

Distinguished Lectures Committee Report

In accordance with the action taken in Boston as a result of the excellent work of the Woodhouse Ad Hoc Committee on Distinguished lectures, the current committee has attempted to carry out the will of the membership. Through a series of memos we requested and received nominees for the John R. Betts Lecture, the Max Howell Lecture, and the S.C. Staley Lecture.

Each member of the Committee was then asked to rank each name listed for each lecture with one being the highest. Unfortunately not all members finished a complete ranking so the resultant scores do not represent an accurate depiction of the feeling of the present committee. But under the limitations of the ranking cited, the top four candidates were obtained.

The chair proceeded to contact the number one candidate for each lecture as decided by the committee to ask if they would present the appropriate lecture. I am happy to report that Professor Barle Zeigler has accepted the challenge to give the Maxwell Howell Lecture and Professor Ronald Smith the S.C. Staley Lecture. The first two candidates for the John R. Betts Lecture, because of previous commitments, thanked us for the honor but asked to be excused, hopefully being asked once again later because of the press of duties. Two other people contacted also asked to be considered at another time. Additionally, a professor from a German University was also contacted, but because of lack of travel funds this year, could not accept the invitation. Since this committee is a two year committee, a replacement is needed for Gordon McKinney who was elected to the Committee and Margaret Woodhouse who was appointed by the Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That a call for nominations go out to our members in both the *Newsletter* and at the first Business Session.
2. That ranking next year start anew and not carry over from 1976.
3. That a brief vita or biographical sketch be made available by the person who nominates a person for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gordon McKinney

Gerald Redmond

Margaret Woodhouse

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