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MEETINGS

Membership meetings are recessed until September 13th. and Exhibit Committee are meeting in the Science Center Conference Room August 3rd, 8:00 pm. All Board Members and Committee Chairshould attend.

MEMBERSHIP

Enclosed is the revised membership roster. We welcome new members enrolled since the first of the year: George Aucourt, Margaret Bade, Mrs M. W. Bezzio of Richland, Charlotte Bickford, Mr. & Mrs. Dean Black, Mrs. Lillie Cabeen, Theodore Choi, Salvatore Covello, Claude Dilly, Mrs. Shirley George, Lew Heymann, Evan Jones, Dr. West McElroy, Colonel Merrill of Puyallup, Margaret Mitchell, Martin Owens, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Childs of Vashon, Mr. & Mrs. T. Riggs and Mrs. Arthur Robinson.

We especially welcome the addition of Mr. Lew Heymann to our membership, since he is the proprietor of LEW'S Bookshop in San Francisco. Mr. Heymann's application for membership was not only accompanied by his check for \$5.00 but was also shortly followed by his contribution of a copy of H. Kleijn's Mushrooms and other Fungi, together with a set of 4 Swedish Mushroom Plates, for our library. stocks one of the most comprehensive lists of mushroom publications in the United States, and since we have furnished him with a membership roster, Mr. Heymann will shortly be furnishing catalog information directly to all our members.

While on the subject of membership, we note that about 50 of last year's members have not yet sent in this year's dues. Because of the recent sad loss of our secretary, coupled with vacations and other interruptions in the presence of our other officers, we are unable to give personal attention to individual dunning letters. Please give this matter your prompt attendance since we will be going on an annual basis next January. I thank you.

LIBRARY NOTES In addition to items donated by Lew Heymann, we are indebted to Dr. Stuntz for contribution of a fine Copy of Friesia Vol. IV, containing F. H. Møller's classic treatment of the Danish Psalliota (which we know as Agaricus). We also thank Darryl Grund for a handsomely bound inscribed copy of his doctoral thesis: A Survey of the Genus Russula occurring in Washington State.

TRAVEL NOTES

Charlie Volz is vacationing in Greece, researching mushroom extracts in Metaxas brandy. Connie Wood is looking for dried mushrooms in Hwa-di Woo is checking mycorhiza of crap tables in Dr. Darryl Grund will be leaving at the end of August for his new post in Nova Scotia.

CLASS STARTS

Midsummer sessions in microscopy and modern taxonomy, long awaited, have commenced with twice-weekly sessions under Dr. Stuntz, attended by eight officers and trustees. This initial class will become a cadre to instruct later classes for sections of the membership on a study group basis, providing of course that the instruction of the present group of retreads, some of whom have not seen the inside of a classroom for twenty or more years is successful. The creaking of rusty brain tissues was much in evidence at the initial session, but valorous attempts are being made to comprehend Köhler illumination, basidia and basidioles, sterigma, Melzer's solution, apicular pores, and sundry esoterica.

AGARICUS YR.

We apologize for getting behind schedule on our Agaricus Project, timetable for which had us mailing to you this month copies of a field note check-off form for the genus. Cross our hearts we will have this in next month's mailing if not before. Meanwhile, if you come across Agaricus, note the location, habitat characteristics, fresh color, color change of broken or cut flesh, wrap in wax paper loosely, and refrigerate until able to deliver to Dr. Stuntz at Johnson Hall on Campus. We will have further instructions next month.

OFFICE MOVE

Society office has been moved about 30 ft south in the same bldg, entering through small hallway between general office and the maintenance department office. This displacement was occasioned by our yielding space to a visiting scientist doing a special project this summer.

EXHIBIT

While we all loll about in this hot summer. Ann Mack has been energetically discharging her duties as General Chairman for the Annual Exhibit. Subcommittee Chairmen have been designated as follows:

Facilities Design & Construction
Publicity
Book Sales
Identification
Labeling
Collecting
Display arranging
Staff & Hospitality
Sanitary Engineering

Ben Woo
Ted Choi
Al Crosetti
Charles Volz
Connie Wood
Geo Rafanelli
Ilene Marckx
Mrs. Marcus Ohlson
Neil Smith

Far from being a skeleton organization, the above committees have been fleshed out by Mrs. Mack to the extent of 58 other workers. Those who may not have been contacted through some oversight, and feel slighted, may correct the situation by contacting any of the above chairmen whose committees they wish to join. They have all been instructed to overcome any reluctance to accept more help.