

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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Expenses - Executive Board members

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Library Bill of Rights. Martha Boaz attended the meeting - see page 4.

Knapp School Libraries Project. Miss Gaver reported that the Foundation which supports the Project is so well satisfied with the results of the School Libraries Project that it has expressed interest in considering a proposal for recruitment for school librarianship and AASL has a committee at work developing such a proposal.

Access to Libraries Committee. Richard B. Harwell, Councilor from Maine, met with the Board to discuss the Council Committee's Report to Council. The report, offered by the Committee as its final report, charges AASL, ACRL, LAD and PLA with further study and recommendations in the area of access to libraries and supports the conclusions of the Council Committee on Institutional Libraries submitted to Council at the 1966 Midwinter Meeting. Miss Piercy questioned the number of quotations in the report from the South and recalled that the Access Study criticized the North strongly. Mr. Harwell felt that the majority of his replies may have come from the Southern area because the issue seemed to be a larger one in the South. The Board agreed that if the Report is approved by Council it should be made clear by the Board that such approval amounts to a directive to the affected divisions to take the action proposed by the Committee. On motion of Mr. Cushman, seconded by Mr. Rogers, it was

VOTED, That the Executive Board recommend to Council the approval of the Report of the Special Council Committee on Access to Libraries and that in approving the Report Council refer the recommendations to the appropriate units for action.

Mr. Dawson and Miss Piercy cast negative votes. (See Council Minutes.)

Executive Board Expenses. During the second session, Mr. Cushman raised the matter of the Board's policy adopted in November, 1962 (ALA Policies, page 11), which provides a per diem as a partial expense payment to those Board members whose institutions do not cover their expenses to annual and midwinter meetings of ALA. No one Board member, he felt, would think ALA not important enough to put personal funds into attending meetings, but he felt that the policy is a half-way measure; it should be looked into and made more consistent with the policy of paying all expenses of Board members to the Spring and Fall Meetings. Staff was asked to provide cost estimates and experience. The Comptroller stated that funds provided under the per diem policy had been little used since adoption of the policy in 1962. Using the New York Conference as an example, \$17,000 would be required to cover transportation and per diem for all present Board Members. This full amount would not be needed if, as indicated by previous experience, the Board members' institutions continued to help with expenses. He felt the current budget could handle the additional expense as required for this Meeting if the Board so desired. The Board concurred that any action should apply to new Board and the next fiscal year, and on motion of Mr. Doms, severally seconded, it was

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It was implied in the discussion that the Policy adopted in November, 1962 be revised to reflect this action as ongoing policy.

ALA Participation in American Standards Association X3 Committees. (See Docket, Items VII and X and Exhibit 7.) The Organizing Committee for ISAD recommends ALA's participation in this ASA activity; appointment of ALA representatives would be made the responsibility of ISAD once ALA participation is approved by the Board. On motion of Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Doms, it was

VOTED, That the Executive Board approves the recommendation of the Organizing Committee for the Information Science and Automation Division that ALA participate in the ASA X3 Committees and Further, That such representation be through ISAD.

Membership Meeting Proposals. The President brought to the Board the various matters raised at the July 12 Membership Meeting:

(1) - Ell M. Oboler, State University Library, Idaho, proposed that the Board during the next year seriously consider the desirability of a two or three hour period at San Francisco for membership to discuss the question of whether there should be a Fifth Activities Committee that would look into one more reorganization. Going back to COO's responsibility iterated to it by the Board earlier, the President suggested the appropriateness of referring this proposal first to COO for study as a part of its continuing responsibility to view and assess the state of the organization following COO's consideration, this could very well be a topic of a Council/Executive Board and/or Membership Meeting. Miss Laich earlier pointed out that in her experience as a member and chairman of COO it was evident in the thinking of past and current officers that the new organization needs time to prove itself and that there is ample opportunity of overseeing and correcting the organization through the flexibility given to COO in making its studies and observing the developing activities and needs within the present organization. Mr. Castagna suggested that COO is, in effect, a continuing activities committee because of its responsibility to serve as a watchdog over the Association's organizational structure. The Board agreed that COO should be requested to consider Mr. Oboler's recommendation at the 1967 Midwinter Meeting.

(2) - A. P. Marshall, Page Library, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri proposed consideration be given to establishing a direct relationship with ALA in each region through an office or officer to serve as liaison to libraries and librarians in the region. The Membership adopted his motion that Council and/or the Executive Board consider the possibility of establishing regional ALA Offices. This matter was carried forward to the Board's 1966 Fall Meeting.

The President stated that he would report Board consideration of these matters to Council. The other matters raised at the Membership Meeting were informational:

Mr. Walsh asked about waiving dues for ALA members serving in the Armed Forces. This is already in effect under ALA Policy III-H-3.

William Emerson, California, suggested the basic ALA dues provide membership in one type of library division and two type of activity divisions. He was told that his written request had been referred to the Membership Committee and to the Committee of Organization.

election by the Board of Trustees of the American Library in Paris, Inc., to that Board, Dr. Alfred Max and Mrs. Virginia Young (for three-year terms).

Executive Board Expenses. Past President Gaver referred to Docket Item XII. She expressed the feeling that the Association should bear all expenses of members of the Executive Board whether or not their institutions are prepared to assume the costs so that other members of the staffs of their institutions would have an opportunity to attend ALA Conferences. Miss Gaver's motion, seconded by Miss Thornton, that the phrase when these are not borne by the members' institution be removed from the Executive Board Expense policy statement was put to a vote and lost by a vote of 10-2.

Library Technology Program's Plans for Future Financing. Since LTP has existed it has been funded almost completely by the Council on Library Resources. This has included (1) support of projects in library technology submitted by LTP, and (2) operating expenses of the LTP office, for salaries, travel, consultants, and materials amounting to approximately \$100,000 annually. The objective of CLR has been that LTP become self supporting or be supported by ALA. The Council now has suggested a final grant of approximately \$200,000 for operating expenses which can be spread over more than a two year period if desired. ALA now pays certain core costs including the Director's salary, the salary of his secretary, and some of the office expenses. CLR's suggestion means a lessening of LTP's work unless other ways of financing are found; it has not seemd possible for ALA to pick up the entire cost. Mr. Blasingame felt more than ever the time is coming when ALA will have to decide what its role will be in this as well as other long range programs it has been partially supporting. On motion of Miss Gaver, seconded by Mr. Dawson, it was

VOTED, That the Executive Board requests the Library Technology Program Advisory Committee to restudy its program and consider ways of extending the usefulness of the proposed \$200,000 grant beyond the two year limit, and that the Committee present recommendations to the Board at the Kansas City Conference.

Kansas City Conference Program Planning. President Mohrhardt made a brief report on the planning for the Kansas City Conference program which will center on the Report of the National Advisory Commission on Libraries.

Report of the Reporting Committee for the Committee on Program Evaluation and Budget - Exhibit 5. Marion Vedder, Chairman of the PEBCO Reporting Committee reviewed the Report which the Board accepted for Information. She called attention to PEBCO's recommendation that the Program Memorandum be continued. Miss Liach, Mr. McDonough and Mr. Talmadge expressed their hope that it or a digest of it be published for the Membership as a valuable reference tool. Mr. Dawson suggested that the Board refer the document to the editor of the Bulletin to consider publication. It was the sense of the Board that the Executive Director should make every effort to place the Program Memorandum in the hands of the members by whatever means possible. In addition to the Report presented by the Committee,

IX - Appointment of ASD/RSD Executive Secretary, continued

That The ALA Executive Board approves the appointment of Ruth M. White to serve, among other responsibilities, as Executive Secretary of the Adult Services Division and the Reference Services Division.

X - PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Executive Director is in receipt of a request from the Board of Directors of the Public Library Association asking full time assignment as Executive Secretary of Miss Eleanor Ferguson who now serves as Executive Secretary of PLA and the American Association of State Libraries. A similar request was received by the Executive Board from the latter division at the 1967 Fall Meeting. The Board advised the division to seek consideration through budgetary channels. This sentiment has been transmitted also to PLA.

XI - SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL MANPOWER PROGRAMS - Miss Gaver

During the Board's 1967 Fall Meeting, Miss Gaver asked to be scheduled for a progress report to the Board at this Meeting.

XII - EXECUTIVE BOARD EXPENSES - Miss Gaver

In her letter of December 5 to President Mohrhardt, Miss Gaver states, "As chairman of PEBCO I raise the question of putting on the agenda for the Midwinter Board meeting the matter of a more specific policy of paying expenses of Board members to conferences. In my own opinion there should be no 'if' in it; ALA should pay as a matter of policy."

The Association pays all expenses of the Board Members to the Spring and Fall meetings and pays all expenses, when these are not borne by the Member's institution, to the Midwinter Meeting and to the Annual Conference Meeting. Transportation is included plus a per diem (presently) of \$25.00.

XIII - LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM'S PLANS FOR FUTURE FINANCING - Mr. Clift

XIV - PLANS FOR THE 1968 ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN KANSAS CITY - President Mohrhardt

XV - PLANS FOR THE 1969 ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN ATLANTIC CITY - Mr. McDonough