

NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF FORESTERS

(Inc.)

OFFICERS, 1968 - 70

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Editors: D. S. Jackson (*Journal*), A. R. Thorpe (*Newsletter*).

Librarian: G. C. Weston.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1968

The forty-first Annual Meeting was convened at the Display Centre, Palmerston North, on Tuesday, 14 May, 1968. There was an attendance of 41 Members, 49 Associates, 10 Affiliates, 5 Student Members and 12 visitors and wives. Apologies were received from 28 members. Members were welcomed to the city by the Mayor (Mr Rennie). The President then welcomed Mr Walding, M.P., and the Hon. Duncan McIntyre, Minister of Forests, who delivered the opening address.

Prior to Mr Grayburn's Presidential Address about the administration of the Institute, members paid tribute to the memory of F. T. Morrison, R. J. Faulkner, and I. J. Cuming.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Secretary reported that membership of the Institute was the same as 12 months earlier, the 33 new admissions having been balanced by three deaths, 13 resignations and 17 struck off for failure to pay dues. Of the admissions, 11 were Associates, 14 Affiliates and 8 Student members. He mentioned that Council intended to tighten up the definition of Student membership in order to exclude those who are not genuine students.

Council had met four times during the year and all meetings had been attended by 7 of the 11 councillors.

Two proposals for affiliation with other organizations had been received during the year — the first from the Royal Society of New Zealand and the second from the International Union of Societies of Foresters, which had its first meeting in Munich in 1967. Its stated purpose is to advance the progress, status and effectiveness of professional foresters throughout the world. The cost of affiliation would be 10 cents (U.S.) per member per annum. Each member body has the right to send a delegate to the International Council, which meets every five years. Between Congresses, the Union is controlled by a governing body of seven. Both these proposals were referred to the floor for later discussion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer stated that dues were to remain the same, at \$6.50 for full Members, \$4.50 for Associates, \$3.50 for Affiliates and \$2.00 for Student members — all being entitled to a rebate of 50 cents if paid by 30 June. He proposed the employment of a practising accountant as official auditor in future, and this was approved by the meeting.

JOURNAL REPORT

The Editor stated that it had been necessary to obtain a new quotation for printing the *Journal*, and that this was 8.6% greater than the quotation prevailing since 1965. Since 1960, gross production costs had increased from 60 cents per 100 pages to 80 cents last year. Net cost to the Institute had been reduced considerably over the past two years by the sterling efforts of our advertising manager, Mr Foley, to whom the Institute was indebted accordingly.

NEWSLETTER REPORT

Mr Thorpe made a plea for more copy. Closing date for the three numbers are the beginning of February, June and September in each year. Production costs were about 23c per copy.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

This was presented by the Secretary on behalf of Mr Weston, who stated that Council's offer of the Institute's extensive collection of periodicals, serials and books to the new School of Forestry had been accepted by the University of Canterbury. Mr Weston is also seeking similar offers from individual members.

LOCAL SECTION REPORTS

The main features of local section activities during the year were reported as follows:

Rotorua: Four evening talks by guest speakers, one field-day and four panel discussions — the last of which had been organized to entertain 20 Members of Parliament who were touring the forests and forest industries of the Bay of Plenty. This had attracted over 200 people, the public also being invited. Attendance at meetings normally ranged between 37 and 82, for a contributing membership of 148.

Hawke's Bay: Three talks by guest speakers and one film evening; one field day to H.B. Forests Ltd. and a visit to N.Z. Aerial Mapping. 40 contributing members.

Wellington: Five meetings, with an average attendance of 25 out of 50 contributing members.

Nelson: Four meetings to hear guest-speakers.

Westland: Two meetings and two field-days: one jointly with the Canterbury Section.

Canterbury: Two meetings — one in combination with the Institution of Engineers; and a joint field-day with the visiting Westland Section. 44 contributing members.

Southland: Only one meeting. 16 contributing members.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

The following amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of the N.Z. Institute of Foresters (Inc.) were discussed and formally approved by the meeting. They involve transposition of Sections 8 and 9 to read as follows:

"AFFILIATE MEMBERS

8. Council may elect as Affiliate members any persons who are not eligible for Associate membership but who are interested in furthering the objects of the Institute and are deemed by Council to be worthy of election.

STUDENT MEMBERS

9. Applicants for election into the class of Student members shall be residents of New Zealand, shall have passed the School Certificate or an equivalent examination, shall have the bona fide intention of taking up a career in forestry, and shall be:
 - (a) Students currently receiving formal training in forestry of a standard recognised by Council; or
 - (b) Students who have attended a University of New Zealand for two years.

Student members shall remain as such only while they are receiving formal training."

It was further suggested that the incoming Council should take steps to bring the Constitution up to date generally.

AFFILIATIONS

The matter of a closer link with the Royal Society was discussed. Council was instructed to consider the matter fully and bring forward a recommendation to the next A.G.M. Affiliation with the International Union of Forest Societies was also discussed, and it was again left for Council to obtain more information.

FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

E. A. Cooney and W. R. J. Sutton proposed that the Institute's formal reports on Forest Recreation, Noxious Animals and Forestry Education should be placed before the appropriate Working Parties of the F.D.C. The motion was approved.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Topic for the Institute's symposium was "Forestry as a Business". This took the form of four panel discussions, following an opening address by L. N. Ross.

First panel topic: "Tools and techniques for forest economics".

Chairman: J. G. Groome; with B. V. Allison, R. T. Fenton, R. K. Usmar and G. Yska.

Second panel topic: "Economics of forest location and size".

Chairman: M. J. Conway; with C. G. R. Chavasse, B. McConchie, W. Sutton and R. W. Williams.

Third panel topic: "Returns expected by individuals".

Chairman: A. P. Thomson; with N. A. Barr, A. Cooney, C. R. Larsen and A. D. McKinnon.

Fourth panel topic: "The value of wood".

Chairman: A. W. Grayburn; with B. V. Allison, B. Childs, M. McKee and P. F. Olsen.

The summing-up and commentary were given by Prof. J. G. Yoho of Duke University.

The papers by L. N. Ross, C. R. Larsen, P. F. Olsen, B. H. Childs and Professor Yoho are printed in this *Journal*.

NEXT MEETING

It was recommended to Council that the 1969 A.G.M. should be held in Dunedin and that the topic should be "Field forestry— with emphasis on establishment".