OBERT BRAASCH: This same subject came up some years ago — four or five years ago and I opposed it. I was opposed to it up to last night and after they convinced me it was good I believe that I even seconded the motion. In the past when we had Len Kopitzke and when he was working as hard as he did I did not want to see him shoved out. At the present time you elect a president and he is only responsible to the people and not to the Board of Directors and I don't see why you want a Board of Directors. Under this set up the Board of Directors can hire and fire the president if he is not doing right.

PRESIDENT PETERS: As announced by your chairman, Mr. Beery, no vote can be taken at this time. A vote will be taken at tomorrow's session.

MR. GRAF: You might mention that the vote will have to be by two-thirds majority.

PRESIDENT PETERS: Mr. Graf said according to our constitution that a two-thirds vote is necessary to change the articles or adopt the amendment. If there is not further discussion we will go on to the next one.

ELMER BEERY: I will read now Resolution No. 7.

"RESOLVED, That our Articles of Incorporation be amended by providing a new section which shall read:

Qualification of Director. No member shall be eligible for the office of director unless he is actively engaged in the manufacture of cheese. Vacancies on the Board of Directors may be filled by the remaining directors until the next annual meeting."

PRESIDENT PETERS: That is the other amendment to the constitution. Do you understand it — it is self-explanatory and means exactly what it says. Do you want any discussion on it?

MR. GRAF: Just a question that I would like to ask — if a person is out of business for six months he would not necessarily have to resign. Possibly you should set a time limit. If he engages in other work and if it appears he will not go back into the business, naturally he should not be a director any more. It is a good resolution but there should be a time limit set there.

MR. MULLOY: We already have a provision that before anyone can become a member of this association his membership must be accepted by the Board of Directors and by the same
authority that the Board of Directors can accept members they have a right to expel a member. To be an officer you must be a member. Should he disassociate with the cheese business and would associate with a business not compatible with ours you can rest assured the Board of Directors would expel him. If one of these men should sell his business naturally the Directors would keep in pretty close touch with him and would know if he did not go back into business.

MR. RAASCH: There was another resolution on which there was quite a lot of discussion and which was tabled on the question of voting of absentees and voting by mail. It was tabled for the reason that it would be a hard proposition to vote by ballot and also how would the people in the out-lying districts know the candidate and we must have discussed that for about thirty minutes — it was tabled and it was supposed to be brought up from the floor. The contention was that there was not a representative vote to elect officers from the state — there were 95 today and last year 96 and there are 731 active members. We are using 96 votes to elect the officers and we thought the whole cheese industry would have a right to vote. They wanted you fellows to discuss what you think about it and the Resolutions Committee discussed that for thirty minutes and we finally tabled it. If anyone would like to discuss it I would like to see how the members feel about it.

MR. PETERS: Are there any questions? I think they would come to the meetings if they want to vote. Voting by mail leads to many complications.

MR. RAASCH: If they all had a right to send in their ballots, how many would send in their ballots if they wanted to vote?

EARL WHITING: I want to congratulate the Association this year for having this council meeting. We started this in 1939 and I think it is the greatest part of our Association to have the cheese makers come in and talk freely and discuss their problems at arms you might say. I think everybody should feel free to speak out what they have to say for the benefit of the industry and I congratulate the officers for having this council meeting and I hope we will always have it for licensed cheese makers and managers of plants.

PRESIDENT PETERS: I confirm what Earl said. I only hope that more cheese makers come to the council meetings.
PETE FRIGO: One resolution that was overlooked and which was discussed in the last few minutes this afternoon and should deserve some consideration. We have an inspector by the name of Joseph Wetak who had been with our industry for many years and he has always been an asset and help to us and inasmuch as he is going to retire and it was the feeling of the Committee, the few members that were there, that a letter should go to him about his retirement thanking him for his devotedness to the cheese and dairy industry. He has always taken a fair and level headed attitude toward our industry and I move that our convention adopt a Resolution commending Joseph Wetak upon his retirement.

MR. RAASCH: I second that motion.

PRESIDENT PETERS: You have heard the remarks of our new Director, Pete Frigo, recommending that a letter of commendation be sent to Joseph Wetak upon his retirement.

PETE FRIGO: He is reaching 65 in the spring and he will automatically retire and I am heartily in accord with that commendation. It scares me, for when he retires, it reminds me that some of us are not a hell of a lot younger than Joe.

(Motion unanimously carried).

PRESIDENT PETERS: The motion is carried.

ELMER BEERY: After I read Resolution No. 6 making a change in the articles of incorporation I noticed that it read “for election of directors for terms of three years” and it did not specify the number of directors. I would like to have that read “and providing for the election of at least nine directors.” It should be set at nine — that is an uneven number that should be left open. John Inabnet said suppose you had directors elected all from the Cheddar industry — we want to elect for Swiss and all phases of the industry are to be represented on the board. I want you to think about that and comment on that and we will vote on it tomorrow. I feel it should not be left that way.

PRESIDENT PETERS: Any further discussion on that? We will vote on that tomorrow and it will be so coded as Mr. Beery explained. We will draw this meeting to a close. If you have not purchased banquet tickets please do so as they are limited to 300 and we are forced to do that because of the size of the room. I don't think there is anything more. Our session tommor-
row starts at 1:30. We have provided no morning session because in the past they have been very poorly attended and we will crowd everything in the one afternoon. It will be a crowded session so be there on time. No presiding officer likes to rap the gavel when there are only a few people in the house. The meeting tomorrow will be held right across the street at the Grand Theatre at 1:30.

I want to thank this group here for their attention this afternoon. You have been a very attentive and appreciative audience and it has been a pleasure to preside.

Note: In the evening, members and their wives (600) were entertained at the Eagles Club House, where a fine program of entertainment was given, — followed by a buffet supper, through the courtesy of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, and was personally served by Oshkosh businessmen. This gesture by the men of Oshkosh furnished conclusive proof of the sincerity of the Mayor’s address of welcome on behalf of the people of Oshkosh.

WISCONSIN CHEESE MAKERS’ ASSOCIATION

63rd ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1954

GRAND THEATRE

Oshkosh, Wisconsin

1:30 P. M.

Meeting called to order by President Edgar E. Peters.

Invocation by the Reverend James A. Daum.

PRESIDENT PETERS: If I seem to be rushing this it is because we are late getting started. We have a full program and I don’t want to keep you here too late this afternoon.

The first address listed on your program is by Sheldon Wilcox but I will have to make a slight change at the start. You who have read the papers know that Gordon Reuhl left this state and has gone to California and in his place Martin Framberger will say a few words.

MARTIN FRAMBERGER: Friends, I am glad to have the chance to be among the list of the fine names on the program this