

Minutes of the First Meeting of the
Canadian Association of Medical Physicists

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On January 10th, 1955, the Physicists, listed above, gathered together at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa to discuss the formation of an Association of Physicists engaged in Medical work. By unanimous decision, Dr. Harold E. Johns was elected Chairman for the discussion which followed. Dr. Horsley was appointed Secretary.

An agenda for the meeting was drawn up which included the following points for discussion:

Object of organization
Affiliations
Membership

Feasability
Action on above items.

OBJECT OF ORGANIZATION:

In discussing the objects of the organization, the rules and objects of the Hospital Physicists Association of England were read and it was accepted that there were two main objects of our organization. First, the furthering of scientific interests; secondly, better professional standing for Physicists.

FEASABILITY:

Dr. Batho discussed feasibility of the Organization and brought up the point that his travelling expenses to this meeting amounted to about Four Hundred dollars (\$400.00).

AFFILIATION:

Concerning affiliation, the secretary read a letter from

Dr. Kerwin, who is the President of the Canadian Association of Physicists. This letter discussed the various schemes of affiliation which had been proposed or suggested and he indicated that the C.A.P.

most willing and anxious to promote the interest of all Physicists and would be pleased to extend their facilities to our group. Dr. Stephens-Newsham mentioned that considerable pressure had been brought to bear upon him to join the Canadian Association of Radiologists. It was mentioned at this time by the secretary that the Hospital Physicists Association of England would like the Canadian group of Physicists to be part of their Organization. Dr. Holloway moved that this Organization be strictly Canadian. The motion was seconded by Dr. MacDonald and carried by a show of hands.

Dr. Johns suggested at this time that each of us should be a member of the Canadian Association of Physicists. After some general discussion concerning the formation of our own Organization, problems of finance, and points concerning competing organizations, Dr. Batho suggested that we work in close conjunction with both the C.A.P. and the C.A.R. and he then moved that we form an Organization of Hospital Physicists in Canada to work in close association with both the C.A.P. and the C.A.R. This motion was seconded by Dr. Scott.

In the discussion which followed, Mr. Garrett suggested that we consider the scope of Organization and that we be more exact with respect to our name. Again, after some discussion, the original motion made by Dr. Batho was withdrawn and Dr. Scott proposed that a Canadian Association of Medical Physicists be formed to operate in close association with the Canadian Association of Physicists and the Canadian Association of Radiologists. This was seconded by Dr. MacDonald and carried unanimously.

OBJECTS OF ORGANIZATION:

The objects of this Association were discussed and Dr. Batho moved and Dr. Horsley seconded, that the two following objectives be adopted.

1. To promote and encourage the application of physics to medical problems.
2. To deal with matters relating to the profession of Medical Physicists.

MEMBERSHIP:

In initiating the discussion of membership Dr. MacDonald moved that membership in this Organization be restricted to those holding a degree in Science from a recognized University whose principal field of interest is in Physics as applied to medicine. This motion was seconded by Dr. Roger Inch. Dr. Batho moved the following amendment to the motion to read that membership in this Organization be restricted to those holding a degree in Physics, or its equivalent, from a recognized University whose principal field of interest is in physics as applied to medicine. This was seconded by Dr. MacDonald and carried. The original motion was then passed.

It was moved by Dr. Scott, seconded by Dr. Horsley, and carried, that a membership committee be appointed. It was agreed that the executive of the Association would constitute the membership committee.

NUMBER OF MEETINGS:

Concerning the number of meetings to be held, Dr. MacDonald moved that the normal frequency of meetings be once in each year and, where possible, the meetings are to be held alternately in conjunction with the C.A.P. and C.A.R. This was seconded by Dr. Scott and carried.

OFFICERS OF THE ORGANIZATION:

In discussing executive officers of the Organization it was agreed that there should be four, namely, President, Past-President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. The following officers were elected unanimously for the positions indicated:

President - Dr. H.E. Johns

Vice-President - Dr. Stephens-Newsham

Secretary-Treasurer - Dr. R.J. Horsley

INITIAL EXPENSES:

Dr. Scott moved that everyone be taxed Five dollars (\$5.00) for initial expenses. This was seconded by Dr. Horsley and carried.

LENGTH OF OFFICE:

Dr. Batho moved that members of the executive hold office for three years; that the Secretary-Treasurer be elected for a three year period; and that a Vice President be elected each year to move up to Presidency in the next year and Past President in the third year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kornelson and carried.

CERTIFICATION:

An expression of opinion concerning certification of Physicists in Hospital work was called for and it was generally felt by the Physicists present that there should be some form of certification.

It was moved by Dr. MacDonald and seconded by Dr. Batho that the executive committee of the Association of Medical Physicists constitute a committee to study the problem of certification of Radiological Physicists. Motion carried.

CURRENT IDEAS:

Dr. Batho suggested that we circulate current ideas. These ideas could be forwarded to the Secretary who in turn would circulate them to the members at large. Dr. Scott asked that the minutes of this first meeting be circulated to all the members.

ASSOCIATION STATIONERY:

It was left to the discretion of the Secretary to obtain appropriate letter-head for use of the Canadian Association of Medical Physicists.

It was suggested that the executive inform both the C.A.R. and the C.A.P. of the formation of our Organization.

It was left to the discretion of the executive to arrange the next meeting and it was suggested by Dr. Johns that as many as possible of us plan to attend the Canadian Association of Physicists meeting to be held in June in Toronto.

Motion for adjournment.

President

Secretary-Treasurer