

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
*International Journal of Leprosy*  
**Minutes of Meeting held on 11 August 1973**  
**Fantoft Hotel, Bergen**

**Present:** Dr. J. Convit (President), Chairman of the Board  
Dr. C. H. Binford (Executive Director)  
Dr. R. J. W. Rees  
Dr. S. G. Browne (Secretary-Treasurer, I.L.A.)  
Dr. Olaf Skinsnes (present by invitation)

**Chairman:** Dr. J. Convit took the Chair.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 31 January 1973 (in London) were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

**Editor-Emeritus.** Dr. Browne read a letter from Dr. Esmond R. Long, resigning from the Board of Directors. After Dr. Browne had read his reply to Dr. Long, the Board decided that they should accept this resignation, but with real regret. They directed the secretary-treasurer to send a warm, understanding letter to Dr. Long, thanking him for the great help he has been in editing the *JOURNAL* and in giving willingly of his time for such jobs as the preparation for publication of the Borstel Symposium papers.

Dr. Long also wished to relinquish the title of "Editor-Emeritus," but the Board decided that they could not allow him to do this.

**Replacement of Dr. Long.** This matter was kept in abeyance until other matters concerning the Board had been discussed and decided.

**Business Manager.** Dr. Binford reported that he has not been able to find a business manager, as suggested at the last meeting of the Board. For the time being, Dr. Binford himself has been carrying out these duties with help from Mrs. Meivers.

**Executive Director.** Dr. Binford formally placed before the Board his resignation as executive director and Board member. The members expressed their tremendous appreciation of the support and help he had given in many ways. The opinion was expressed that without him there would be no *JOURNAL* today. Dr. Binford replied suitably, paying tribute to Miss Swanson and Mrs. Meivers for their help during a difficult period after the departure of Miss Derrom.

Dr. Binford reported that he had been having pourparlers with Dr. Oliver Hasselblad on this matter, and was happy to inform the Board that Dr. Hasselblad had intimated that he would be willing to join the Board as executive director. Great appreciation was expressed of the regular financial support afforded by the American Leprosy Missions, Inc. (through Dr. Hasselblad) to the *JOURNAL*.

The Board unanimously decided to give Dr. Hasselblad a warm invitation to assume the function of executive director of the *JOURNAL* and to begin these duties at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

The question of his becoming a member of the Council will be put before the Council at its meeting later.

Back numbers of the *JOURNAL* could be stored at A.L.M. office in New York. Much appreciation was expressed by the members of the Board of the facilities hitherto enjoyed at the A.F.I.P. building in Washington.

**Finance.** The Board expressed the belief that the Finance Committee appointed by the Council in 1968 was still in existence. As a matter of fact, Dr. Binford had been using this title in writing to various funds and foundations in attempts to recruit new contributors to help subsidize the *JOURNAL*.

Other financial matters were considered by the Board. Dr. Binford reported that Dr. Victor Heiser's estate would be incorporated into the New York Community Trust Fund, and that the Association would probably benefit in some way. He had already put in a request for \$10,000 U.S. a year for three years, \$8,000 of this being considered to offset the loss to the *JOURNAL* of the annual grant from the Leonard Wood Memorial.

**The Lonnie Brooks' Estate.** It was reported by Dr. Skinsnes that a portion of an estate in Hawaii left for leprosy (about \$250,000 U.S. was involved) might be made available to the Association. A proportion might properly be devoted to financing leprosy publications, specifically the JOURNAL. Dr. Skinsnes, a member of the Citizen's Committee, had suggested a grant of \$6,000 a year for five years. This suggestion commended itself to members of the Board, who accepted the proposal with gratitude and expressed good wishes to Dr. Harry Arnold and Dr. Skinsnes in the forthcoming negotiations about the bequest.

**Editorship.** At the invitation of the Chairman, Dr. Skinsnes addressed the Board. He expressed a willingness to continue as editor, now that several difficulties were in the process of being overcome. Progress had been made in obtaining and processing material and in getting ahead with the actual printing, proofreading, etc. The abstracting service had been improved and extended, two search services being utilized. News and notes are being received now from various sources, thus increasing the cover and the interest of this section of the JOURNAL.

**Printing the Journal.** Future policy should explore the possibilities of printing the JOURNAL in such places as Hong Kong, Hawaii, etc.

**Book of Abstracts, Bergen Congress.** The problems arising in reproducing in the JOURNAL the Book of Abstracts of the Bergen Congress were reviewed. Dr. Binford will discuss these matters with the printers on his return to the States, and will be in touch with the editor. It was considered that the correction of printing errors in the book before publication would be prohibitively expensive.

**Language of the Journal.** The whole question of publication in French or Spanish (official languages of the Association and hence of the JOURNAL) was aired and discussed. The difficulties of editing, proofreading and costs were reviewed, as well as the financial repercussions in likely contributions from ELEM members. Given promised help from Professor Lechat, the editor agreed that he could include such articles as conformed in content and presentation to the standards of the JOURNAL.

**Current Contents of Life Sciences.** It was now regretted that advantage was not taken of the invitation to subscribe \$400 for inclusion in "Clinical Sciences." An opportunity may come next year of getting the name of the JOURNAL into "Life Sciences." The IJL should really be in both.

J. CONVIT  
Chairman of the Board  
S. G. BROWNE  
Secretary-Treasurer  
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