

Resolutions Invited for 1977 Council Meeting

The AAAS Council will hold its next meeting on 23 February 1977 in Denver, during the Association's 143rd Annual Meeting. Organizations or individuals who wish to present proposals or resolutions for consideration by the Council at that meeting should submit them in writing to the AAAS executive officer for receipt no later than 23 December 1976, so that they may be reviewed in advance by the Committee on Council Affairs. The Committee asks that the following guidelines be observed:

1. All proposals and resolutions should be consistent with the objectives of the Association and deal with matters appropriate for consideration by the council of a scientific organization.
2. Resolutions should be written in the traditional format, beginning with one or more "Whereas" statement-of-fact clauses and concluding with a "Therefore be it resolved" paragraph which presents a position that follows logically from the stated premises.
3. Proposals and resolutions that deal with technical matters must be accompanied by substantive supporting data and references. The Committee on Council Affairs will seek the advice of appropriate referees on proposals that require specialized knowledge for their consideration.
4. Any proposal involving substantial ex-

penditure of AAAS funds—such as a recommendation for the establishment of a study or investigative committee—should be presented in the form of a research proposal, with budget included, so that the financial implications of positive action are clearly stated.

5. All proposals and resolutions adopted by the Council at its forthcoming meeting will be published in the Proceedings Issue of *Science*. Proponents who wish the AAAS to undertake any wider distribution are requested to submit with their proposals or resolutions the names and addresses of individuals, organizations, or publications to which they would like to have copies sent.

Open hearings will be held by the Committee on Council Affairs at 2 p.m. on 21 February in the Denver Hilton Hotel to give interested persons an opportunity to speak for or against resolutions or proposals that have been duly submitted to the Executive Officer, AAAS, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Erratum

Photo credits for "AAAS News," *Science*, 6 August 1976, page 473, were inadvertently omitted. Both photographs were taken by Joanne Coyne.

AAAS Publishes First Budget Report

The first AAAS federal budget study, in the form of a 112-page book entitled *Research and Development in the Federal Budget, FY 1977*, is now available for purchase.

The new publication, which served as the basis for the AAAS "Colloquium on R & D in the Federal Budget" (see "AAAS News," *Science*, 4 June 1976, page 992), was written by Willis H. Shapley, for many years a senior official responsible for research and development matters in the Bureau of the Budget and subsequently the associate deputy administrator of NASA. The book provides a general foundation, in highly readable terms, for understanding and analyzing R & D in the budget: what it is, its functions and significance, and how the process works, including a listing of 123 steps in the budget formulation process. The book also contains:

- discussions of the nature, meaning, and limitations of the data available for analyzing research and development provisions within the budget;
- examination of different kinds of R & D budget issues of general interest;
- analysis of the FY 1977 budget as submitted by the President to Congress in January, with commentary on how that budget treats R & D in general and in major R & D agencies;
- a discussion of review activities by organizations outside the government; and
- suggestions on the approach that might be followed in future AAAS budget reviews.

The book is available from AAAS, Sales Department, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005, at \$5.50 per copy or \$4.95 (prepaid) for AAAS members.

Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Committee Appointed

H. Bentley Glass, recently retired from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, where he had been distinguished professor of biology, has been appointed chairman of the new AAAS Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility.

Dr. Glass, a former president of AAAS, is currently editor of the *Quarterly Review of Biology*. He was appointed Committee chairman by executive officer William D. Carey on behalf of the AAAS Council and Board of Directors.

The Committee was created last February by the Council and has been charged with developing a program which addresses the issues and problems of the professional rights, ethics, and accountability within the scientific community.

Committee members appointed for 2-year terms include: William Bevan, William Preston Few Professor, Round Table on Science and Public Affairs, Duke University; John T. Edsall, professor emeritus, Biological Laboratories, Harvard University; Harold P. Green, National Law Center, George Washington University; M. King Hubbert, research geophysicist, U.S. Geological Survey; Charles A. Mosher (R-Ohio), U.S. House of Representatives; Jane M. Oppenheimer, professor of history of science, Bryn Mawr College; Peter Petkas, executive director, Southern Regional Council; Jeremy J. Stone, director, Federation of American Scientists; Frank Von Hippel, Center for Environmental Studies, Princeton University; and Dael L. Wolfe, professor of public affairs, University of Washington. Rosemary A. Chalk has been assigned as the staff officer for the Committee.

In issuing the charge for the Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility, the Committee on Council Affairs noted that "the establishment of the new standing committee marks a very significant as well as a potentially controversial role for the Association. The increasing interaction among science, technology, and the public interest is bound to continue to raise new issues and problems of professional rights, ethics, and accountability, and the decision rules which worked in the past may no longer suffice. The Association must therefore recognize that the issues are

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