

Central Policy Files

1940-1945

The Central Policy Files of the National Academies Archives contain the administrative records of the National Academy of Sciences and its operating arm, the National Research Council, as well as administrative records of the National Academy of Engineering and the National Academy of Medicine. The records in the Central Policy Files encompass operational and program papers documenting the operations and organization of the Academy complex and its study committees. The Academies' activities with international non-governmental scientific unions and organizations are particularly well-represented in the collection.

The documents that make up the Central Policy Files were created and/or received by the institution's Executive Offices in the course of conducting institutional business. The collection therefore only includes institutional, and not personal, papers. The records contained in the Central Policy Files are considered privileged records and are closed to the public for a period of twenty-five years. Records in the Central Policy Files twenty-five years old and older are open to qualified researchers.

The records in the Central Policy Files are organized according to the NAS Records System, the structure of which follows the organization of the institution at the time the records in question were created. Under this system, the placement of an activity within the collection may change over a period of years, corresponding to changes in the organization of the institution. Beginning with the arrangement of records created in 2000, a modified and streamlined version of the NAS Records System has been in place.

For ease of use, the Central Policy Files are divided into discrete date banks, each of which encompasses a given number of years. Outline finding aids to the Central Policy Files correspond to date banks as they exist in the Archives. Because the Academies' activities are so numerous and varied, it is not possible to give capsule descriptions of each. However, the individual entries in the outlines to the collection should provide a general idea of the scope and subject matter of the activities documented.

ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Administrative Committee
 - Meetings: 1940-1945
 - Report of NRC Activities: 1940-1945
 - General: 1940, 1942
- American Geophysical Union: 1940-1945
- Appointments
 - Members: 1940, 1942
- Army-Navy-NRC Vision Committee: 1945
- Civil Service Requirements for Scientists: 1945
- Committees
 - Advisory to Weather Bureau: 1940-1942
 - Apparatus Makers & Users: 1940, 1942-1943
 - Anthropoid Ape Research Foundation Inc: Ad hoc: 1945

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- Applied Mathematical Statistics: 1945
 - Appointments: Members: 1942-1943
 - Beginning of Program: 1942
 - Conference: Proposed: 1943
 - Subcommittee on Statistical Quality Control: 1944
 - General: 1942-1944
- Arctic Research: Proposed: 1945
- Bibliographic Service to Central & South America: 1942-1945
- Bibliography of American Scientific & Technical Books: 1943-1945
- Cooperation between Industrial Research & Medical Research: Proposed: 1940
- Explosions Special: 1945
- Fatigue of Metals: 1940-1941
- Fortification Design: 1943-1945
- History of the National Research Council: 1944-1945
- HR 2937 (Lea Bill): Proposed: 1945
- HR 3366 (Lea Bill): 1941
- Insect Control Joint with NAS: 1944-1945
- Latin American Studies Joint SSRC-ACLS-NRC*: 1941
 - Latin American Regional Resources Development Project: 1943
 - Meetings: 1942-1943
 - General: 1942-1943
 - *SSRC = Social Science Research Council
 - *ACLS = American Council of Learned Societies
- Manganese Technologic: Joint NAS-NRC: 1940
- Microfilming Materials for Research: Joint SSRC-ACLS-NRC
 - Advisory Committee on Distribution of Microfilms: 1942-1943
 - General: 1942
- Morale: Joint SSRC-NRC-ACE-ACLS*: 1941
 - *ACE= American Council on Education
- Neurobiology: 1945
- Optical Properties of Curved Laminated Glass: 1940
- Pacific Science Handbook (Joint with ACLS): 1944-1945
- Passive Protection Against Bombing: 1941-1943
 - Appointments: Members: 1940
 - Beginning of Program: 1940
 - General: 1940
- Patent Policy: 1940-1945
- Problems of Deafness: 1943-1945
- Procurement of Foreign Scientific Periodicals*: 1941-1942: 1945
 - *Also referred to as Committee on Procurement of European Scientific Publications.
- Publication & Library: 1940-1943
- Publication of Excerpts from International Critical Tables: 1942-1944
- Registry of Scientific Personnel & Facilities: 1940
- Report Procedure: 1943-1944
- Representation of Federal Government in NRC: 1944-1945
- Research Laboratory Priorities: 1942
 - Conference: 1941

- Meetings: 1941
 - General: 1941
- Scientific Aids to Learning: 1944-1945
 - Committees
 - Microphotography Advisory: 1940-1941
 - Visual Fatigue Advisory: 1940-1941
 - Meetings: 1940, 1942
 - Projects
 - Aids for Hard of Hearing Children
 - Group Hearing Aid Study: Proposed - Fletcher H: 1940
 - Individual Hearing Aid Study: Proposed - Pintner R: 1940
 - Supporting Data: 1940
 - General: 1940
 - Aids to Analysis
 - Design & Construction of Instruments for Stereoscopic Drawings - Rule J T: 1940-1942
 - Development of Machine to Solve Certain Mathematical Problems Incident to Psychological Research - Thurstone L L: 1940-1941
 - Broadcasting
 - Educational Broadcasting - Tyson L: 1940
 - Microphotography
 - Existence of & Demand for Microfilming Legal Materials: Survey: 1940-1941
 - Flat Surface Microfilm Development Program: 1940-1942
 - Microfilm Reader for Individual Scholars
 - Distribution of Readers: 1940-1942
 - General: 1940-1941
 - Microfilming of Research Materials: American Documentation Institute: 1941
 - Microphotography for Scholarly Purposes: Inquiry: 1940
 - General: 1940
 - Motion Pictures
 - Projectors: School Experience with Motion Picture Projection Equipment: Survey: 1940
 - Slides
 - Slides as an Aid to Dental Education: Harvard Dental School - Tozier C H: 1940-1941
 - Sound Recording & Reproduction
 - Experiment in Use of Phonograph Records as an Aid to Learning in Rural Schools
 - New York State: 1940, 1943
 - Experimentation on Classroom Usefulness of "Then Came War: 1939" Series of Records: 1940
 - Recording & Testing Programs for Classroom Use
 - Cleveland, Ohio: 1941
 - Rochester, New York: 1940

- School Sound System: Specifications: 1940
 - Shakespeare Records
 - Test of Usefulness to Schools - Ginsberg W: 1940
 - State-wide Record Demonstration: Georgia: 1940-1943
- Sound-recording Equipment
 - Magnetic Tape Sound Recorder: Determination of Value as Teaching Aid: 1940-1941
- Sound-slide Films: Production & Testing
 - Cleveland, Ohio: 1940
 - Harvard U: 1940
- Visual Fatigue
 - Progress Report to Carnegie Corp: 1940
 - Reading Instruments for Visually Handicapped: 1940
 - Studies
 - Behavior of Pupillary Muscles - Bartley S H: 1942
 - Factors in Visual Fatigue - Bartley S H: 1942
 - Fatigue of Single Visual Sense Cell - Hartline H K: 1941-1942
 - Ocular Fatigue: Fatigue of Accommodation - Berens C & Sells S B: 1941-1942
 - Problem of Glare in Connection with Visual Fatigue - Graham C H: 1941
 - Test to Measure Visual Fatigue in Reading - Tinker M A: 1941-1942
 - Visual Fatigue: Harvard U & Tufts College: 1940-1941
- General: 1941-1943
- Reports of Director
 - Annual: 1940-1942
 - Bimonthly: 1941-1942
- Subcommittees
 - Effect of Group Hearing Aids: Joint with Committee on Problems of Deafness: 1941
 - Evaluation of Individual Hearing Aids: Joint with Committee on Problems of Deafness: 1940
- General: 1940-1943
- Scientific Publications: Advisory
 - Background Data: 1940
 - Cooperation with Board of Economic Warfare: 1943
 - Joint Censorship: 1942
 - Representation on BEW Advisory Committee: 1942
 - General: 1942
 - Cooperation with Committee on Medical Research
 - Question re Withholding Preventive Medicine Information - Cattell J McK: 1942
 - General: 1942
 - Cooperation with Office of Censorship: 1942
 - Discontinuance of BEW Export Censorship: 1943

- Discontinuance of Censorship
 - OSRD Policy: 1945
 - General: 1945
- Distribution of Unpublished Manuscripts: 1942
- Reference Committees
 - Aeronautics: 1942
 - Applied Mechanics: 1942
 - Communications: 1943
 - Distribution of Unpublished Manuscripts: 1942
 - General: 1942
 - Medicine: 1943-1944
 - Metallurgy: 1942
 - Microwave: 1940
 - Nuclear Physics
 - Censorship of Manuscripts: 1940-1941
 - Register: 1940-1944
 - General: 1944
 - General: 1942-1943
- Review of Conference Programs: 1941
- Survey of Papers Withheld: 1944-1945
- General: 1940-1945
- Survey of Research in Industry
 - Directory of Industrial Research Laboratories: Revision: 1940
 - End of Program: 1941
 - Executive Committee: Meetings: 1940
 - Industrial Research Survey: 1941
 - Illustrative Material: 1940
 - Progress Reports: 1940
 - Questionnaire: 1940
 - Supporting Studies
 - Foreign Research: 1940
 - General: 1940
 - General: 1940
 - Meetings: 1940
 - Subcommittees: 1940
 - General: 1940-1941
- Survey of Schools of Osteopathy
 - Meetings: 1942-1944
 - Report: 1944
 - General: 1942-1944
- Tin Recovery: Joint NAS-NRC: 1940-1941
- US Antarctic Expedition: Advisory: 1941-1943
 - Clippings: 1940
 - Press Releases: 1940
 - General: 1940
- Utilization of Scientific Personnel: 1942
- War Use of Research Facilities: 1943

- Canvass of University & Industrial Laboratories: 1942
 - General: 1942
 - Work in Industry: 1940-1943
- Concilium Bibliographicum: 1940-1942
- Conferences
 - Board of Associated Research Councils
 - Committees
 - Latin American Studies: 1944-1945
 - Measurement of Opinion Attitudes & Consumer Wants: NRC-SSRC: 1945
 - National Roster: 1945
 - Meetings: 1944-1945
 - Plan for Visiting Professorships: Proposed: 1944
 - Proposed: 1943
 - General: 1944-1945
 - Identification of Biological Materials: 1942-1943
 - Research in Comparative Physiology under Natural Conditions: 1945
 - Selenium Poisoning: 1941
 - Subsistence Agriculture in Latin America: Proposed: 1944
 - Substitutes for Standard Tin Plate: 1942
- Defense Committees of Scientific & Technical Societies: Directory
 - Draft: 1941
 - General: 1941
- Ethnogeographic Board: 1945
 - Army Language Corps: Proposed: 1942
 - Conference on Pacific Scientific Problems: 1943
 - Meetings: 1942-1944
 - General: 1942-1945
- Expenditures for Research in the US: 1940
- Meetings: 1940-1945
- Nominating Committee: 1944-1945
- Office of Scientific Personnel: 1942-1945
 - Beginning of Program: 1941
 - General: 1941
- Projects Proposed for Sponsorship: American Horticultural Union: 1944
- Survey of Laboratories: Proposed: 1940
- General: 1940-1945

FELLOWSHIPS

- Fellowship Board in the Natural Sciences: 1940-1945
- Lalor Foundation Fellowships: 1941
- Medical Fellowship Board: 1940-1945
 - Meetings: 1941
 - Welch Fellowships: 1941
 - General: 1941
- Predoctoral Fellowship Committee: Emergency Program
 - Conference: 1945

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- General: 1945
- Predoctoral Fellowship Program: Emergency Program
 - Proposed: 1944
 - General: 1944
- Tax Exemption: 1942
- General: 1940-1945

GRANTS-IN-AID

- 1940: 1942, 1944
- U of Vermont: Seismograph Station: 1943, 1945
- General: 1945

INSTITUTIONS-ASSOCIATIONS & INDIVIDUALS

- AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science)
 - Advisory Council on Human Relations: 1941
 - Charter of Democracy: 1941
 - Office Space in NAS-NRC Building: 1944
- American Astronomical Society: 1942
 - Committee on Distribution of Astronomical Literature: 1943
- American Committee for International Studies: 1940-1941
- American Coordinating Committee on Corrosion: 1941
- American Council of Learned Societies: 1941
 - Conference on Microcopying Research Materials: 1940
- American Geological Institute Proposed
 - Constitutional Convention: 1944
 - Informal Assembly: 1945
 - Original Meeting: 1943
 - General: 1944-1945
- American Institute of Physics: 1943-1945
- American Library Association
 - Committee on Importations: Joint: 1940, 1943-1944
 - Committee on Indexing & Abstracting: Joint: 1942-1945
 - Latin American Libraries Assistance: 1942
- American Mathematical Society: 1940, 1942
- American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association
 - Sixth Annual Award Ceremony: Award to NRC: 1944
- American Philosophical Society
 - Grants-in-Aid: 1940-1941
- American Standards Association
 - Committee Z-39: 1940, 1942
- Arctic Institute of North America: 1944-1945
- Arts Sciences & Professions Inc
 - Independent Citizens' Committee: 1945
- Bermuda Biological Station: 1941
- California Institute of Technology

- Defense Cooperation: 1940
- China Institute of Geography: 1945
- Club for Research on Ageing: 1941-1944
- Committee Supporting Bush Report: 1945
- Conference on Nutritional Requirements of the Ageing Population: 1941
- Conference on Science Philosophy & Religion: 1940
- Conference on Social Control of Subcultural Groups: 1940
- Copernicus Quadricentennial Celebration: 1943
- Council on War History: Advisory: 1944
- Ehlers K: 1940-1943
- Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced Foreign Scholars: 1940: 1943
 - Holtfreter Case: 1941-1942
 - General: 1942
- Engineers Defense Board: 1941
- Geological Society of America: 1940
- George Peabody College for Teachers
 - Investigation of Effect of Two Sound-slide Films in Development of Desirable Social Attitudes - Haneline J E: 1940
- Gerontological Society: 1945
- Grocery Manufacturers of America Inc: Award: 1944
- Horological Institute of America: 1940-1943
- Industrial Research Institute: 1945
- Lord & Taylor: American Design Award: 1945
- Marine Biological Laboratory
 - Committee of Review: NAS & NRC Representatives: 1944
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 - Arctops Project: Proposed: 1945
- National Association of Manufacturers
 - Committee on Patents & Research: 1941-1943
- National Council on Rehabilitation: 1945
- Offers of Assistance in National Defense: 1940-1942
- Science Service: 1941-1943
- Smaller War Plants Corp: 1943
- Social Science Research Council: 1940: 1945
 - Committee on World Regions: 1943
- Society of American Bacteriologists: 1942
- Tropical Plant Research Foundation: 1942-1943
- Type Culture Collection Research Institutions: Proposed: 1942
- Washington Biophysical Institute: 1940-1942
- World Calendar Association: 1942
- General: 1940-1945

LEGAL MATTERS

- Attorneys: 1940-1941

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ORGANIZATION

- Activities: Reports: 1940-1941, 1944-1945
- Appointments: Chairman NRC: 1940-1944
- Articles of Organization & By-Laws: 1941
- Committees Related to Government Agencies: List: 1943
- Conferences NRC: 1936-1941 (Central Purposes Fund): List: 1941
- Executive Secretary: Barrows A L
 - Office Memoranda
 - Listing: 1940-1942
 - Nos 1401-1431: 1942
 - Nos 1201-1400F: 1942
 - Nos 1001-1200: 1942
 - Nos 801-999: 1941
 - Nos 601-791: 1940
 - Relationship of NRC to Industrial Research: 1941
- File Control: 1940-1941, 1943
- Historical Data: 1940, 1944-1945
 - Barrows A L: 1942-1943
 - General: 1942-1943
- Library: 1943-1944
- Members NRC
 - Appointments: Government Representatives: 1940-1944
 - Formal Listing: 1940, 1942, 1944
 - Geographic Lists of NRC & Committee Members: 1940-1942
 - Societies Affiliated with NRC Listing: 1940, 1942, 1944-1945
- National Academy of Science (NAS)
- Committees
 - Advisory to Navy Department on Research
 - Subcommittee on Submarine Detection: 1940-1941
 - General: 1940
 - Atomic Fission
 - Appointments: Members: 1941
 - Meetings: Minutes: 1941
 - Some Remarks on Production of Energy by Chain Reaction in Uranium - Fermi E: 1941
 - General: 1941-1942
 - Buildings & Grounds: 1941-1942, 1945
 - Gas Turbines: 1940
 - Guided Missiles
 - Advisory to Ordnance Department (Department of War): 1945
 - Mathematics: Joint with NRC: 1943-1945
 - Aid to Navy Bureau of Ships: 1942
 - General: 1942
 - Motion Picture & Sound Recording Collections in National Archives: Advisory: 1941
 - Nomination Procedure & Tenure of Office of President: 1940
 - Post-War Treatment of German Research & Engineering: 1945

- Priorities for Wind Tunnel Construction: 1942
 - Representation of Applied Mathematics in Membership of NAS: 1944-1945
 - Scientific Problems of National Parks: 1940
 - Advise on Supersonic Wind Tunnel at CIT (California Institute of Technology): Joint with NRC: 1940, 1942
 - Nominate US Geological Survey Director & Advisory Committee: 1943
- Conference Series: Proposed: 1945
- Council of the Academy: 1940-1945
- Meetings
 - Annual: 1940-1945
 - Autumn: 1940-1945
- Members: 1940-1943
- Nomination of Acting Director of Bureau of Mines: 1940
- Pilgrim Trust Lectures: Joint with Royal Society of London: 1940-1945
- Projects Proposed
 - Linear Accelerator for U of California/Berkeley & Use of Surplus War Department Radar Sets: 1945
- Register of Research Facilities in Educational Institutions: 1940
- Research Board for National Security: 1944
 - Conference on RBNS Personnel: 1945
 - Contract with Military
 - Draft: 1945
 - Negotiations: 1945
 - Dinner: 1945
 - Discussion of Congressional Bills: 1945
 - Executive Committee: Meetings: 1945
 - Meetings: 1945
 - NRC Panels: 1945
 - Projects Proposed to Board: 1945
 - General: 1945
- General: 1940-1945
- NAS-NRC: Reorganization: 1945
- Projects & Appropriations: 1919-1941
 - Welpley N: 1941
- Projects Proposed for Sponsorship
 - Advisory Services for Army Chemical Warfare Service: 1941
 - Army Air Force Eglin Field Library: 1942
 - Atmospheric Pollution: 1945
 - Brown U Mathematics Program: 1941
 - Dental Research Project: 1942
 - Earthquake Project: 1945
 - Fisheries South Pacific: 1945
 - Latex Vessels in Vitro: 1942
 - Marine Plankton Research: 1941
 - Microfilming Historical Documents: 1940
 - Nerve Regeneration Project - Weiss P: 1941-1942
 - Sea Water Investigations: 1942-1943

- Survey of Research & Development on Strategic & Substitute Materials: 1941
 - General: 1940, 1942-1943
- Staff: 1940-1943, 1945
- General: 1940-1945

PROTECTION

- 1940
- Security Regulations: 1941-1942
- Subversive Activities: Sabotage: 1941-1942

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Inaugurations Ceremonies Speeches
 - Frank A Howard Lectures on Industrial Research: Joint NAS-NRC-George Washington U: 1945
- Publicity: 1940-1941, 1943, 1945

PUBLICATIONS

- Biological Abstracts: 1941-1942
- Chemistry of Penicillin: 1945
- Chinese Scientific Papers: 1943-1944
- NAS: Proceedings: 1944-1945
- NRC: Industrial Research Laboratories of US: 1940-1941, 1945
- Russian Scientific Publications: 1942
- General: 1940-1945

DIVISIONS OF THE NRC

BIOLOGY & AGRICULTURE

- Committees
 - Biological Applications of Electron Microscope: 1940-1943
 - Biological Processes of Ageing: 1940-1941, 1943, 1945
 - Crop Protection: 1942-1944
 - Ecology of Animal Populations: 1941-1943, 1945
 - Fellowships in Agriculture & Forestry: 1944-1945
 - Fisheries Resources: 1943
 - Food & Agriculture: Proposed: 1943
 - Food & Nutrition: 1940
 - Circular Letters: 1941
 - Enriched Bread Project: 1941
 - Funds: 1941
 - Meetings: 1941
 - General: 1941
 - Forestry: 1942-1943
 - Great Plains National Monument: Proposed: 1944

- Human Heredity: 1941-1945
 - Study of Blindness: Proposed: 1940
 - General: 1940
- Maintenance of Pure Genetic Strains: 1941, 1944-1945
- National Livestock & Meat Board Grants: 1940-1942
- Palmetto Fibre Development: 1942
- Pharmacognosy & Pharmaceutical Botany: 1940-1942
- Plant & Animal Stocks: 1945
- Research on Food Resources of Coastal Waters: 1943-1944
- War Biology: Proposed: 1942
- Wartime Modification of Curriculum in Biology: 1942-1943
- Conferences
 - Maintenance of Pure Genetic Strains: 1940
 - Parasitological Problems of Pacific Area: 1942
- Deterioration Prevention Center: 1945
- Executive Committee: 1940-1945
- Food & Nutrition Board: 1945
 - Ascorbic Acid Requirement: 1943
 - Circular Letters: 1942
 - Committees
 - Food Composition: 1942-1944
 - Nutrition Research in Puerto Rico: 1943-1944
 - Nutritional Aspects of Ageing: 1942-1943
 - Dental Research Survey: 1942-1944
 - Meetings: 1942-1944
 - General: 1942-1944
- Future Activities & Needs: Discussion: 1945
- Meetings: Annual: 1940-1945
- Membership: 1940-1945
- Personnel Listing: 1940-1945
- Projects Proposed: Curare Case: 1940-1941
- General: 1940-1945

CHEMISTRY & CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY

- Appointments: Members: 1940-1945
- Bibliography of Bibliographies: Proposed: 1941
- Bi-Monthly Reports: 1941-1943
- Brief of Files on Synthesis of Quinine: 1944
- Committees
 - Annual Tables of Constants & Numerical Data: 1940-1943, 1945
 - Catalysis: 1940
 - Chemical Data for Ceramists: 1940-1941
 - Chemical Utilization of Coal: 1941-1943, 1945
 - Chemotherapy: 1940-1941
 - Cooperation with Chemical Warfare Service
 - Roster of Chemists & Facilities: 1940-1941

- General: 1940
 - Eutectics Diagrams of Ammonium Compounds: 1940-1942
 - Fellowships: 1941
 - Miscellaneous Materials: 1941-1942
 - Proteins: 1940
 - Technology of Organic Plastics: 1942
 - X-Ray & Electron Diffraction: 1940
- Conferences
 - Antiseptics of Microbiological Origin: 1942
 - Synthesis of Cortical Hormones: 1941, 1943
- English-Spanish Dictionary for Chemists Proposed: 1941
- Meetings: 1940-1943
- Nominating Committee: 1940-1941
- Projects: NTM Project (metanitrotoluene): 1941-1942
- General: 1940-1945

ENGINEERING & INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

- Aircraft Brake Survey Committee: 1940-1943
- Appointments: Members: 1940-1945
- Board for Prosthetic & Sensory Devices
 - Committee on Prosthetic Devices: 1945
 - Committee on Sensory Devices: 1945
 - General: 1945
- Building Research Advisory Board: Proposed: 1945
- By-Laws: 1942
- Committees
 - Aircraft Production
 - Clippings: 1940
 - Rough Digest of Suggestions from Industry: 1940
 - General: 1940
 - Beryllium
 - Appointments: Members: 1940
 - End of Program: 1941
 - General: 1940-1941
 - Concrete Research: 1942-1943
 - Engineering Publications: Advisory: 1943-1945
 - Fatigue in Industry: 1944
 - Industrial Relations with South American Countries
 - South American Tour: 1940
 - Clippings: 1941
 - List of Correspondents: 1941
 - Report: 1941
 - General: 1941
 - Prosthetic Devices*: 1945
 - *Prior to formation of Board for Prosthetic & Sensory Devices
 - Quality Control: Advisory: Proposed: 1942

- Conferences
 - Electrical Insulation: 1941-1943
 - Fatigue in Industry: 1944
 - Heat Generation & Transfer in Aircraft Brakes: 1942
 - Welding Research: 1941
- Highway Research Board: 1940-1945
- Industrial Research Institute: 1945
 - Constitution: 1940-1941
 - Meetings: 1940-1943
 - General: 1940-1943
- Meetings: 1940-1943
- Modular Service Association: Proposed: 1940
- Nominating Committee: 1941-1942
- Reorganization of Division: 1941
- Surplus Aircraft Engine Study: 1945
- Surplus Aircraft Salvage Study: 1944
- General: 1940-1945

FOREIGN RELATIONS

- Academies & Councils Abroad
 - Academy of Sciences of USSR
 - Membership: Lists of Members & Corresponding Members: 1945
 - 220th Anniversary Celebration: 1945
- National Research Council of Canada: 1942
- Royal Society of London
 - Newton Tercentenary Celebration: Proposed: 1942
- Ukrainian Academy of Science: 1944
- Appointments: Members: 1940, 1942-1945
- British Central Scientific Register: 1940
- British Scientific Mission to China: 1943
- Clippings: 1922-1942
- Committees
 - Pacific Investigations: 1940, 1945
 - Relations with Latin American Countries: 1942-1943
 - Meetings: 1941
 - General: 1941
- Conference on Problems of Restoring International Scientific & Scholarly Cooperation: 1944-1945
- Indian Scientific Mission: 1944-1945
- International Congresses: 1945
 - American Scientific (Congress)
 - Eighth
 - Proceedings: Request for Funds: 1943
 - Program: 1940
 - General: 1940
 - Americanists

- Twenty-eighth: 1941
 - Twenty-seventh: 1940
- Inter-American Congress on Indian Life: First: 1940
- International Conference on Science & World Order: 1941
- International Congresses Held Since: 1930: List: 1941
- Listing of Meetings Held or Scheduled: 1930-1942
- Pacific Science
 - Seventh
 - Postponed: 1941
 - Proposed: 1940
 - Sixth
 - Proceedings Preparation: 1940-1944
- Pan American Child Congress
 - Eighth: 1942
- Pan American Highway Congress
 - Fifth: 1944
 - Fourth: 1941
- Pure & Applied Science
 - Second: 1940
- General: 1942
- International Organizations
 - American-British Medical Association: Proposed: 1945
 - Committee on Inter-American Scientific Publication: 1941-1944
 - Inter-American Development Commission: 1943
 - Conference: Final Act: 1944
 - Inter-American Statistical Institute: 1942, 1945
 - International Institute for Afro-American Studies: 1944
 - International Science Cooperation Service: Proposed: 1944-1945
 - International Statistical Institute: 1945
 - Latin American Affiliations: 1942
 - Netherland Committee for Scientific Documentation: 1943
 - Pacific Science Association: 1940
 - General: 1942
- International Relations in Science (Cannon-Field Report): 1945
- International Unions
 - Dues: 1940-1941
 - International Council of Scientific Unions: 1940-1941, 1943
 - Executive Committee: 1945
 - General: 1945
- Meetings: 1940-1945
- NRC Committees dealing with International Relations in Science: List: 1942
- General: 1940-1945

GEOLOGY & GEOGRAPHY

- Appointments: Members: 1940-1944
- Committees

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- Asiatic Geography: 1944
- Common Problems of Genetics & Paleontology: 1943
- Common Problems of Genetics Paleontology & Systematics: 1944
- Geography of Eastern & Southern Asia: 1942
- Marine Ecology as Related to Paleontology: 1943-1944
- Paleobotany: 1943
- Pan American Geographical Exposition: 1942
- Preparation of Handbook of Physical Constants of Geological Materials: 1940
- Problems of Ore Deposits: 1940-1943
- Research in Areas of International Concern: 1941
- Reports to Administrative Committee: 1940-1943
- US Committee for the Study of Paricutin Volcano: 1944
- General: 1940-1945

MEDICAL SCIENCES

- Antivivisection: 1944
- Appointments: Members: 1940-1945
- Committees
 - For Study of Atypical Growth: 1944-1945
 - American Registry of Pathology: 1940-1941
 - Aviation Medicine: 1940
 - Crash Injury Research
 - Beginning of Program: 1941
 - Conferences
 - Fourth-Fifth: 1945
 - Third: 1944
 - Second: 1943, 1944
 - First: 1943
 - Group Three
 - Seats & Harness: Meetings: 1944
 - Use of Surplus Aircraft: Proposed: 1945
 - General: 1941-1945
 - General: 1941-1945
 - Chemotherapeutic & Other Agents
 - Penicillin: 1943-1944
 - Subcommittee on Venereal Disease: 1941
 - General: 1943
 - Convalescence & Rehabilitation
 - Conference Group on Amputations: 1943
 - Drugs & Medical Supplies: 1942-1944
 - Growth: 1945
 - Information
 - Manual of Dermatology: 1942
 - Manuals of Military Medicine: 1941-1942
 - Subcommittee on Historical Records: 1942-1943
 - Medical History of the War: Proposed: 1944-1945

- General: 1941-1945
 - Medical Problems of Civil Aviation: 1944
 - Medical Records: 1944
 - Medicine
 - Subcommittees
 - Medical Nutrition: 1941
 - Tropical Diseases: 1942-1943
 - Venereal Disease: 1942-1943
 - General: 1942-1943
 - Neuropsychiatry: 1942
 - Pathology: 1943
 - Shock & Transfusions: 1942
 - Surgery: 1942
 - Transfusions: 1941
 - To Review Request of Elizabeth Kenny Institute to National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis
 - Supporting Data: 1944
 - General: 1944
 - On Military Medicine
 - Clippings: 1940
 - Executive Committee: 1940
 - Funds: 1942-1943
 - Liaison with OSRD Committee on Medical Research: 1941
 - Reorganization: 1944
 - Medical Treatment of Pearl Harbor Attack Casualties: Report to Surgeons General: 1942
 - General: 1940-1941
- Conference on Poliomyelitis: 1943
- Directory: 1940-1945
 - Executive Committee: 1944-1945
 - History & Description
 - Division of Medical Sciences in World War II
 - Extract from Doctors at War - Darling G B: 1945
 - Division of Medical Sciences of NRC & National Defense - Larkey S V: 1941
 - NRC & Medical Preparedness
 - Larkey S V: 1941
 - Weed L H: 1941
 - Organization for Medical Defense - Larkey S V: 1941
 - Resume of War Activities - Weed L H: 1945
- Meetings: Annual: 1940-1945
- Newsletter to London: 1942-1945
- Nominating Committee: 1942, 1945
- Office of Medical Information: 1942
- Report Procedure: 1944
- Study in Decompression Sickness: Proposed: 1940
- General: 1940-1945

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

- Committees
 - Illumination: 1940-1941
 - Mathematical Tables & Aids to Computation: 1940-1942
 - Optical Plastics: 1940-1942
 - Physical Properties of Plastics: 1940-1942
 - Problems of Radio Interference: 1940
 - Sound Control: 1940-1942
 - Patent Application: Direct Reading Sound Pressure Meter: 1943
 - Training & Research in Applied Mathematics: 1942
- Conference on Present & Postwar Problems Facing Physics: 1944
- Meetings: Annual: 1940-1942
- Personnel Listing: 1940-1943
- General: 1940-1945

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING

ACCOUNTING

- Auditing Committee: 1940-1945
- Business Manager: 1942
- Reimbursement to NAS from National Resources Planning Board
 - Committee on Survey of Research in Industry: 1940-1941
- Vouchers: 1940-1942

BUDGETS

- 1941

CONTRACTS

- 1943-1945
- Committee on Industrial Relations with South American Countries: 1941
- Committees on Military Medicine: 1940-1942
- W 535 ac-14414: Committee on Aircraft Production: 1940
- General: 1940-1942

COSTS

- Overhead: 1941-1942

ESTATES

- Bequests
 - Bamford W B: 1945
 - Draper M: 1943

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- Horton R E: 1945

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