

Association Affairs

Santa Barbara Meeting of the Pacific Division

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THE thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Pacific Division, AAAS, was held in Santa Barbara, California, June 15–20, 1953, under the sponsorship of the California Conservation Council, Montecito School for Girls, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce and Convention Bureau, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Santa Barbara College of the University of California, and Westmont College. A well-organized committee made up of representatives of these institutions functioned effectively under the chairmanship of John E. Cushing.

Registration headquarters were in the auditorium of the Civic Recreation Center, which was large enough to afford space for exhibits of scientific books and instruments, as well as special exhibits provided by the Botanic Garden, Conservation Council, Natural History Museum, and others. Immediately adjacent, Baylor Lounge of the Recreation Center was available for informal meeting and conversation.

Scientific sessions were held at the Recreation Center, in near-by hotels and theatres, in the Carillo Auditorium, at the Museum of Natural History, and at the Art Museum.

General sessions included an afternoon tour and social hour at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden on the opening day of the meeting, a general reception the following afternoon sponsored by the California Conservation Council and cooperating organizations, and two evening addresses. The first evening lecture was the presidential address of C. D. Shane, Director of the Lick Observatory and President of the Pacific Division, AAAS, who spoke on "The Distribution of Galaxies in Space." The following evening W. F. Libby of the Institute for Nuclear Physics, University of Chicago, spoke on "Radiocarbon Dating." Each of these addresses drew a large and attentive audience.

Meetings of the Pacific Division differ from national meetings of the AAAS in that no sectional meetings are held as such; the scientific sessions are organized entirely by the affiliated and associated societies. Twenty organizations participated in the Santa Barbara meeting, as follows: American Meteorological Society (123rd National Meeting), American Nature Study Society (Western Division), American Phytopathological Society (Pacific Division), American Society for Horticultural Science (Western Section), American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (Western Division), American Society of Limnology and Oceanography (Pacific Section), American Society of Plant Physiologists (Western Section), Association of Pacific Coast Geographers,

Astronomical Society of the Pacific, Botanical Society of America (Pacific Section), Cooper Ornithological Society, Ecological Society of America (Western Section), Herpetologists League, Nature Conservancy, Pacific Science Board, Society of American Bacteriologists (Southern California Branch), Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine (Southern California Section), Society for Systematic Zoology (Pacific Section), Western Society of Naturalists, and Western Society of Soil Science. Some 400 papers appeared on the programs of these societies.

At the meeting of the Council on Wednesday afternoon, Edwin R. Guthrie of the University of Washington was elected President-Elect of the Pacific Division. The President of the Division for the coming year is A. H. Sturtevant of the California Institute of Technology. C. D. Shane, the Retiring President, becomes Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Ralph Emerson of the University of California at Berkeley, and Moyer D. Thomas of the American Smelting and Refining Company, Salt Lake City, were elected members of the Executive Committee. Richard Van Cleve of the University of Washington and Jerzy Neyman of the University of California at Berkeley were elected to membership-at-large on the Council.

Action was taken to amend the constitution of the Pacific Division to include "that portion of Montana west of the Continental Divide" in the territory of the Division. This action was taken on the basis of a poll of the Montana membership by the Administrative Secretary of the AAAS, and was approved by the national Board of Directors.

Action was also taken to invite the National Science Teachers Association and the American Association of Physics Teachers to become affiliated societies of the Pacific Division.

The next meeting of the Pacific Division will be held at the State College of Washington in June, 1954, the exact dates to be decided by the Executive Committee at its October meeting. It was decided in response to invitations pending to hold subsequent meetings as follows: June, 1955, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena; June, 1956, University of California at Davis; and June, 1957, University of Washington, Seattle.

Raymond L. Taylor and John A. Behnke of the Administrative Staff of the Washington office spoke briefly of the forthcoming national meeting of the AAAS in Berkeley in December, 1954, and related matters. While desiring the widest possible participation in the Berkeley meeting, they urged that societies associated with the Pacific Division hold their June meetings as usual. Such procedure is encouraged by the fact that meetings of the Pacific Division scheduled for June, 1954 and June, 1955 are at considerable distances from the San Francisco Bay Area,

TABLE 1

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF REGISTRANTS*

Arizona	28	Nevada	6
California	766	New Jersey	1
Colorado	4	New Mexico	5
District of Columbia ..	5	New York	7
Florida	1	Ohio	4
Idaho	4	Oregon	50
Illinois	5	Texas	3
Maryland	3	Utah	32
Massachusetts	5	Virginia	1
Minnesota	1	Washington	48
Missouri	3	Wisconsin	1
Montana	2	Wyoming	2
Total, continental United States		987	
British Columbia	19	Japan	2
Hawaii	9	Norway	1
India	2	Pakistan	1
Italy	1		
Total, foreign or overseas		35	
Grand Total		1022	

* Boldface type indicates the seven states, the territory of Hawaii, and the Canadian province of British Columbia that comprise the Pacific Division of the AAAS. Their combined registration was 936 or 92% of the total.

Fifty-Year Members

AT ITS June meeting, the AAAS Board of Directors elected 39 persons who have been members continuously for fifty years. Those designated as fifty-year members are exempt from further payment of dues. However, they continue to enjoy all privileges of membership and a subscription to one of the journals. The list of fifty-year members includes:

Paul G. Agnew, 325 East 72nd St., New York 21, N. Y.
 Charles M. Bakewell, Box 1923, Yale Station, New Haven, Conn.
 Charles F. Batchelder, Peterborough, N. H.
 J. Chester Bradley, 604 Highland Road, Ithaca, N. Y.
 Jean Broadhurst, Hudson View Gardens, West 183rd and Pinehurst, New York, N. Y.
 J. Ansel Brooks, P. O. Box 587, Madison, Conn.
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 Charles Thomas Brues, 164 Highland Ave., Newtonville 60, Mass.
 Clarence A. Chant, David Dunlap Observatory, Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada
 Mrs. Agnes Chase, Grass Herbarium, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.
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so that a national meeting on the Pacific Coast should not affect the usual regional activities.

In addition to the luncheons, dinners, and breakfasts held by various societies, there was a well-attended Association Dinner, and a highly successful outdoor barbecue held on the new campus of Santa Barbara College of the University of California.

The total registered attendance at the meeting was 1022 drawn from a wide geographical area, as shown in Table 1. Although predominantly a divisional meeting, all sections of the United States were represented, and there was a gratifying attendance from British Columbia and Hawaii. There were registrants, principally exchange professors and students in American universities, from five foreign countries.

Despite final examinations and the beginning of summer schools which prevented some teachers from attending, nearly every center of learning in the region was represented. There were registrants from 122 communities in California: e.g., Los Angeles, 144; Berkeley, 80; Santa Barbara, 73; Pasadena, 45; Riverside, 44; Davis, 43; Palo Alto-Stanford, 22; San Francisco, 22; San Diego, 18; Santa Monica, 15; and La Jolla and Sacramento, 14 each.

William J. Hale, Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Mich.
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