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VIEW FROM THE TOWER

Twenty-nine months ago, The Associates NAL were incorporated as a legal entity under the laws of the State of Maryland. During these months with your support we have been able to initiate several projects in line with our objective of supporting and furthering the programs and goals of the National Agricultural Library. Accomplishments for 1972 include

- . Establishment of a Professional Activities Fund with a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to help foreign agriculturally-oriented library students to attend professional meetings, workshops and seminars, which will broaden their professional horizons. The Committee established to administer this Fund has drawn up and disseminated a Policy Statement, Guidelines, and Application Form. A news release about the Fund has been widely disseminated.

President: Angelina J. Carabelli Treasurer: Earl Copus
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Personal Membership Representative: Charles E. Kellogg
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Katherine Daley 1971/1973 Alan Fusonie 1971/1974
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Committee Chairmen

Program: Henry T. Murphy Membership: Mildred Benton
Finance & Budget: C. S. Shaffner Nomination: Julia Finette Davis
Special Awards: Mary Ruth Brown Purchase: James M. Gwin

- . Establishment of a Xerographic Fund of \$50.00 to fill small, one-time requests for xerographic copy of journal articles costing \$2.00 or less received from foreign libraries, scientific/research organizations and scholars. The xerographic copy will be sent as a gift from The Associates.
- . Taping and transcribing the talks of guest speakers presented at the monthly NAL Professional Staff luncheons. The speeches for 1972 will be bound and presented to NAL at the 1973 Annual Meeting of The Associates.
- . Purchasing artificial trees and plants to enhance the environmental decor of newly renovated quarters for the Law Branch Library, South Building, USDA at 14th and Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D. C.
- . Publication of our first annual monograph - Abraham Lincoln, His Contribution to American Agriculture.

As we move into another year, a number of ideas occur to us as worthwhile projects for The Associates to sponsor. Among these are an oral history program for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and a rare books acquisition program for the National Agricultural Library. We welcome any suggestions from the membership concerning new projects with the caution that any project suggested must be realistic in terms of time, money, and personnel.

Plans are being developed, as of this writing, for the presentation of a special gift to NAL and the second annual monographic publication of The Associates. Both gift and publication complement each other. At first, we considered memorializing Dr. Ralph R. Shaw, a former Director of the Library, who died last fall.

Investigations brought to light that Dr. Maurice Tauber is preparing a definitive biography. The original idea was then developed into a monograph on all past Directors of NAL with a descriptive history of their accomplishments. As part of its annual

gift The Associates will underwrite the cost of 500 copies for distribution to visitors. Concurrently, The Associates plan to present portraits of all Directors to be hung in a prominent location in the Library.

ANGELINA J. CARABELLI
President

REPORT ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 1972

Interim reports of Committees were reviewed. The Special Projects Committee has been temporarily suspended. Dr. Gwin, Chairman, has pressing commitments, which do not presently allow him to give the required amount of time to this activity. The Board approved a change of name for the Budget Committee to Financial Development Committee and assigned it the responsibility of developing ways and means of augmenting the treasury. Approval was given to the formation of three new committees for Publicity, Retirement, and Agricultural History. No chairmen have yet been appointed. We are also looking for chairmen for the Special Privileges and Editorial Committees. Interested members should contact the Executive Secretary.

Several amendments to By-laws were proposed:

- . A recommendation to establish life membership was postponed for two years.
- . An amendment to change the method of voting for new officers was offered and approved. Instead of officers being elected by majority vote at the annual meeting, a ballot will be sent to the entire membership. Article II, Section 3 of the By-laws will be amended to read "Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership for the term of one year"

- . A proposed amendment concerning an Honorary Chairman of the Board was favorably accepted. Article II, Section I of the By-laws will be amended to read "The wife of the incumbent Secretary of Agriculture shall be invited to act as Honorary Chairman of the Board."

The following policy statement on gifts was approved by the Board:

The Associates NAL Inc. shall actively seek out and encourage donations or deposits of special subject and rare book collections, graphics, appropriate memorabilia and other related materials in the broad field of agriculture, as well as funds to be devoted to the furtherance of the goals and programs of the National Agricultural Library. The Special Projects Committee and the Executive Secretary shall review proffered gifts and, in doubtful cases, consult with the three ex-officio members of the Board of Directors, and, if necessary, other appropriate members of the NAL staff.

The Associates reserve the right to use and/or dispose of gifts in the best interests of the Library.

Gifts shall be incorporated into the NAL collections according to standard operating procedures.

Members are asked to actively publicize the gift policy of The Associates.

The Board approved a special gift to the National Agricultural Library to be presented at the time of the annual meeting. The price of the gift is not to exceed \$360.00.

HAPPENINGS AT NAL

A new Xerox Telecopier 400 has been in operation at NAL for two months as a replacement for an older and slower machine. The new 400 will send a page of copy in four minutes instead of the previous six. It is compatible with older machines, however, since it allows transmission at both the six and four minute rates.

A sample issue of Forestry - - Pathways to Information, a proposed quarterly index and alerting tool, has been developed by Macmillan Information (formerly CCM), 866 Third Avenue, New York City, 10022. Citations are those in the Bibliography of Agriculture from material prepared by the National Agricultural Library and is a spin-off from the CAIN tapes.

A reporting and information session concerning the National Agricultural Libraries Network was held at the meeting of the Agricultural and Biological Sciences Section of ACRL on February 2, 1973 at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C.

OUR MEMBERS

Mrs. Ruby W. Moats has left Washington, D. C. for Seattle, Washington. She writes "This is certainly a different part of the country. The scenery is most spectacular and the weather changes daily.

John and I are doing volunteer work at the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center. We enjoy our working associates very much."

ODDS AND ENDS

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Julia Finette Davis, has done a terrific job of lining up candidates for offices. A ballot is enclosed with this newsletter. Under the amended By-laws the entire membership may now vote for the candidate of their choice. Please take a few minutes to mark your ballot and mail it to the Executive Secretary.

Let's increase our membership! Each active member can help by assuming the responsibility for inviting a new member. Personal invitations bring results, so send a note along with the enclosed application form to someone whom you believe will be interested.

CALENDAR FOR PHASING ADMINISTRATION

OF THE ASSOCIATES, NAL ACTIVITIES

JULY 1, 1972 - JUNE 30, 1973

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November 1972	Board of Directors Meeting (11-16-72) Amend By-laws to permit establishing office of Honorary Chairman of the Board (amended 11-16-72)
December 1972	Review Board Meeting Report (completed) Draft plans for carrying out new activities (in progress)
January 1973	Continue plans for new activities (in progress) Contact committee chairman for interim reports (deferred) Draft "Today" Newsletter - vol. 1, no. 6 (completed)
February 1973	Board of Directors Meeting (deferred) Plan special publication for annual meeting (in progress) Establish new approved committees Issue "Today" Newsletter - vol. 1, no. 6 (completed)
March 1973	Plan annual monograph of Associates NAL, Inc.
April 1973	Plan annual meeting
May 1973	Annual meeting Review activities
June 1973	Review all activities and accounts for transfer to in-coming officers Draft materials for inclusion in "Today" Newsletter -

