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DAVIS CALVIN WAGNER AWARD ACCEPTANCE COMMENTS  
Lest We All Forget  
I wish to take this as an opportunity to pay homage to those  
professional sanitarians and engineers who served on the Sanitarians  
Joint Council during the time the American Inter-Society Academy for  
the Certification of Sanitarians (now the American Academy of  
Sanitarians) was planned and developed. And I also desire to pay my  
respects to the original members of the American Inter-Society Academy  
for the Certification of Sanitarians. The Sanitarians Joint Council  
consisted of two representatives from the National Association of  
Sanitarians (now NEHA), two from the International Association of Milk  
and Food Sanitarians (IAMFS), and two from the American Public  
Health Association (APHA). Some of the members during those years  
included Professor Harry Bliss of the University of California,  
representing the APHA; Engineer Emil Chanlett of the University of  
North Carolina School of Public Health, representing the APHA;  
Professor Harold "Dick" Adams of the University of Indiana,  
representing the IAMFS; Larry Gordon, Director of the Albuquerque  
Environmental Health Department, representing the National Association  
of Sanitarians (NEHA); and Engineer Director Ed Ruppert of the USPHS  
Milk and Food Branch, also representing the NAS (NEHA). William V.   
Hickey, Executive Director of the Single Service Institute,   
representing the International Association of Milk, Food,   
and Environmental Sanitarians, was also deeply involved and served as  
the genial and generous host for many meetings -- even though he lacked  
a degree and did not qualify for Diplomate status. I have purposely  
noted that several individuals involved in developing the AIACS  
(Academy of Sanitarians) were engineers in order to indicate their  
involvement, leadership and support.  
  
The original AIACS Board members had Diplomate Certificates  
numbered alphabetically one through twelve. I am proud to have  
Certificate number six, signed by President Dick Adams and Secretary  
Darrold Taylor (Sanitarian Director) of the USPHS Milk and Food Branch  
-- Darrold was later appointed PHS Chief Sanitarian Officer. Other  
original AIACS Board members included Ed Diddams of Illinois,  
Russ Franklin (now deceased) of Philadelphia, John McHugh (recently  
retired) of New York City, Sanitarian Director William C. "Dusty"  
Miller of the PHS Milk and Food Branch who is retired and living in  
South Carolina, Faegin Parrish of Georgia, and Professor Verne Reierson  
of Oregon. Several other members of the Sanitarians Joint Council also  
became members of the original AIACS. Most of these  
environmental health leaders are now retired and, to the best of my  
knowledge, two are deceased. I was privileged to know and work with all  
these professional sanitarians and engineers and consider many of them  
to have been among my many mentors. I believe that only Faegin Parrish  
and I remain professionally active, so perhaps we are "the  
last leaves!" Some thirty years ago I was having lunch with Professor  
Harry Miller of the University of Michigan School of Public Health.  
Harry had an outstanding career as a Public Health Service Engineer  
Officer prior to entering academia, and he was nearing the end of his  
illustrious career. During the discussion, Harry gazed through a nearby  
window and commented "... how soon they forget.” I am pleased to  
accept the Davis Calvin Wagner Award on behalf of the Sanitarians Joint  
Council members who envisioned the AIACS, as well as the original  
Board Members of the AIACS. I take this occasion to remind you of them  
and their efforts --- Lest We All Forget!  
  
Larry J. Gordon, 1984 Davis Calvin Wagner Award Recipient