

IRRT Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, January 23, 1978, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Parlor C, Palmer House
Chicago, Illinois

Present: David G. Donovan (Chairperson), Robert E. Booth, Beverly Brewster, Josephine R. Fang, Jane Franck, Tze-chung Li, Mary Miles Maack, Hans Panofsky, Jane E. Stevens, Richard Steele, Allen B. Veaner, Jane Wilson (staff liaison)

Observers: Jane R. Moore, Elise Katz, Edward S. Moffat, Frank M. McGervan, Boris Raymond, Katherine Cveljo, E. J. Josey

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairperson David G. Donovan.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on June 17, 1977 in Detroit were reviewed. Dr. Jane Moore raised a question about item number 8 relating to Revised By-laws, Article 10, Sections 2-3. Item 8 was deleted from the minutes.

2. Report of the Treasurer

Robert E. Booth presented the financial statements as follows:

Budget Report as of 11/30/77

Beginning balance - 9/1/77	\$1,606.46	
Income		
Dues	325.00	
Subscriptions	50.00	
Subtotal		\$1,981.46
Expenses		
Postage, Telephone, & Telegraph	\$ 15.14	
Printing & Duplicating	5.38	
ALA Administrative Charge	<u>24.80</u>	
Subtotal		\$ 45.32
Balance as of December 31, 1977		\$1,936.14

3. Annual Conference

- a. Mr. Donovan received a letter from Jean E. Coleman, of the ALA Office for Library Service to the Disadvantaged (OLSD) dated 1/12/78 requesting co-sponsorship of IRRT of a program June 26, 1978 entitled, "Social Responsibilities of Librarians." The Board approved the request in principle and asked Jane Franck and Robert Booth to meet with Jean Coleman and report back at the January 24, 1978 IRRT Board Meeting.
- b. Hans Panofsky reported that the Asia/African Committee has not as yet met. Chi-Wong from L.C. and M. Zehery, from the Kuwait Institute of Scientific Research will present papers in the broad area of networking.

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Discussion of reception for June 26, 1978 (6:00-8:00 p.m.) followed. Twenty-five tickets will be distributed to the Canadian Library Association. The March issue of LEADS will announce its general availability of tickets.

4. Membership

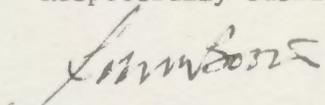
Jane Stevens reported 626 members as of August 1977 and 120 memberships as of December 31, 1978.

5. Edward Moffat, Editor of LEADS reported receiving a long article on libraries in Saudi Arabia which may be split into two parts. Middle Eastern Library Association News is being covered by Beverly Brewster.

6. Edward Moffat reported briefly on his role as IRRT Representative to IFLA in Brussels, August 1977.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. with the next session called for Tuesday, January 24, 1978 at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert E. Booth
Secretary-Treasurer

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Room 785, Palmer House
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Present: David G. Donovan (Chairperson), Robert E. Booth, Beverly Brewster, Jane Franck, Josephine Fang, Hans Panofsky, Mary Miles Maack, Jane Stevens, Allen B. Veaner, Richard A. Steele, Jane Wilson (staff liaison)

Observers: Ruby Martz, Nassir Sharify, Mina Pease.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson, David G. Donovan.

1. Jane Franck and Robert Booth reported on their meeting with Jane Coleman regarding the request of the Office for Library Service to the Disadvantaged (OLSD) to co-sponsor with IRRT a program at the ALA Annual Conference, Monday, June 26, 1978 (2:00-4:00 p.m.) in Chicago. Jane Stevens so moved and the motion was approved.
2. David Donovan reported that Boyd Raymer would be the representative to the Freedom to Read Foundation.
3. Jane Wilson reported on several items: the ALA Conference, Dallas, June 23-29, 1979; the IRRT reception planned for Monday, June 25, 1979; and the August 1979 U.N. Conference on Science and Technology, the IRC Policy Statement draft prepared for publication in the May issue of American Libraries.
4. Area Reports

Hans Panofsky announced that a report on the African and South African bibliographical projects will be published in LEADS.

Beverly Brewster reported for the Middle East on problems relating to converting Arabic to machine readable form; NYPL continues its transliteration work in Jewish studies; Research and Training Committee MELA and MESA; University of Washington Islamic Library making an outreach effort in Middle-Eastern studies.

Josephine Fang reported on selected East Asian countries. Robert Stevens from L.C. attended the third University Library Conference in Japan; People's Republic of China Survey Article - v. 22. Report of the British Delegation, January 1977. Summary to appear in LEADS.

Richard Steele reported on International Organizations and Associations: David Donovan asked Mr. Steele to study and report on ways to expand the services of IRRT and to develop appropriate task forces.

5. Other Business

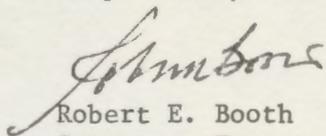
- a. David Donovan raised the question of two slates of officers and publicity to notify members of need for nominees. No motion was made to have two slates, but availability of offices will be indicated.

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- b. Mina Pease reviewed a number of items including the Association of International Libraries; an International Symposium, Geneva, June 1979; a North American regional session planned for January 1979 prior to ALA Midwinter, and other items on which she was invited to contact Dr. Moffat for inclusion in LEADS.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert E. Booth
Secretary-Treasurer

January 23, 1978

to: Executive Committee, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ROUND TABLE
from: Edward S. Moffat, Editor, Leads
subject: Annual Report, 1977

There have been four issues of LEADS during the current year: March, June, September, and December. They have been mailed (first class) to IRRT members and subscribers.

The first issue for 1978 (March) will carry the area reports, news of the meetings of IRRT, IRC, and an International Education Committee during Midwinter, as well as one or more articles which I have solicited.

Dr. Shaban Khalifa, Director of a library school in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, visited New York City during the summer. He has written a lengthy over-all view of libraries in Saudi-Arabia, at my request, which far exceeds the normal length of such articles for LEADS. Similarly, as the result of my attending IFLA/Brussels and meeting Dr. Karl Neubauer of West Germany's Staatsbibliothek, I've just received a modestly long manuscript on the topic of the Staatsbibliothek and Conser. The point of mentioning these articles is that I would like to continue a slight shift in emphasis in the contents of the Newsletter from that of several years ago when the format focussed on people, area reports, calendared meetings and events, and book reviews. It is my expectation that these categories will remain as part of the year's format, but that I should like to continue publishing "articles," and even rather long ones as the two mentioned above.

Perhaps I should take a moment to review what I've missed in 1977: typos, production dates, and more importantly, an inadequate system of reporting the contents of IRRT meetings, such as the semi-program meetings at the ALA/Detroit Conference. All of these need to be worked on for 1978.

Luckily, your editor still continues to get complementary remarks from readers. In that vein, may I call attention to two people who call my attention to particular events and who forward helpful information to me: Jane Wilson and Norman Horrocks.

Respectfully submitted,

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to: Executive Committee, International Relations Round Table
from: Edward S. Moffat
subject: IRRT representative to the IFLA/Brussels meeting, 1977

A breakfast meeting of the U.S. delegation served to acquaint ourselves with one another, and gave Robert Wedgeworth the opportunity to review the goals of the delegation. Keith Doms predicted accurately the outcome of the balloting at the morning's business meeting at this advance breakfast meeting.

Since the business meeting came at the beginning of the conference, there was no opportunity for the delegation to lobby for the U.S. candidate, Mr. Richard Dougherty of the University of California at Berkeley.

It is the impression of your representative that Mr. Dougherty is almost an unknown to U.S. librarians as he was certainly unknown to librarians of other countries. With all the good will in the world, and the implied strength of U.S. contributions to world librarianship, I feel that he was an extremely weak candidate to present to the conference.

Now, it may be that this is part of a strategy of a low U.S. profile, so as to obtain a long range objective at a later date. It may be that there are other librarians of international distinction whose commitments made them unavailable at this time. It would be my suggestion, however, that future U.S. candidates be given sufficient time to build themselves up, and that opportunities be given them to reveal their strengths.

Personally, the knowledge that I had a fractional vote did not inhibit me from enjoying thoroughly all those whom I met. Being a delegate did give me an entree. It was a step on the ladder to friendships all over the world. It gave me an opportunity to meet people who will be helpful to LEADS. It provided me with the opportunity to contrast the meeting with the well-run meeting in Washington, D.C. It gave me the opportunity to spend an awful lot of money. It provided the impetus for me to visit the National Library of Scotland and the library of the Pompidou Centre in Paris. It may have made me a bit cynical when I saw delegate librarians from impoverished Third World countries whose associations have not paid their dues. It would be easy to criticize the politics of the European bloc, as well. But all these latterly negative observations amount to nothing when measured against the great pleasure of exchanging views and information as to how we are solving library problems around the world.