HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS CONFERRED

Members of the association who have been outstanding in their contributions to the association and the profession may be awarded Honorary Life Membership. This honor is conferred by the Steering Committee following nomination by the membership. Four such Honorary Life Memberships have been conferred in the past. Ruth E. McNair, Professor Emerita, Kansas University; Leland P. Johnson, Dean of Liberal Arts and Science, Drake University; Willis Johnson, Professor Emeritus, Wabash College; and J. Bennet Olson, Professor of Biological Science, Purdue University, received the award in previous years. John M. Hamilton and Jack Bennett were nominated and selected to receive the honor this year. Formal presentations were made at the banquet of the 19th Annual Meeting at Terre Haute.

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John M. Hamilton is Findlay Professor of Science at Park College, Parkville, MO. He first came to Park in 1946 as Assistant Professor, was named Associate Professor in 1951 and Professor in 1956. He served as acting dean in 1955-56 and in 1964 through 1967.

John received the bachelors degree from Oberlin College in 1935. He holds masters degrees from both Wesleyan University (Conn.) and Yale University. He earned the Ph.D. at the University of Iowa in 1951. He is a member of Sigma Xi.

Dr. Hamilton has several research papers published in Science, The Transactions of the American Microbiological Society and the Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science. He has had almost seventy book reviews in The American Biology Teacher. John was a charter member of AMCBT and served as our treasurer from 1960 to 1962. His current biological interest is the evolution and intellectual history of the idea of natural selection.

* Jack Bennett is a Professor of Biology
* at Northern Illinois University. He has been at NIU since 1957. Prior to that time, he held various positions at Washington University and at the University of Oklahoma.

* Jack was awarded the BS from the University of Wisconsin in 1949, an MA in Zoology from Washington University in 1953, the Ph.D. in Genetics-Zoology from the University of Wisconsin in 1959. Jack is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a member of Sigma Xi, Phi Sigma and numerous professional organizations. He has served as President of AMCBT and the Illinois Academy of Science.

* He has published widely on his major research area, the behavior and population genetics of Drosophila melanogaster, as well as the genetics of other species. In addition to his work as a research and teaching biologist, Dr. Bennett has also been active in working toward the improvement of the economic status of teachers and the interpretation of scientific information for the layman.