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Enclosed, find summaries of the sectional meetings of the Midwest Conference of College Biology Teachers held at Drake University, October 25 and 26, 1957. The lateness of the report is due to my procrastination. The recorders are to be commended on their coverage of the discussions.

A steering committee was elected and officers chosen as follows:

James M. Barrett	John J. Ketterer
Elmer J. Cloutier	Robert C. Lommasson, Vice President
Ralph P. Frazier	Dwight D. Miller
Mary Gojdics	John M. Moulton
Leland P. Johnson, President	Rodney A. Rogers, Treasurer
Willis Johnson	

Dr. Rogers reports a bank balance of \$121 collected from participants and individuals who wish to be included in the association.

Members of the steering committee met at Indianapolis. It was decided that:

1. The name of the group be: Association of Midwest College Biology Teachers.
2. A simple statement of purpose and a constitution be prepared and forwarded to all participants before the meeting next autumn.
3. The participants be allowed to decide where the next meeting should be held.

Three institutions have offered their facilities and support to the group for a meeting place in the autumn of 1958. They are: Earlham College-Richmond, Indiana; University of Notre Dame-South Bend, Indiana; and Western Illinois University-Macomb, Illinois. A post card is enclosed for convenience in stating your preference. Please return the card within a week of its receipt.

The following suggestions have been made concerning program and future work of the group:

1. Focus should be upon training of teachers for secondary schools and requirements for teachers of biology as listed in state offices of education. It was thought that the large number of states represented in the organization might, through cooperative efforts of individuals, insure higher standards for teachers of secondary school biology and science.
2. The visiting speaker be used in a greater degree in sectional meetings.
3. The sectional meetings be on different topics Friday and Saturday so that participants could profit by greater diversification. Other suggestions are solicited.

Notice of your preference for a meeting place next autumn will be relayed to you upon the return of the cards.

Sincerely yours,

Leland P. Johnson

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President