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ANNUAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE BOARD

ROLL CALL

Officers present:

J. E. Holoubek, M.D.—President
C. P. Cunningham, M.D.—First Vice-President
G. P. J. Griffin, M.D.—Second Vice-President
F. M. Taylor, M.D.—Third Vice-President
F. E. Varion, M.D.—Secretary

Affiliated Guilds represented:

Nicholas P. Pribiano, M.D.—Joliet, Illinois
Clement P. Cunningham, M.D.—Rock Island, Illinois
Arthur F. Hopman, M.D.—Fort Wayne, Indiana
James T. Nix, M.D.—New Orleans, Louisiana
Alice Holoubek, M.D.—Shreveport, Louisiana
Francis W. Dinan, M.D.—Boston, Massachusetts
John M. Malone, M.D.—Detroit, Michigan
Reinard P. Narwez, M.D.—Grand Rapids, Michigan
James T. Keeler, M.D.—Saginaw, Michigan
Wayne O. Gorla, M.D.—St. Louis, Missouri
Daniel P. Keefe, M.D.—Albany, New York
James F. Bottler, M.D.—Brooklyn, New York
George J. Lawrence, M.D.—Queens County, New York
Charles S. Wohl, M.D.—Toledo, Ohio
Gino G. Papola, M.D.—Philadelphia (St. Francis of Assisi), Pennsylvania
John D. Donovan, M.D.—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
L. B. Zen, M.D.—Houston, Texas
Paul Anderson, M.D.—La Crosse, Wisconsin
John P. Schreible, M.D.—Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Ford J. Muehler, M.D.—Belleville, Illinois
George C. Blaha, M.D.—Chicago, Illinois
C. Lesmuck, M.D.—Lansing, Michigan
Michael Brennan, M.D.—Detroit, Michigan
Richard J. Lescose, M.D.—Los Angeles, California
Frank H. D'Andrea, M.D.—Tolland, Connecticut
Anthony J. Pisani, M.D.—New York, New York
Robert J. Benford, M.D.—Washington, D.C.

Others:

Rev. Rev. Msgr. D. A. McGowan, Moderator
Reverend John J. Flanagan, S.J., Editor, LQ
Miss Jean Read, Executive Secretary
Very Rev. Rev. Arthur F. MacDonald, Moderator, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Reverend Kenneth A. MacKinnon, Moderator, Detroit, Michigan
Eulalius J. Murphy, M.D.—Past President
William P. Chester, M.D.—Past President
George P. Price, M.D.—Brooklyn, New York
John Hammond, M.D.—St. Louis, Missouri

sessions of the National Federation annual executive board convened at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 1962 at the Pick-Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

The Minutes of the winter executive board meeting held in Denver, Colorado, December 1, 1961 were read and approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. J. E. Holoubek reported on his activities in having the central office contact Catholic physicians groups in foreign lands, to exchange correspondence and journals. Some 29 have been contacted.

He advised of the appointment of additional members to the committees serving the national organization, encouraging the Guilds to respond to this project.

The president urged more news of activities to be sent to the central office.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Monsignor McGowan again urged the strengthening of local Guilds to add stature to the national organization.

Pursuing the religion program under consideration by the A.M.A., he reported that Bishop Fulton J. Sheen and Dr. Eusebius J. Murphy are on the development committee. The Federation is in no way committed to the policies that may be adopted. More details will be available as the program progresses.

The president urged yet more of the Guilds to become members of the Federation.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Monsignor McGowan again urged the strengthening of local Guilds to add stature to the national organization.

To encourage physicians to join local Guilds or to become members of The Linacre Quarterly advertising has been placed in the A.M.A. News and other weeklies. Guilds are urged to do likewise in their local papers. Copy for an Ad was given to each delegate at the Board meeting.

It is estimated that there are some 35,000 Catholic doctors in the United States and it is the Federation's intention to contact as many as possible. Effort will be made to secure names through parishes. Physicians on The Linacre Quarterly mailing list who do not belong to Guilds will be contacted and invited to become associates of the Federation.

It was reported that there are 102 affiliated Guilds with some 6,800 member physicians and a small number of dentists.

A.M.A. EXHIBIT

The original exhibit with the theme of "Moral Principles in Medical Practice," was again used in booth F-123 of the A.M.A. convention. Members of the
Chicago Guild assisted with staffing along with Federation officers and representatives of other Guilds. It was voted to omit the display for next year and concentrate on exhibiting in the scientific area.

A second display prepared from the study of Dr. James T. Nix, Jr. made on lung cancer in nuns appeared as an exhibit in the Scientific Section. A.M.A. visitors expressed great interest in the project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pre-Cana

Dr. Franklyn E. Verdon, chairman, advised that the committee is ready to work along with the National Family Life Bureau on Pre-Cana where needed. Some talks given by doctors in the Miami, Florida Guild have been taped. Those in other parts of the country engaged in this project are urged to do likewise. Topics of discussion can be supplied by the committee. Since the program for Pre-Cana work is defined by the Bureau, the Federation is merely an ally in offering service in local activity as needed. Not Pre-Cana work, but felt to be important, are talks to teen-agers on some of the topics discussed in the conferences. Some Guild delegates also lecture to parents along the lines of Pre-Cana work along with the National Family Life Bureau.

In discussing the manner of securing representation of other Guilds, it was suggested that individual Guilds, in company with federation officers and representatives of other Guilds, be urged to appoint local diarumens to work with the Chicago committee doing this work. One individual would be in charge of religious personnel, cytologic studies for malignant cells, and concentrating on exhibiting in the scientific area.

2. Preparation of an educational exhibit for the A.M.A. convention.

3. Establishment of a Cytology center at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, for cytologic studies for malignant cells and concentrate on exhibiting in the scientific area.

4. Development of methods for collecting and analyzing data on the cause of death of every nun in the United States during the calendar year 1963. This is to be done by a two-year grant from the American Cancer Society. The Health Chairman of each local Catholic Physicians' Guild will be asked to assume responsibility for determining the cause of death of each nun in their area during 1963.

5. Coordination of activity of the Health of Religious chairmen of individual Catholic Physicians' Guilds is the next phase in the program. The examination forms, entrance and annual, along with the medical identification cards, furnished from the Catholic Hospital Association are neglected. A third printing of the annual booklet is in process; the forms are in use.

Medical Missions

Dr. Eusebius J. Murphy, chairman, reviewed the program, advising the need for a central co-ordinating organization. He described the need for placement of personnel in missions.

The services of the Federation would be offered in:

1. Screening, through physical examination of personnel.
2. Publicizing for recruitment.
3. Local Guilds would appoint chairmen of their groups to work with national committee.

To date, and working along with the Catholic Medical Mission Bureau, 51 placements have been made and 17 are in process. Of the first 34, physical examinations were provided by many of our individual Guilds. There are 29 more in process.

It is recommended that a standard physical examination form be adopted which would include psychiatric screening.

There was strong urging for more Guilds to appoint local chairmen to work along with the national committee. Since so many missions need help, it was suggested that individual Guilds interested in doing this work, contact the Federation and if interested, they would do what they can to assist in a small way, or large, as the membership wishes.

The Mission Placement Notes published by the Catholic Medical Mission Bureau can be furnished for Guilds, on request.

Reverend Joseph Gremillion of the Catholic Relief Services was present at the meeting and spoke of the social service systems in Latin America. He advised there is great need there for medical help.

The Detroit Guild reported that efforts to assist the missions were directed to fund raising. Urging to support the cause has not been as fruitful as the group had hoped it might be.

The Los Angeles Guild through its support of the Mission Doctors' Association which has the sanction of the Holy Father is giving Africa its help. The Mission Committee controls the activity. The doctors giving mission service are supplied with $500.00 a month by the board.

Reverend Anthony F. LaBau, S.J., director of OMMB, was present and thanked the Guilds cooperating with the organization in providing physical examinations for those applying for placement through his office. He advised that there are now 104 places available. A special need is in Okinawa where an American Catholic doctor would be most welcome.

Medical Mission Scholarship

Dr. Wm. Chester, reporting, as co-chairman, advised that plans have not developed at this point. Suggestion was made to change the name of the committee to "Medical Mission Education." The objectives would be to aid improvement of the medical care of the world and assisting those returning from the missions to receive training and placement.

Program

Dr. Fred M. Taylor, chairman of this newly formed committee, advised of intention to hold a general meeting at which papers and panel discussions would be devoted to fulfilling the aims of the Federation. Such a meeting would be held annually, following the winter Executive Board sessions.

Discussion ensued regarding disassociating the winter Board meeting from the clinical sessions of the A.M.A. No definite conclusions reached. For 1962, there will be no change. The Board will convene in Los Angeles, Calif. November 30-December 1. The Executive Committee and Committee Chairmen will meet on November 29.

The Los Angeles delegate advised that the Guild holds a Symposium at Loyola College annually and it might be possible to have a joint session with the Federation this winter. Inquiry will be made.

Finances

Due to growth of the Federation in number of Guilds and necessity to increase the central office staff, the expense of operation is mounting. It was moved that the officers of the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds consider the matter and extent of an increase in dues to the national office and propose a constitutional amendment in sufficient time to present it to the local presidents at least two months prior to the winter meeting of the Executive Board.

New Business

Under new business it was proposed that at the next annual meeting of the Federation Executive Board, the Annual Memorial Mass be offered in the morning followed by a breakfast. No other social event would be held.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.