

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE
NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
TO THE TRUSTEE BOARD
SEVENTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION, AUGUST, 1965, CINCINNATI, OHIO

*Read this
to the Board
Trustee*

Mr. Chairman, members of the Trustee Board of the National Medical Association, and fellow physicians — greetings.

Your president-~~elect~~, who ^{has just} ~~is about to~~ take office as the titular head of the National Medical Association, is highly honored for the opportunity and challenge which faces him. During the past year he has been involved in the preparation and development of his proposed program and its formal presentation at the opening inaugural session which, ~~with the help and cooper-~~

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- - - - has just been presented, and I hope that at least the principal things I have in mind, resulting from consultations with many of you, were communicated. Before the Trustee Board I have given an accounting of the activities of the office of the President-Elect during the period 1964 - '65.

The President-Elect's first official act was to assure the President, by letter, of his willingness and readiness to assist in carrying out any chore which he might request, as far as is possible and feasible.

Fortunately for my busy schedule as practicing gastroenterologist, teacher and part time researcher, ^{but perhaps not in the best interest of continuity of the Pres. office} I had no chores proffered to me, in this relationship, during my tenure in office as President-Elect.

However, interpreting our Constitution, with reference to the prerogatives and responsibilities of the office of the President-Elect, I proceeded the best I could, to develop the program for the formal opening inaugural session and other activities, on an appropriated budget of \$ 25.00 .

In the course of these activities I conservatively spent \$ 801.98, representing an overdraft of \$ 776.98 . I was told, on several occasions, that it would be impossible to obtain more than \$ 25.00 . I continued to carry on the duties of the office under great handicaps which go considerably beyond the very limited budget allowance.

However, I felt that election to the high office of President-Elect of the National Medical Association carried with it the grave responsibility of living up to an image of credit and distinction, and toward such goals, I did the very best that I could.

To the traditional expectations of those who had elected me I fought for the right and opportunity (and finally achieved with the cooperation of the Cincinnati Post committee,) , of developing the program and selecting the participants for the formal opening of the inaugural session. ^{If you were satisfied with the program of the formal opening inaugural session and its projected social program, as you to refund the money which was spent in the office of Pres Elect} At the

Interim meeting of the Trustee Board, the names of (5) outstanding men in the field of medicine were presented and approved by the Board. ^{for Citations} The names of (3) medical men of distinction were presented for endorsement only, to the Trustee Board. ^(for honorary membership) It was well known that the final official and Constitutional method was to have approval of such candidates, by the Council on Scientific Assembly and election by the House of Delegates.

Because of our particular logistics, it was necessary for the Consul
 on Scientific Assembly to consider these names by mail, in time to have
 them considered on Monday, during the opening session of the House of De-
 ligates , - - - - - otherwise, honorary memberships cannot be approved

and awarded at the same convention. *The function in this regard of Dr. Charles DeLancey and his Scientific Assembly Council were carried out cooperatively.* I wish to assure you at this time,

that the technical error of printing the names of candidates before they
 had been approved, was a clerical mishap and did not result from the final
 format of the program which I submitted to the Administrative Secretary's
 office. Happily matters were cleared up by your indulgence and I feel
 very strongly that there will be no regrets for the awarding of these
 honorary memberships.

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- - - as Chairman of Council on Medical Education and Hospitals, during 1964, I had set up and presented a national conference on recruitment in medical careers in Chicago.

On this occasion we had in attendance (750) registered teen-agers and approximately (100) adult leaders involved in an all-day conference and workshop on the campus of the University of Chicago. ^{Very limited coverage (2 small paragraphs we carried in your Journal)} There was a mandate from the community and the youngsters themselves, to repeat the conference in the Spring of 1965. This was carried out while holding the office of President-Elect and invitations were extended to the recently created special council on recruitment, headed by Dr. Edward Cooper. The work of the ~~KQ~~ recruitment programs was coordinated to the best of my ability in spite of many handicaps.

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