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The Chairman called the final Plenary meeting to order at 10.00 a.m. and referred to the agenda which included all items of business remaining from the agenda adopted at the first Plenary meeting.

The Commission considered the report of the Hydrographic Sub-Committee and accepted the recommendation of the Committee on Research and Statistics (Document XVIII) to defer further action until the hydrographic program could be considered in the light of the Commission's Research program as a whole.

Reports of Meetings of Panels 5 to 1 (Documents XXI to XXV)

The summary Reports of the five Panel meetings held concurrently with the Second Annual Meeting were considered by the Commission. The Panel Chairmen offered no comments and the Reports were formally received by the Commission.

Report of Committee on Finance and Administration (Document XX)

The Chairman, in referring to the importance of the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration, stated that the 14 recommendations therein would be considered separately by the Commission. The recommendations, in being accepted by the Commission, received the following comments and amendments:

(1) The desirability of making provision for some sort of annuity for staff members was suggested but action was deferred to a later Meeting.

(2) At the Third Annual Meeting it was considered desirable to double the stenographic staff required by the Commission.

(3) The word "informally" included in recommendation 6 (Working Capital Fund) was deleted.

(4) The Financial Report (Recommendation 7) was accepted subject to audit at a later date.

(5) Following an enjoyable discussion, New Haven, Conn. was considered to be the most desirable place for the Third Annual Meeting of the Commission.

(6) The necessity of considering recommendation 10 (Bonding of the Executive Secretary) was questioned and the Chairman of the Committee explained that it was brought to the attention of the Commission because of the increased budget for the year 1952/53.

(7) In recommendation 11 (Publication of Report) it was pointed out that the word "form" should read "format".

(8) Recommendation 12 (Executive Secretary) was amended to read as follows:-

That Erik M. Poulsen of Copenhagen, Denmark, be appointed Executive Secretary with salary at the rate of \$8,500 per annum with temporary headquarters at St. Andrews, N.B.

That in the event Dr. Poulsen does not accept the appointment, it be offered on the same terms to Dr. F. Heward Bell.

That in the event neither candidate accepts the appointment the selection of a new Executive Secretary and the method of selection shall be the responsibility of the special committee of the Commission appointed to deal with the site of a permanent headquarters. That the Chairman of the Commission be authorized to poll the Commission by post as to the Committee's nominee and with approval to make the appointment.

All 14 recommendations, with the above drafting amendments incorporated, were accepted unanimously by the Commission, except that in the case of the recommendation relating to the Executive Secretary, Denmark abstained from voting.

It was reported that Mr. J.H. MacKichan (Canada) had been unanimously reelected Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Administration.

The Chairman advised delegates that all the important papers of the meeting would be found attached to the numbered Documents and a complete set of Documents (I to XXXI) should provide a complete record of the Second Annual Meeting.

Dr. Tåning, on behalf of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, requested that notice of Commission meetings to be held at Copenhagen should be sent out as soon as possible.

Thanks of Commission for services of all concerned

The Chairman voiced the Commission's indebtedness (a) to the Canadian Government for all the facilities that had constituted so vital a factor in carrying the Commission over the difficult first year, the Biological Station under Dr. Needler having been particularly helpful, (b) to the Acting Executive Secretary and his staff for their outstanding services, (c) to the invaluable assistance rendered by the special staff including Mr. Lamb, Mr. Manchester, Miss Inkpen, Miss Parker, Miss Sullivan and Mrs. Cunningham. The Chairman expressed his personal thanks to the acting Vice Chairman and to all who had combined to make the meeting so pleasant.

Mr. Bates (Canada) paid tribute to the progress made by the Commission through the contributions of the best fisheries scientists and advisers available. He congratulated the Acting Chairman on his excellent leadership throughout the year and expressed the deep appreciation of the Commission for his efforts both during the year and at the Second Annual Meeting.

Election of Chairman

The Chairman pointed out that in electing a new Chairman it should be understood that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would continue in office until the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

On the Motion of Mr. Bates (Canada) seconded by Dr. Lucas (U.K.) Dr. Kask (U.S.A.) was proposed as Chairman for one year, and this proposal was unanimously accepted by the Commission.

Dr. Kask, in taking the Chair expressed his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him. In his remarks he referred (1) to the contribution made by the Acting Executive Secretary and his staff (2) to the most cooperative nature of the meeting including the contributions of Observers from France and Portugal and (3) to the hospitality of Canada in providing the Sunday sea cruise which everyone had so much enjoyed.

The business of the meeting having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

