

BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kriebel at about 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12. Most of the people named on the attendance list were present at the business session. The first order of business was unanimous approval of the fine program prepared by our hosts. A special vote of appreciation went to Ralph W. Lorenz and J. J. Jokela of the University of Illinois for planning the program, to those presenting papers at the formal session, and to James H. Tyndall of the Cook County Forest Preserve District for excellent local arrangements and accommodations.

Because all state agricultural experiment stations in the region were not represented at the meeting, the chairman suggested postponing the election of new officers. No objection was voiced.

The chairman then read the recommendations by the national S.A.F. committee on results of the questionnaire on seed certification that was widely circulated this year. Rudolf stated that these recommendations would be presented to the I.C.I.A. meeting in Denver and to the S.A.F. national meeting in Washington this fall. He also stated that the committee was going to try to include "wild seed" as part of the seed classification being proposed by the I.C.I.A.

As an initial step the committee could take to improve planting practice in the region, Limstrom proposed preparing guidelines for the use of public agencies in procuring seed, selecting trees for seed collection, and establishing seed production areas. An expanded program of this kind would also provide more opportunities for locating and reporting promising trees that might be used in progeny tests and breeding research. Nienstadt stated that, while a similar publication in the Lake States had not brought as many reports of promising trees as was expected, he thought that the effort was worthwhile. The consensus of the group, however, was that such a publication would be a forward step, and that efforts should be made to enlist the cooperation of state foresters, forest supervisors, and industry leaders in the project.

Kriebel then brought up the desirability of publishing the proceedings of this conference. Jokela said that he thought the University of Illinois might take the leadership in the publication.

Westing suggested getting out a list of research workers in fields allied with the genetics research program. He also stated that Purdue would be willing to host the next Central States Forest Tree Improvement Conference, scheduled for 1962, and suggested that the theme of the next conference be "Physiological Research as an Aid to the Tree Improvement Program." No formal action was taken to accept this invitation.

Rudolf announced that the next Lake States Forest Tree Improvement Conference was scheduled for September 19-20, 1961.