if it meets with the approval of the members, and in token of respect to our departed ex-President, I will ask the members to stand with bowed heads."

(The members rose and stood for one minute in silent tribute to the memory of Dr. Joseph Wall.)

The report of the Treasurer was then presented by Dr. Edgar E. Martmer, Treasurer of the Academy:

"The fiscal year of July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952 closed in a very satisfactory manner. As of July 1, 1951 the cash balance on hand amounted to \$133,089.42. This sum included restricted grants, special reserves and Central Office operating funds. The total cash receipts amounted to \$297,342.88 of which \$78,219.48 was received as dues.

"Cash disbursements amounted to \$295,607.32, resulting in an increase of Cash Reserves of \$1,815.56.

"Your attention is drawn to the fact that dues received from members amount to only 91.4% of the ordinary recurring expenses of operating the Academy.

"The Budget Control System has operated in a very satisfactory manner. It is a pleasure to report that all activities have been carried on within the limitations of the various budgets. Improvements have been made in accounting practices in the Central Office, and your Treasurer takes this opportunity to thank Dr. Christopherson, Mr. W. J. Becker, Business Manager, and Mr. E. J. Wiedman, auditor, for their fine cooperation.

"A detailed statement of cash receipts and disbursements will be published in PEDIATRICS."

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

President Quillian: "Under the classification of New Business, we wish to take action on the

proposed changes in the Constitution and By-laws. I will ask Dr. Stewart Clifford, as Chairman of the Committee, who is thoroughly familiar with this phase of the work, if he will make such comment as seems pertinent."

Dr. Clifford summarized the proposed changes with the members following step by step on the printed copies handed to each member at the meeting.

At the request of Dr. Paul Beaven, Dr. Clifford defined "Associate Member": "Those persons who, because of valuable service in any of the fields allied to pediatrics, are qualified to render assistance to the Academy in the accomplishment of its purposes, may be elected to Associate Fellowship." This type of membership has been reserved for extremely outstanding individuals. "It is considered a very honorary recognition to a man or a woman who has accomplished outstanding feats in any field allied to pediatrics. I think Dr. Hiscock was the last Associate Member elected."

It was moved, seconded and carried that the proposed changes in the Constitution and By-laws be accepted in toto, since the information had been provided for circulation earlier.

President Quillian: "Many of you are aware of the fact that the next annual meeting will be held in Miami, in the early part of October, and that following this occasion the International Congress of Pediatrics will be held in Havana at the University of Havana School of Medicine, from Oct. 12 to 17. We have with us today Dr. Felix Hurtado, who wishes to address a few remarks to the assembly on this subject."

Dr. Hurtado extended an invitation from the Cuban Organizing Committee to the fellows of the Academy to attend the Seventh International Pediatric Congress to be held Oct. 12 to 17, 1953.

Several resolutions were then read by the Executive Secretary, as follows:

I.

"Be It Resolved, That the American Academy of Pediatrics expresses its sincere appreciation to Drs. George F. Munns and John R. Vonachen, Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Local Committee, and members of the Chicago area, for their splendid cooperation in the planning and conduct at the Annual Meeting held at the Palmer House, Oct. 18 to 23, 1952.

II.

"Be It Resolved, That the American Academy of Pediatrics expresses its sincere appreciation to Drs. Tom Mitchell, T. H. G. Drake and Alfred E. Fischer for their untiring efforts in arranging the scientific exhibits of this meeting.

III.

"Be It Resolved, That the American Academy of Pediatrics expresses its appreciation to the management of the Palmer House for the cooperation of executives as well as employees during the period of the Annual Meeting held Oct. 18 to 23, 1952.

IV.

"Be It Resolved, That the American Academy of Pediatrics expresses its sincere appreciation to the Chicago Convention Bureau, Inc., and especially to Mr. Chester A. Wilkins, Executive Director, and his assistant, Miss Marlene Roberts, for their assistance during the meeting.

V.

"Be It Resolved, That the American Academy of Pediatrics expresses its sincere appreciation to the Ladies' Committee, Mrs. Harry L. Faulkner and Mrs. James B. Gillespie, and the wives of the Chicago members and pediatricians for their fine cooperation.

VI.

"Be It Resolved, That the American Academy of Pediatrics sincerely appreciates the courtesy of the Borden Company; Carnation Company; Libby, McNeill & Libby; Mead Johnson & Company; Pet Milk Company; M & R Laboratories; in providing the special events for members and their wives attending this meeting."

The 6 resolutions above were adopted as read, on motion made, seconded and carried.

Dr. William W. Jones (Colorado): I ask the privilege, Mr. Chairman, of presenting a resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fellows of the American Academy of Pediatrics, in session at this Twenty-first Annual Meeting, do hereby express their sincere appreciation to the officers of the Academy, the Executive Board, Dr. Christopherson, the Executive Secretary, Mr. Becker and the staff, for the excellent manner in which all of the affairs of the Academy have been managed throughout the year and for their untiring efforts in our behalf."

On motion made, seconded and carried, the resolution was adopted.

President Quillian: "We turn now to the presentation of the Clifford G. Grulee Award, and it is very appropriate that Dr. Grulee himself make this presentation. Dr. Grulee."

Dr. Clifford Grulee: "I am deeply grateful to this society for honoring me with this award. I don't know that I deserve it, but I certainly appreciate it."

"At this time the award goes to a man who started out early to work in his state. He became State Chairman. He became District Chairman. He became President, and he hasn't quit yet. He is very active in committees now. There is no man who has done more for the Academy, that I know of, or who has done it more willingly or more efficiently, and it is a great pleasure for me to give this award to Dr. Lee Forrest Hill."

(The audience rose and applauded for some time, as Dr. Grulee presented the Clifford G. Grulee Award to Dr. Lee Forrest Hill.)

Dr. Lee Forrest Hill: "Dr. Grulee and Members, I am sure I share the feeling of those this morning who received their scientific awards, when I say that it is rather difficult to express one's feelings at a time like this. I appreciate tremendously that my colleagues have seen fit to bestow this award upon me, and one other facet to it that gives me a great sense of appreciation is to receive it from Dr. Grulee himself."

"I would like to say just a word to some of the younger men who are coming up. An Academy organization like this was not just developed out of thin air. It has taken work, and hard work. What I want to say is this, that while I have put in a lot of time, I have been more than repaid for any amount of time that I have put in or any financial sacrifice that I have made, by the friends I have made over the country. If I had it to do all over again, I would do it exactly the same way, and I hope those of you who are coming along will feel that it is a worth while type of work, and I am sure that the friends you make will be a great reward to you. Thanks very much."

President Quillian then read the Presidential Address, during which he made the following interpolation:

"Because Dr. Pease is such a self-effacing person, many of the younger people here do not know him personally. I would like at this time, as a token of our esteem, to have Dr. Pease stand and receive a round of applause." (Dr. Marshall C. Pease rose. Applause.)

Dr. E. H. Christopherson read the report of the Nominating Committee. The Committee had selected as its nominee for the office of Vice-President (President-Elect) Roger L. J. Kennedy, of Rochester, Minn.

The President asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

A motion was seconded and carried that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted.

Dr. Kennedy was then called to the platform.

Roger L. J. Kennedy: "Mr. President and Fellows: Today, when one speaks of the American Academy of Pediatrics, one speaks of nearly 3500 individuals, united by the common bond of interest, promotion of health of children, and engaged in furthering that interest by their efforts as individuals by their joint contributions to the organized program of this society."

"In the membership of this society are leaders in every field of pediatrics—research, education, editing and publishing, and in the utilization of these with the improvement of clinical practice and public health procedures. The sum total of the knowledge and skills represented in this group is great. The disciplines are many and varied and the potentialities of accomplishment of purpose incalculable."

"When, therefore, the American Academy of Pediatrics pauses for a moment to confer on one of its members the highest honor within its power, the recipient cannot but compare his own slight stature to that of colossus. It is with such a feeling, mixed with those of wonder and gratitude, that I accept the honor and pledge to each and all of you my best efforts. May God continue to guide our deliberations and actions. Thank you."

(Dr. Paul Beaven and Dr. Crawford Bost escorted President-Elect Dr. Philip Barba, to the platform, where President Quillian pinned the President's badge on his coat and gave him the gavel.)

President Barba: "I still don't know how I was pushed up into this elevated position. I do not have the graceful, witty and talented ability of Warren Quillian to put things on an easy groove, and I am sure I don't have the astuteness and the firmness of Roger Kennedy. I assure you, however, that I will rely on both Warren Quillian and Roger Kennedy to help me in the performance of my duties, in addition to the very, very able Executive Board that we have working for us. I am sure you realize that this is a team play proposition, and that the President, while he has a lot of work to do and a lot of responsibility, has a great many helpers, not only among our Executive Board but, as was stressed earlier today, among all members of the Academy.

"I am not going to make any more of a speech than that, but since the 'blacksnake whip' has been transferred to my hand, I must announce that there will be an Executive Board meeting immediately after this in Room 9, on the third floor. Thank you very much. I am reminded that I am in charge and that a motion for adjournment is now in order."

Upon motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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