

SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE
INTERNATIONAL LEPROSY ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Special Finance Committee of the International Leprosy Association (ILA) was held in Washington, D. C. 15 May 1965, with Dr. C. H. Binford, Chairman, and Dr. R. G. Cochrane, Acting President of the ILA, and Drs. R. J. W. Rees and S. G. Browne, members, in attendance. Dr. J. Convit, member of the committee, and Dr. J. R. Innes, ex officio member and Secretary-Treasurer of the ILA, were unable to be present. Mr. C. I. Crowther, President of the Leonard Wood Memorial (LWM), Dr. E. R. Long, Editor of the INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEPROSY (IJL), and Miss delta derrom, Assistant Editor, were present by invitation. Dr. Browne took the minutes of the meeting. The following notes are extracted from a copy of the minutes forwarded to the Editor of THE JOURNAL by Dr. Cochrane.

Mr. Crowther informed the Committee that the financial expert from Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., suggested by Dr. Innes, had reviewed the financial arrangements for cooperation between the ILA and LWM and expressed his satisfaction with current handling of the business affairs concerned in the cooperation.

Miss derrom reported on current printing and distribution of the IJL. Nine hundred copies are printed. Copies are distributed to members and subscribers as follows:

ILA

Total members	347
Number paying through London office	83
Number paying through agencies	25

IJJL

Total nonmember subscribers	288
Number paying subscriptions	
through London office	17
Number paying through agencies	207

Total members and subscribers

635

The cost of THE JOURNAL for printing and distribution in 1964 was \$11,388 for four issues totalling more than 500 pages. The figures indicate that income falls far short of expenditure.

The Committee discussed ways of meeting the deficit, now paid by the LWM, through increase in member dues, a procedure for which ILA Council action would be necessary, and increase in the subscription rate for nonmembers of the Association. The Editor was empowered to increase the rate for nonmember subscribers. It was noted that a considerable loss of revenue for both the ILA and the IJJL occurs in the practice of paying through agencies that make a service charge. Members and subscribers will be notified of new requirements by the ILA and IJJL to avoid this loss.

As noted elsewhere (this issue of THE JOURNAL, pp. 899-900) the Editorial Board of THE JOURNAL has recommended the addition of "and other mycobacterial diseases" to the title of THE JOURNAL. Letters informing potential subscribers, including libraries and research institutions, of the change, will be sent out by the Editor in the effort to attract subscribers and stimulate submission of appropriate articles to THE JOURNAL.

The Committee agreed that as of 1 January 1966 all members' annual dues should be sent directly to the Secretary-Treasurer of the ILA in England. Agreement was reached on the sum that should be retained for the office expenses of the Secretary-Treasurer. This amount is subject to change in the light of experience, and will be specified in subsequent budgets. Sums received by the Secretary-Treasurer's office, minus the amount budgeted for his office expense, will be transmitted to the LWM as payment for *members' copies* of the IJJL. It was agreed that nonmember *subscriptions* should be sent directly to the IJJL office in Washington unless special reasons of convenience make it preferable to send such subscriptions through the ILA office in England.

Appropriate further notice of the above cited changes in procedure will be published in the IJJL, with other related information from the offices of the President and Secretary-Treasurer of the ILA. The Committee expressed appreciation to Miss delta derrom for efficient handling of the business affairs of the IJJL. The details of new administrative and financial arrangements will be worked out through the IJJL office in Washington and the Secretary-Treasurer's office in London.