

### Meeting of the Council

Nine members of the Council convened December 31, 1924, in the conference room of the Weather Bureau, Washington: Brooks, Clayton, Douglass, Gregg, Henry, Kimball, Marvin, and Milham. President Milham opened the meeting at 9.20 A. M., and the following business was transacted:

1. The minutes of the 19th meeting were read and approved.
2. The proposed regulations governing nominations and elections were returned to the committee for further consideration and report. The Council expressed itself in favor of: (a) reduced detail in the constitution, omitting specifications as to handling ballots, such to be covered by rules of the Council, and confining attention to other essentials of election; (b) nomination by committee; (c) two-year term of office for President and Vice-President; and (d) election of Vice-President to the Presidency not to become the rule.
3. Committee on World Meteorology. In rendering a report of no action on the part of the Committee, Professor C. F. Marvin, Chairman, said it had not been practicable to do anything on this broad and highly important subject. He said that the matter of observing and collecting observations of the weather in widely separated regions must essentially be a function of internationally co-operating governments, while investigations based on such data could be prosecuted by independent institutes. Mr. Clayton concurred. Dr. Kimball described the recent creation of an international bureau of meteorology by the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, to which bureau had been assigned an initial task of making three months of Northern Hemisphere weather maps, (third quarter, 1923). At the close of the discussion, the Council reiterated its deep interest in World Meteorology. Since, however, it was deemed unnecessary to have a committee to center this view and to express this interest from time to time, as occasion might arise, the report of the Chairman was received and the committee discharged.
4. The Meisinger Aerological Research Fund was voted \$100 from the Society's general funds, and the President was directed to appoint a committee on awards and investments for the Fund, without power, however, to appropriate money.
5. The reports of the Treasurer and auditors were accepted and approved.
6. The budget for 1925 (same as in 1924) was approved: \$1250 for the BULLETIN, \$200 for incidentals, and \$360 for clerical assistance for the Secretary.
7. The granting of any research award from the income of the Life Membership Fund was deferred until after the Meisinger Fund Committee could report.
8. The Secretary's report was received and accepted, with a vote of thanks.
9. The BULLETIN was ordered continued essentially as in 1924.
10. Meetings for 1925 were designated as follows. In April, at

Washington, D. C.; in June, on the Pacific Coast; and in December, at Kansas City with the A. A. A. S. Mr. W. R. Gregg was placed in charge of arrangements for the April meeting.

### Annual Business Meeting

Following the meeting of the Council, the annual business meeting was called to order at 11 A. M. After a cordial address of welcome to the visiting members by Prof. C. F. Marvin, Chief of the Weather Bureau, the President ordered the polls closed and appointed as tellers Messrs. Herbert Lyman and Burton M. Varney.

The reports of the secretary, treasurer and auditing committee were read and accepted. These reports are given below.

Under the head of new business, there was general discussion as to the advisability of endeavoring to increase the membership and of making material changes in the BULLETIN. As to the former, the view prevailed that the Society's experience has thus far "followed the normal curve," viz., 1st, a sharp, rapid growth from zero, then a fairly sharp decrease for a year or two, followed by a very gradual decrease for a year or so more and thereafter a slow, healthy increase. The Society is now in the third phase and no concern was expressed as to its graduation into the final phase within a year or so.

As regards the publication of the BULLETIN, the prevailing opinion seemed to be that no changes are desirable at the present time. The suggestion was made, however, that a questionnaire be circulated among the membership, requesting a statement as to what features of the BULLETIN are most interesting. The response from such a questionnaire might very likely point the way to changes that would give the BULLETIN the widest possible appeal among its readers.

The president appointed Messrs. H. H. Clayton and R. H. Weightman as members of the Resolutions Committee.

The report of the Tellers was then received. It showed the very nearly unanimous re-election of the present Officers, and the election of the following Fellows as Councillors for the 3-year period 1925-1927: H. H. Clayton, W. M. Davis, W. J. Humphreys, Alexander McAdie and J. C. Millás.

### Treasurer's Annual Report

November 1, 1924.

To the Officers and Council of the American Meteorological Society:

The Treasurer submits herewith his annual report for the fiscal year, November 1, 1923, to October 31, 1924, both inclusive.

#### A. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Disbursements</i>	
Balance in bank Nov. 1, 1923 .....	\$55 75	Printing of BULLETIN ..	\$1,098 69
Dues—		Mailing of BULLETIN ..	112 53
1921 .....	\$4 00	Binders for BULLETIN ..	6 01
1922 .....	9 00	Clerical assistance, Secretary .....	262 00
1923 .....	35 00	Stationery, postage, and	