

M I N U T E S  
of  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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Saturday, April 28th, 1923

held at

Hot Springs, Arkansas

...The meeting of the Executive Board, Saturday April 28th 1923, was called to order at 12:45 P. M., Mr. Judson T. Jennings, President of the Association, presiding, and Mr. Carl H. Milam, Secretary of the Association, acting as Secretary of the meeting...

P R E S E N T

Mr. Judson T. Jennings  
 Miss Marilla W. Freeman  
 Miss Gratia A. Countryman  
 Mr. H. H. B. Meyer  
 Mr. Edward D. Tweedell  
 Mr. Carl B. Roden  
 Mr. Charles H. Compton

Mr. Carl H. Milam  
 Miss Sarah C. N. Bogle

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...Following preliminary discussion Miss Countryman moved that the Chairmen of all Committees of the Association, except as stipulated in these proceedings for other disposition, be re-appointed...

...The motion is seconded...

...The motion is carried...

MR. TWEDELL: I move that the President be given authority to fill these Committees.

THE CHAIRMAN: Perhaps that might be considered later after we discuss these other twelve or fourteen.

THE SECRETARY: Mr. President, in that connection I think it might be well to consider suggesting to the Chairman the desirability of bringing in new workers, persons who are

not always on Committees. You have some communications which I have referred to you which have criticized the Association for not getting in more new blood.

THE CHAIRMAN: The fourteen Committees that remain to be considered are the following.

...The Chairman reads the Committees in question...

THE CHAIRMAN: I think four of these might be disposed of very quickly. They are the Committee on Programme which is already constituted, isn't it by the By-Laws or in some way, consisting of the President, Secretary and First Vice-President?

THE SECRETARY: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: And the Council Programme Committee, I believe, is constituted in some regulation?

THE SECRETARY: That is appointed by the President.

THE CHAIRMAN: These Committees are appointed in various ways.

THE SECRETARY: It amounts to approximately the same thing that the President has the appointive power and that the Council Committees are appointed by the President.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Nominating Committee and the Membership Committee, two committees that naturally change their membership each year. The appointment and selection of the Membership Committee Chairman might well depend upon the decision as to the place of the meeting if the same plan was

worked next year as was worked this year. I told Mr. Milam that was a most effective way of getting new members. If we should meet in Providence we might appoint somebody in that section of the country.

The Nominating Committee, I don't think we want to establish any precedent but I have in mind Mr. Utley. I think we ought to get under way a little earlier this year so that the Committee cannot have the excuse that they can name only one ticket and embarrass us.

If we should eliminate for the present four Committees--Programme Committee, Council Committee, Nominating Committee and Membership Committee--it leaves ten Committees that need rather serious consideration.

First, the Committee on Cataloguing--Mr. Bishop has been Chairman of that and he has expressed a desire to retire from the Chairmanship. Have you any further information on that, Mr. Secretary?

THE SECRETARY: On the Catalogue Committee, there is a vote of the Catalogue Section that recommends that the Executive Board consider the appointment of an active cataloguer rather than an administrator. Mr. Hannan who presented the vote said, "not like Mr. Bishop or myself, but somebody that is actually a cataloguer".

THE CHAIRMAN: I have in mind for that three people--Miss Margaret Mann of the United Engineering Societies Library

of New York, Miss Sophie K. Hiss of Cleveland, and Mr. Linn R. Blanchard, Princeton University Library. Personally, I am inclined to consider Miss Mann as a good choice, not only a good cataloguer but a good organizer and clear headed.

MISS COUNTRYMAN: I move the appointment of Miss Mann.

...The motion is seconded...

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the nomination and second of Miss Mann as Chairman of the Catalogue Committee.

...The motion is unanimously carried...

THE CHAIRMAN: There is one Committee here that we first considered as possibly needing a change in Chairmanship but I am inclined to think now that we will not. That is the Committee on Ways and Means of which Dr. Andrews is the Chairman. Sometime during the past year Dr. Andrews expressed his desire to retire from the Committee, or, I think rather, he accepted it in the first place with the understanding that he would serve perhaps no longer than a year. I have talked with Dr. Andrews and he is in touch with what efforts have been made, of course, by his own Committee in drafting the needs of the Association and some statement regarding it and that work is not finished. He has in mind, for instance, a statement of the organization of the Library Association showing the functions of the Council and the officers and Committees in a way that would demonstrate to any prospective donor the sta-

bility of our organization and where responsibility rests so that I think Dr. Andrews would be willing to retain that Committee Chairmanship and I think he should be urged to if we can get him to keep it. If there is no objection to that we will go right on without motion.

....No objection is registered by the Board...

THE CHAIRMAN: Publicity Committee--Mr. Kerr has been Chairman of that and has had on his Committee all of the men who have been active in publicity work. Mr. Kerr feels that it should have some new blood. That is easier to say than to do. We have on the Committee all that are keenly interested in publicity and then, try to find new blood; that is difficult; we may get new blood, but will it be blue blood? We have talked some of Mr. Munn in charge of our Department at Seattle. He is a clever fellow and has ideas and Ida F. Wright has been mentioned from Evanston.

MR. MEYER: Is Mr. Josselyn's name on that Committee?

THE CHAIRMAN: He is on it now. You see, Mr. Meyer, they have had all these live young fellows that are interested in publicity on the Committee. Now what we might do is to choose one of the present members of the Committee as Chairman and then put the new blood in the personnel of the Committee. I will read the list of the members.

...The Chairman reads personnel of Committee...

THE SECRETARY: They are tired. Those same folks have been working at the publicity until members of the profession seem to think they haven't any other interest than publicity and it isn't quite fair to them to keep them hammering away. Every one of these men and women has other interests than publicity but because they do so much publicity work at the Conference the profession seems to think of them as not knowing and caring about anything else and it isn't fair to them to make them concentrate all the time on publicity. It is a working Committee. It will not have a great deal to do during the year except have matters referred to it from time to time but it ought to be a Committee of the younger men and women who are perfectly willing to turn in and do a lot of work at the Conference.

Incidentally those folks are so stale on the job, because they have been at it all the time, that Miss Seymour has had little help from them. They have been at it long enough.

Mr. Joeckel has been suggested to me as a possibility.

MR. MEYER: May I suggest the name of Miss Margery Doud, one of the branch libraries at St. Louis?

MR. COMPTON: I think it would be a good thing to have an entirely new Committee.

THE SECRETARY: I think so too, with the possible exception of those three persons in the publications.

THE CHAIRMAN: I had in mind taking a Chairman from the old Committee, say Miss Ida Wright, and she was suggested and rather urgently suggested and then letting her pick out a new personnel from her Committee, not using any of the old Committee.

MR. TWEEDELL: Miss Wright is this year President of the Illinois Library Association.

MISS COUNTRYMAN: I hate to see the old Committee all go. I think it would be a shame. If you appointed Miss Wright she would probably put back some of the same Committee if allowed to choose her own Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN: She ought to be allowed to have a good deal to say about the selection of the Committee.

MR. RODEN: Is it customary to let the Chairmen fill their Committees in that way? If so, they ought to do it in conference with the Secretary.

THE SECRETARY: They are permitted to make recommendations and they are asked to make recommendations frequently but the Executive Board either makes the appointment or authorizes the President to make the appointment. If Miss Wright should suggest a group of men accidentally representing only one section of the country or only one interest, the President would tell her they would not go but she will have to make up a more representative Committee.

MR. RODEN: What kind of publicity work do they do?

Reporting meetings at the Conference?

THE CHAIRMAN: If the Association meets in Providence-- as there seems to be a tendency to do--it would be a good thing to have Sherman.

THE SECRETARY: He would doubtless be in charge of the local committee and couldn't do both. This is the kind of thing--the publicity office at the Conference ought to have a publicity committee which will come in and actually do the reporting of the various sections. We get all the advance papers we can but things break at the different meetings that are new, not of very great importance at a place like this, because there are only one or two papers but in Providence or Detroit you have papers with big circulations and you have an Associated Press representative and we want publicity people who are out feeling these things and willing to report two or three meetings during the Conference and then, of course, we want a Committee all throughout the year to which we can refer any question of publicity that isn't settled by the Headquarters Office.

MR. RODEN: Put down Nathan R. Levin.

THE CHAIRMAN: What action will you take on this publicity committee?

MR. TWEEDELL: I move that Mr. Levin be made Chairman of the Committee.

MR. RODEN: He is the Assistant Librarian at Chicago.

...The motion is seconded...

THE CHAIRMAN: It is moved and seconded that Mr. Levin be made Chairman of the Publicity Committee.

...The motion is unanimously carried...

THE CHAIRMAN: Next we have the Committee on Reciprocal Relations with other national organizations. Mr. Sumner has been Chairman of that Committee and Mr. Milam and I wondered if the Executive Board would consider discharging that Committee. The work is being done, I think--what work there is to be done--by Headquarters Office. For instance, Mr. Ferguson has been appointed as representative of the American Library Association to go to Oakland in June to represent the American Library Association at the International Conference on Education and that was handled by the President and Secretary of the American Library Association and I doubt if this Committee ever knew about it or had anything to do with it.

THE SECRETARY: They didn't; it was handled by the Executive Board in this case.

MR. RODEN: I think that grew up in war time.

THE SECRETARY: That was Miss Tyler's appointment.

THE CHAIRMAN: It was Miss Ahern's suggestion. Perhaps we could consult Miss Ahern first to see if she would agree.

THE SECRETARY: She isn't Chairman now and has not been for a year. She was Chairman two years ago.

THE CHAIRMAN: The appointment of such a Committee, I think, was suggested by Miss Ahern, was it not?

Do I hear a motion to discharge the Committee?

MR. RODEN: I move that this Committee be discharged.

...The motion is seconded...

...The motion is unanimously carried...

THE CHAIRMAN: The personnel would be discharged automatically with the conclusion of this Conference.

The Committee on Recruiting--Mr. Drury has been Chairman of that for the past year and we thought it was not wise to burden him another year with it. I know there was quite a bit of work when I had the Committee. I don't know how much work it has now. We have suggested Miss Althea H. Warren of California as Chairman of that Committee, the Recruiting Committee. She was a member of my Recruiting Committee a year ago and did splendid work in California and she stands very well with the Western librarians.

MISS BOGLE: She is on the present Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN: I wish you would suggest other names that you have in mind.

MISS COUNTRYMAN: The only trouble with Miss Warren is she is away off in the corner.

THE CHAIRMAN: So is your President.

MISS COUNTRYMAN: What I meant is she is a good woman but she is off to one side. Shouldn't a recruiting chairman be

pretty close to what she has to hit? Or do they handle it by correspondence?

THE SECRETARY: Mostly by correspondence in the past.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Committee ought to have membership geographically distributed. It ought to have representatives in different sections of the country and in different types of libraries. I think what we need in the Chairman is someone who has ideas, new ideas.

MR. RODEN: That certainly describes Miss Warren. She has plenty of ideas and is very enterprising.

THE CHAIRMAN: We did quite a bit of work on recruiting two years ago and the Headquarters Office was very effective and efficient in getting material out to all kinds of organizations, state organizations, urging appointment of recruiting committees, to vocational advisors in colleges and schools and to librarians in colleges and schools giving them suggestions as to how to reach the student body. And I think it is work that ought to be kept going every year. We cannot afford to stop it. Whether we have gotten all the practical ideas we can use or not I am not sure. If the work that has been done for the last two years is kept up it may be that the whole thing is to be handled by Headquarters Office.

THE SECRETARY: No, we ought to have a Committee for that.

MR. RODEN: Why so large a Committee?

THE SECRETARY: Well, because they have their local touch.

MISS FREEMAN: I have often wondered whether a person very gifted in addressing young people and getting things across might spend a great deal of time in going around from one college to another?

THE SECRETARY: We haven't the money for travelling expenses.

MISS FREEMAN: That is one of the publicity phases that might be considered in connection with what seems to me one of the most valuable publicity features that might be considered in connection with the celebration.

MISS COUNTRYMAN: Of course, there are a great many colleges that have vocational directors and they always take up the matter before the entire body of girls.

MISS FREEMAN: I don't think many colleges think very much about it. Or maybe they hear it from their own people that they are accustomed to hearing it from.

THE CHAIRMAN: These suggestions are in connection with the Chairmanship of the Committee; if so, who have you in mind so gifted?

MISS FREEMAN: I don't know; I was thinking of someone who could give a good deal of time to it.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is what we ought to have, some librarian who is a good speaker and could get a leave of ab-

sence from their own library and be paid for their time by the American Library Association for three months.

MISS FREEMAN: Somebody who was a successful librarian and would make the profession appear attractive.

MR. RODEN: Miss Warren could do that very thing if she were not so far away as she has that gift, don't you think so, Mr. Jennings?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MISS FREEMAN: If she has the gift of getting people to do that same thing in different parts of the country that is probably just as valuable.

MR. TWEEDELL: I move that Miss Warren be made Chairman.

...The motion is seconded...

...The motion is unanimously carried...

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a Joint Committee of seven that is supposed to work in and be part of the Committee from the Special Libraries Association to consider matters of mutual interest. I have in mind the possibility of consulting with Miss Rankin as to the need of continuing that Committee and its possible personnel. Would the Executive Board approve of that method of selecting a Committee? Miss Rankin is President of the Special Libraries Association and will continue to hold that office for two or three months.

THE SECRETARY: One month.

THE CHAIRMAN: I thought as President of the Library Association I might talk to or write to Miss Rankin regarding that Committee and what they think of it, the need of continuing it and possible personnel.

THE SECRETARY: There are three from the American Library Association and three from the Special Libraries Association and they choose the seventh and the Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do they report anything done this past year?

THE SECRETARY: No, nothing was referred to it.

THE CHAIRMAN: If it meets with the approval of the other members of the Executive Board I would suggest that the President of the American Library Association take it up with the President of the Special Libraries Association and see if that Committee should be continued and if so what its personnel should be. If that meets your approval we will pass on it without any motion.

...No objection is registered by the Board...

THE CHAIRMAN: Committee on Work with the Foreign Born--Mrs. Ledbetter has been Chairman of that Committee.

MR. RODEN: I suggest that it be passed.

THE CHAIRMAN: That we retain Mrs. Ledbetter?

MR. RODEN: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: There are three other Committees remaining that perhaps will require a little more consideration

than those we have passed. The Committee on Work with the Blind--Mrs. Reiter has been Chairman of that Committee. Several people have suggested Miss Goldthwaite who has charge of the work with the blind in the New York Public Library as Chairman of that Committee.

MR. TWEEDELL: Mr. Josephson has become interested in work of that kind and I think he has written books like that and might be a good man to be on the Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would it be satisfactory to the Executive Board if I take the question up with Mrs. Reiter either by correspondence or through Mr. Meyer as he has offered to do so, see how she would feel about retaining the Chairmanship whether she is somewhat weary of it and would like to see a change in the Chairmanship of that Committee? The idea is to give it further consideration after we hear her ideas. If that is agreeable we will pass that.

...No objection is registered by the Board...

THE CHAIRMAN: There are two other Committees that I have on the list for consideration but I think that the consideration of a Chairman for those two should wait until we take up some other matters that have a bearing on the question.

THE SECRETARY: The Council voted that a temporary Library Training Board be appointed by the Executive Board to investigate the field of library training, to formulate tentative standards for all forms of library training agencies,

to devise a plan for accrediting such agencies and to report to the Council.

MR. RODEN: I would be prepared to move that the Executive Board authorize the establishment of such a temporary Library Training Board.

...The motion is seconded...

THE SECRETARY: I think "create" is the right word.

MR. RODEN: Yes.

MR. MEYER: I would suggest Dr. Putnam as an admirable name for that Committee. I doubt if he would accept the Chairmanship but I think he would accept membership.

THE CHAIRMAN: We might for the present leave it without any statement as to the number on the Committee.

MR. RODEN: I would be inclined to change my motion to state that the Board be five members.

...The motion as amended is unanimously carried...

THE CHAIRMAN: We might now consider the Chairmanship of such a Board. We have had in mind that Mr. Wyer--Mr. Malcolm Wyer--should retain the Chairmanship of the Committee on Library Training which he has now and that we pick somebody entirely outside of that Committee as Chairman of the Training Board.

MR. RODEN: I suggest Mr. Keogh.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have Adam Strohm of Detroit in mind.

MR. MEYER: Mr. Bishop's name would carry weight there, Mr. Chairman.

MR. TWEDELL: I would suggest Miss Bogle.

MR. COMPTON: If you want a representative from the State Library I would suggest Mr. Ferguson.

THE SECRETARY: Mr. Hadley may be a useful member on this Committee.

MR. TWEDELL: I am wondering if this isn't a thing that the President might appoint with all of these suggestions.

MR. MEYER: The names of Miss Freeman and Miss Countryman occurred to me also. They are both well qualified.

THE CHAIRMAN: What would the Executive Board think of considering now the tentative selection of a Chairman with the idea that the President take up with the Chairman the personnel, the remaining personnel of the Committee? What do you think of Adam Strohm as Chairman of such a temporary Training Board?

MISS COUNTRYMAN: I move that this Committee be referred to the President and the Secretary for further consideration with power to act.

...The motion is seconded...

...The motion is unanimously carried...

THE SECRETARY: Mr. President, this is perhaps the time to repeat that the Secretary recommends to the Board that

the President and the Secretary be authorized to communicate with the Carnegie Corporation with regard to obtaining funds for the work of the temporary Library Training Board.

MR. TWEEDELL: I move that the President and Secretary be authorized to communicate with the Carnegie Corporation with the view of obtaining funds to carry out the work of the temporary Library Training Board.

...The motion is seconded...

...The motion is unanimously carried...

THE CHAIRMAN: We have another matter that Mr. Meyer will bring before us. Will you listen to Mr. Meyer?

MR. MEYER: This is a plan for a Federal Bureau of Libraries. Mr. Morgan has given me a number of these letters. Now the original communication that Mr. Morgan made was this.

...Mr. Meyer reads letter from Mr. Joy Morgan of the National Education Association...

MR. MEYER (Continuing): Now I have taken this communication of Mr. Morgan's and worked it over into the following resolution.

...Mr. Meyer reads the resolution...

MR. MEYER (Continuing): I move the adoption of that resolution.

...The motion is seconded...

THE CHAIRMAN: I think Mr. Morgan's main idea is that sooner or later we will have a Department of Education and in

it will be probably a Bureau of Libraries and that the American Library Association should be prepared to suggest what that Bureau should do rather than have the functions defined by somebody else who does not know library work. That idea appeals to me very strongly. I don't know how it strikes the rest of you. I asked Mr. Morgan while he was here to talk to each member of the Executive Board and also to Dr. Bowker and Miss Ahern and Dr. Bostwick and Dr. Andrews and several other people. Mr. Morgan told me that they all seemed in sympathy with the idea.

MR. MEYER: A question has been raised whether there should be a special committee for this or whether the Committee on Federal and State Relations might not take it up as part of their work. I am wondering what the opinion of the assembled members of the Board is on that point. Mr. James I. Wyer of Albany is Chairman of that Committee.

THE SECRETARY: Mr. Lester would be a good man for Chairman of a special committee.

MISS COUNTRYMAN: Mr. Dudgeon would be good, too.

THE SECRETARY: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have three suggestions then--Lester, Dudgeon and J. I. Wyer.

If we adopt this resolution it provides for a new Committee. I think it would be advisable first to consider whether we should refer it to the Committee on Federal and State Relations already existing or whether a new Committee should be

appointed before we consider, perhaps, the adoption of this resolution.

MR. MEYER: I would like to modify the motion then so that instead of having it read a special Committee--

THE CHAIRMAN (Interposing): Could it be left alternative in some way so that we might take it up with Mr. Wyer to determine whether he would be available? I have in mind whether you consider referring it to the Committee on Federal and State Relations, that I might write Mr. Wyer and tell him about this whole plan and tell him that we want a good strong Committee to draft the bill or draft the plan for the Bureau and see if he is interested, sufficiently, to take it up with his Committee. It may be that he would prefer not to undertake it but would rather have a special committee appointed. I had in mind putting it in such a way that if he did accept it as part of the work of the Federal Relations Committee that they would push it through and get it in shape for consideration possibly by next December.

THE SECRETARY: There is a statement in the Committee's report of a year ago bearing very definitely on this question:

"The activities thus set forth somewhat in detail have involved a large amount of correspondence, some conference, much thought and planning. They have kept the Committee very fully occupied during the past year. Partly because of this,

it has not been possible to develop to any considerable extent the conception of the function of the Committee suggested over a year ago by Secretary Milam and stated in our last report, that the Committee 'accept as its field the whole province of government service to libraries'. Moreover, the time has not seemed ripe for furtherance of the work involved in such a conception of the Committee's purpose. But the Committee has not lost sight of this ideal and stands ready to do all in its power to advance an enlarged program for library development in this country."

That is from the report of proceedings.

MR. MEYER: May I modify that to have it read that the Committee on Federal and State Relations be requested to draft a bill? That is the fourth paragraph.

THE SECRETARY: Or that a special committee be appointed by the President.

THE CHAIRMAN: Could it read--"Be it Resolved, that the Federal and State Relations Committee or some other Committee to be appointed by the President be requested", etc?

MR. MEYER: That would do it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you willing to draft that clause in some way, Mr. Meyer, so that it could be left open?

MR. MEYER: I believe the wording is quite satisfactory.

MR. COMPTON: Couldn't the wording in the fourth para-

graph be changed so that report could be made?

MR. MEYER: That is good. At that point suppose you put in "to be submitted to the Council at its meeting in December 1923", to be then submitted to the profession at large for suggestions after which it would be revised and adopted at the 1924 meeting? That would leave us still without anything definite before the meeting of Congress.

THE SECRETARY: I think you ought to cut out all the words after "December 1923".

MR. MEYER: I think that is an admirable suggestion. That is top-heavy.

THE SECRETARY: Then the first paragraph would read as follows:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That the Committee on Federal and State Relations, or some other Committee to be appointed by the President, be requested to draft a bill to be submitted to the Council at its meeting in December 1923 in accordance with the suggestions in communication of April 27th from Joy Elmer Morgan."

THE CHAIRMAN: Or, right after "bill" better say, "a bill for a Bureau of Libraries".

THE SECRETARY: Then it would be, "draft a bill for a Bureau of Libraries in the proposed Department of Education, to be submitted to the Council December 1923".

...The motion, as amended, is unanimously carried...

THE CHAIRMAN: I think that disposes of all of the Committees.

THE SECRETARY: There has been no general motion authorizing the President to make appointments, to fill vacancies or fill the Committee appointments, those not yet covered.

MR. TWEEDELL: I move that the President be given authority to appoint other members of the Committees and to fill any vacancies that may occur.

...The motion is seconded...

...The motion is unanimously carried...

THE CHAIRMAN: We have some communications which I will ask the Secretary to read.

THE SECRETARY: I have two or three that have to do with Committees. First, the Council voted the other day that the attention of the Executive Board be called to the section of the report of the Committee on Committees dealing with Library Training and that the phrase "library school" be amended to read "library training". Those of you who were present know of the serious discussion over those two words.

MISS FREEMAN: I move that we make the requested change.

...The motion is seconded...

...The motion is unanimously carried...

THE CHAIRMAN: The Committee on the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration voted that the Committee communicate to the

Executive Board that it is understood that Dr. Hill has resigned from the Committee and requests the Executive Board to urge him to remain, if possible.

MR. RODEN: I was also requested to write a personal letter to Dr. Hill supporting those sentiments.

MISS COUNTRYMAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that the President and Secretary and permanent Chairman of the Committee be empowered to fill all vacancies occurring in the Committee on the Fiftieth Anniversary and to appoint the successors to those vacancies.

...The motion is seconded...

...The motion is unanimously carried...

THE CHAIRMAN: Suppose we carry out the wishes of the Committee and write a letter to Dr. Hill in accordance with the motion passed to us by the Committee of Twenty-Five?

MR. RODEN: I make that motion.

...The motion is seconded...

THE CHAIRMAN: What is your idea, that the President, Secretary and Chairman of the Committee write that letter to Dr. Hill?

THE SECRETARY: As I would interpret it, it would be that the President should send that communication unless he chooses to delegate that authority.

...The motion is carried...

THE CHAIRMAN: I will write that letter officially.

THE SECRETARY: There is a resolution from the Hospital Library Round Table urging the Executive Board to first communicate a request to the American College of Surgeons.

...The Secretary reads the resolution...

MISS COUNTRYMAN: May I make an explanation? Dr. Bledsoe addressed the Round Table and said that in the Little Rock Hospital the books had become, in the opinion of the staff, the finest therapeutic agent they had. The books, he felt, in many cases were saving the men and that he felt that it was only a matter of a very short time before every hospital in the country would be demanding the services of a good librarian and an equipped library in the hospitals. He expressed the belief that for the present--I don't know as I am explaining all he said--but he made it clear that the physicians were more and more believing in the value of the library in the hospital. He was the one who made the very emphatic statement that he wished to have a wide publication throughout the country of the value of the libraries from the physician's point of view and if it came out in the reports on hospital standardization from the physician's point of view it would give great impetus to the hospital library work.

THE SECRETARY: I am in serious doubt as to what is expected that this resolution will accomplish.

MR. MEYER: I think, Mr. Chairman, the end aimed at is this--that if they can get the endorsement of hospital lib-

rary service as it now functions in certain libraries backed up by the medical societies mentioned it will have a very helpful influence on the attitude, among others, of the Veterans' Bureau and its staff of purely clerical assistants. I think Dr. Bledsoe was aiming at the Veterans' Bureau above all things. They have the idea yet that anybody can carry on a library and is just merely incidental anyway and entertainment for the men in the hospitals. They haven't grasped the therapeutic value of books and if physicians can be asked to make the clear statement that it would be of value to everybody interested in the fact, it would be valuable to the Hospital Library service.

THE CHAIRMAN: The first paragraph merely asks the American College of Physicians and Surgeons to include in their reports a recommendation that hospitals call on public libraries to be responsible for library service in such hospitals. The only possible point there is it might be broadened a little bit with a recommendation to the effect that hospitals shall in some way secure library service in the hospital. It might be that these hospitals are outside the city limits and the library cannot take care of their service, that they are already provided with library service in other ways.

MR. MEYER: I think the text of that was hastily worded and I think those who framed the resolution would have no objection to having it cleared.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think the main idea is good, that

they want recommendations from these two groups of men, the surgeons and physicians, to the effect that the standard hospital should include library service.

MISS COUNTRYMAN: It may not have come to your attention that in Minnesota the School of Medicine, the College of Medicine itself has asked that a course be put into the coming library school in Minnesota which will give a four year course leading to a degree for hospital librarians. It will be the first one in the country and the proposition has come from the School of Medicine itself, that the training be not only in library service but training in hospital methods and mental hygiene and psychiatrics in superficial way and social methods of all sorts, that it should be a four year course leading to a degree. The attempt is being made to get the medical profession itself behind it.

THE CHAIRMAN: It wouldn't be necessary for us to adopt this resolution but we could adopt a motion to send communications to the American College of Surgeons and the American College of Physicians requesting that they include in their reports on hospital standardization library service as part of the standard hospital.

MR. RODEN: That is a modification. The first draft, it looked like instructing the hospitals to demand from the public libraries that they be served. I certainly wouldn't be in favor of that. We call on the public libraries for service.

There are one hundred and ten hospitals in Chicago. We have service in four and that is all we can do. On the other hand, that medical literature is full of recommendations and praise for libraries in hospitals. I don't know whether it is unnecessary to issue, or, rather, necessary to issue instructions like this.

MR. MEYER: Would a motion like this be acceptable, Mr. Chairman? That the President address to these four Associations a letter carrying out the intent of the resolution passed by the Hospital Libraries Round Table? And then you can interpret your own intent from what has been said here and other information that you can get.

THE CHAIRMAN: There is a second clause in this resolution that we haven't touched. You may want to hear it before you act on the first one.

...The Chairman reads latter part of resolution...

THE CHAIRMAN: It seems to me that it might be best to take up with the Chairman of the Committee on Hospital Libraries the entire thing.

...Miss Freeman reads from report of Committee on Hospital Libraries...

MR. TWEDELL: I move that this be referred to the Committee on Hospital Libraries for information and suggestions.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would suggest this method of settling it, that next week when I shall have two or three days with

Mr. Milam that we draft a letter in accordance with the proposed motion here carrying out the intent of the first paragraph of that resolution and that we send that drafted letter to Miss Jones with a letter to her explaining the whole thing and how it came about and telling her we don't wish to take that action without the approval of her Committee and that as soon as Mr. Milam gets such approval then it will be sent to the College of Physicians and College of Surgeons.

MR. MEYER: May I say a word here? Dr. Bledstoe's address was one of the most interesting that I have heard. He spoke from brief notes and promised to write the whole thing out and if it is written out it will be one of the most convincing addresses given, not only in the medical service but in the aid of ex-service men and it ought to be brought before the Veterans' Bureau in Washington.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is your idea about drafting a letter in accordance with the first paragraph of that letter and sending the other matter to Miss Jones?

...No objection to this action is registered...

THE CHAIRMAN: The second part of the resolution I am unable to understand except that it calls for appointment of a Committee to work out a unit plan of what may be expected in the term "adequate service" on the basis of one thousand beds, in the terms of service and costs, to be forwarded with the resolution to the respective section.

MISS COUNTRYMAN: I move that it be referred to the Hospital Committee, to the Committee on Hospital Libraries.

...The motion is seconded...

...The motion is unanimously carried...

THE SECRETARY: I have one communication. It is submitted from the Committee on Books in Chain Stores appointed by the Pacific Northwest Library Association. That Committee asks the cooperation of the Executive Board, the Executive Board at its Mid-winter Meeting communicated to the Committee that it would gladly cooperate on some basis and asked the Committee to make recommendations as to what that basis should be. This is the communication which has come to us from that Committee.

...The Secretary reads the letter in question...

THE SECRETARY: It seems to me in view of that possibility and this Committee's report that the Board might give consideration to that matter. The "porch conferences" have indicated that it might be profitable, for the American Library Association, to tackle once more the book buying agency. I understand they will print anything they can get without copyright, one hundred thousand copies, and sell for seven cents. It is quite conceivable that the American Library Association acting as agent for the big libraries of the country might be able to use one hundred thousand copies of this and it may be highly desirable to get into this thing. I don't know.

MISS COUNTRYMAN: How many are they going to turn out?

THE SECRETARY: Just what is ordered.

MR. MEYER: I would like to throw out one thought and that is, can this be handled by some other body than the American Library Association without losing any of the possible distribution that such a series of books may receive? Do we want to interfere with the regular business of the regular publishers? This encroaches on their field, it seems to me, a little. There is considerable antagonistic feeling between the two bodies now and we don't want to add to it. I heartily approve of this little volume. I think there is nothing like it for cheapness and quality and everything else but is it necessary for us to go into it? And would it have any effect on the American Booksellers' Association or Publishers' Association? Would they refer to our action in this matter in a way that would indicate they didn't like it?

THE SECRETARY: I think the Association ought to be informed on things like that. I don't see any reason why the legitimate publishers should feel we should not keep ourselves informed.

MR. MEYER: Should we step in and act as agents?

THE SECRETARY: That is not mentioned in this report.

THE CHAIRMAN: What do they want us to do, in a few words?

THE SECRETARY: A Committee be appointed by the Executive Board of this Association to bring before the home officers of the Chain Stores statements of the results of joint efforts, publishers, booksellers and librarians, in promoting the reading of books, et cetera, and the advisability of preparing a list of cheap editions.

My recommendation would be the appointment of a Committee on cheap editions growing out of this and let the Committee make its own recommendations.

MR. MEYER: Would you mind making that a Committee on Reprints and Cheap Editions?

THE SECRETARY: Perhaps that is better.

THE CHAIRMAN: This Committee would have to draft this statement that is called for.

THE SECRETARY: Mr. President, it seems to me that the Executive Board ought not to adopt the general practice of going too far on another Committee's recommendation. My recommendation would be simply that the Executive Board create a Committee on whatever you choose to call it and then define its duties as investigating and reporting. You cannot want them to carry out the instructions of the Pacific Northwest Library Association's Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is your suggestion that that Committee be called?

MR. MEYER: If you call it a Committee on Reprints

and New Editions, if you can say you are looking forward to a time when they will be called for, it will cover--Reprints, New and Inexpensive Editions. That is my suggestion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any objection to calling such a Committee a Committee on Reprints and Inexpensive Editions?

MR. MEYER: I move that a Committee known as the Committee on Reprints and Inexpensive Editions be appointed to investigate reprints of standard books in inexpensive editions, especially as distributed through chain stores and similar agencies.

...The motion is seconded...

...The motion is carried...

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any objection to referring to that Committee this communication? If not, it is so ordered.

...No objection is registered...

THE CHAIRMAN: By whom shall it be appointed?

THE SECRETARY: The Board has ruled that all Committees shall be appointed by the Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Have you any other communications?

THE SECRETARY: The Committee on the Fiftieth Anniversary considering publications which would be of most importance as a part of our Celebration, voted requesting or urging the Executive Board to address a communication to the Carnegie

Corporation asking for an immediate grant of funds for the Committee of five on Library Service in order that the survey might go forward without further delay and their results be available as the basis for the principal publication which celebrates our Anniversary in 1926.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have already voted to approach the Carnegie Corporation for a fund for the Library Training Board.

MR. MEYER: Mr. Chairman, as both of these things were included in their budget, would it not be possible to include them both in this communication urging this upon the Carnegie Corporation? I move then that this matter be included with the other.

...The motion is seconded...

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the motion that the request of the Committee on the Fiftieth Anniversary be carried out and the matter be presented to the Carnegie Corporation at the same time as the request for the Training Board funds are presented.

...The motion is unanimously carried...

THE CHAIRMAN: Did you wish to say anything, Mr. Meyer, about a Headquarters Building?

MR. MEYER: I wish that every member of the American Library Association would visit Headquarters and see the congested condition that prevails there and realize what it means. Now the address of the Headquarters of the American Library

Association, 78 East Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, does not tell to any member that we are actually located in the Public Library Building and I find that that is one bit of ignorance that everyone is in possession of. They don't seem to know that we are located in the Chicago Public Library. Consequently, they don't know that the Chicago Public Library is soon going to need that space and when they do we have to get out and that means rental of quarters. Mr. Milam has some figures, I believe, for adequate quarters in the vicinity of the Loop meaning something like twelve to fifteen thousand dollars rental and if you go outside of that you could get it down to five or six thousand dollars for four or five thousand square feet.

THE SECRETARY: You can't get anything for a dollar a foot. It would cost you ten thousand dollars if you went out a mile. It will cost you fifteen thousand dollars staying down town and taking five thousand square feet. We occupy two thousand square feet worth at least four dollars a square foot.

MR. MEYER: You will have to have more than two thousand feet. All of this simply means we have got to raise ten or fifteen thousand dollars in some way and are you going to raise it by additional membership or increasing the dues? It seems to me that is out of the question. We have been over that ground within the last two or three years. Personally I am in favor of just seizing the dilemma by the horns and throw-

ing it. I'd like to see the American Library Association get to work to build a Headquarters Building. The idea that first comes to the mind of those I speak to is we are going to have something like the National Education Association or build a single building to contain the American Library Association Headquarters and nothing else. That would simply be tying a mill stone around our necks. It would cost us as much to carry a thing like that as to rent for fifteen thousand dollars a year. If we make any effort to build it should be a modern office building in some large building where we can be assured that the floor space we have in addition to what is required for the Headquarters will be easily rented out and bring us in a return paying for the upkeep, the necessary repairs, heating and lighting and the taxes and all that. I am quite sure that within the Association itself we have resources that haven't been drawn on at all, that in a reasonable time would give us one hundred thousand dollars and having that we could adopt the suggestions of Miss Eastman and Miss Tyler that we issue bonds. We could do that then because we would have one hundred thousand dollars to back up the bonds. At present we couldn't issue any bonds. We have nothing to found them on. That would secure us two hundred thousand dollars and with that amount we can begin operations and as soon as you have property and something definite the banks will give you money and I am quite sure that some point along this very rosey his-

tory the Carnegie Corporation would come in and help us out. I don't think that there is anything that can be done that will so completely insure carrying out Mr. Carnegie's wishes as the creation of a strong Headquarters Office with an adequate staff to carry out all the various functions that we have in the last few years turned over to the Headquarters.

Now I may have been thinking about this too long and in too rosey a way the last year or two and have gotten a somewhat distorted view but personally I feel that it is a purely business proposition which the Association is quite capable of putting through and I haven't the slightest fear that within the Association we have sufficient business acumen to carry on successfully the management of a large office building of which the Headquarters should occupy the upper floors and the lower floors down to the ground should be rented.

Personally it would make me feel very proud indeed to see a fine building somewheres with "A. L. A." on the front of it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you wish to propose any action at this time, Mr. Meyer?

MR. MEYER: In view of the situation, I think the sooner we get busy the better and I therefore move that a Committee be appointed, Committee on Headquarters Building.

MISS COUNTRYMAN: Does that include location, Mr. Meyer?

MR. MEYER: No, I think that ought to be taken care of in the way voted by the Executive Board and Council during this Conference. A vote should be taken that would insure the recording of an absolute majority of the Association as to the location.

I move that a Committee on Headquarters Building be appointed to investigate the question of suitable quarters for the Executive Office of the Association and to cooperate with the Committee on Ways and Means to develop plans for raising money for a Headquarters Building.

...The motion is seconded...

...The motion is carried...

THE SECRETARY: Mr. President, there is a communication addressed to the Council which has no business going to the Council in my opinion concerning the publication of a paper presented by Miss Rothrock at the Lending Section, the recommendation being that the Council consider it with a view of giving it to the press. My suggestion is that it be referred to the Secretary to see if such action is feasible.

THE CHAIRMAN: If there is no objection I suggest it be taken by consent.

...No objection is registered...

...The Secretary reads a communication from the County Library Round Table...

THE SECRETARY: I have no suggestion to make. There

is a standing recommendation from the Education Committee, a year old now, recommending the employment of a specialist in School Libraries at Headquarters. This is now the second one. I don't know anything we can do except to accumulate them and to remind ourselves occasionally that they are here, that there is more work to be done than we have funds to do with.

THE CHAIRMAN: Will it be satisfactory if the minutes of this show that the communication was received and that the Executive Board is in sympathy with the proposal and will take it under consideration for action when funds are available.

MR. MEYER: Mr. Chairman, before that is placed before the Board may I make a little inquiry? Has the question of County Libraries come up with the Carnegie Corporation at all and is it included in part of their scheme for library development?

THE SECRETARY: Yes, we had among other things in our recommendations proposal for an extension department with a person in charge able to promote any kind of library extension but we would choose somebody, normally, who could do county library work, then specialists in two or three different fields including school libraries.

MR. MEYER: Then in view of that fact and the great urgency of action in connection with county libraries--I have my eyes especially on Virginia and West Virginia which are right near Washington--there is no field that is absolutely so much in need of expert advice along that line as that is. I would like to make a motion that a third matter be included in this communication to the Carnegie Corporation asking them for support of such expert or field worker to do this work at the present moment.

THE SECRETARY: Mr. President, I personally don't think that that is advisable. It may be a little bit difficult to explain but my notion is that in asking for a special sum for the training board we are playing absolutely in the hands of the Carnegie Corporation. They have made up their minds so far as the officers are concerned to help training and want to know something more about training before they appropriate their funds. We have a splendid case for the Committee on Survey because it is the logical, more or less logical thing to do first, inasmuch as it is a study of the whole field and on the basis of results we might decide a lot of things that ought to be done. On the other hand, this is simply employing, or so I feel it will look to them, additional specialist at headquarters and I am not sure that it wouldn't do more harm than good on this kind of thing than on the other.

THE CHAIRMAN: You think they are sold on library training?

THE SECRETARY: Yes, they are sold on the survey too.

THE CHAIRMAN: The County library might be part of the survey.

MR. MEYER: I withdraw my motion in view of that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you willing to accept my suggestion of a few moments ago that the communication was received, regarding County library specialist, and that the suggestion be taken under advisement until such time as the Association is able to finance the proposal? In the meantime the Secretary will reply to this communication.

...No objection is registered...

THE SECRETARY: I have a communication from Dr. Shearer, a rather long communication, suggesting the possibility or desirability of making the New York State meeting this year a regional meeting. He calls attention in this way to the geographical distribution--

...The Secretary reads a portion of Mr. Shearer's letter...

THE SECRETARY: New York is to meet at Silver Bay and he has been communicating with some of the other Associations. Mr. Shearer has sent in a further communication in which he says:

...The Secretary reads the second communication from

Mr. Shearer...

THE SECRETARY: Mr. Shearer says that he does not wish to recommend this at all because it might seem that he is a prejudiced individual, but he simply presents this to the Executive Board and wishes them to make the decision in the light of their own best judgment, decision of whether or not there should be a regional meeting of the American Library Association.

MR. RODEN: Does he say anything about accommodations anywhere? I was given to understand that some of the Y. M. C. A. Camp people are running the hotels. That is at Lake George.

THE SECRETARY: "Good accommodations for eight hundred." It is proposed for September 3rd to 8th.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is your pleasure with regard to this recommendation or suggestion?

MR. TWEEDELL: All of our previous regional conferences have been on the request of two or three Associations, haven't they?

THE SECRETARY: There has been only one regional meeting.

MR. RODEN: I move the communication be filed pending action by the adjacent state associations and that Dr. Shearer be notified of that act.

...The motion is seconded and carried...

THE CHAIRMAN: We have just one item left so far as I know and that is a consideration of meeting place for next

year. Mr. Godard in a letter to Mr. Milam, among other things, winds up with this paragraph: "My preference for the next meeting place is Providence."

I had in mind, of course, this Executive Board would have nothing to do with any meeting place beyond this next year but I had a three year programme in mind and in talking to Mr. Milam I found he had a three year programme and we jotted down our separate impressions and then compared them and found they were exactly the same and I have gotten from other members of the American Library Association a similar idea, all of them original and all corresponding. In general it would meet in the Northeast next year; in the Northwest in 1925 and in Philadelphia in 1926.

MR. RODEN: From whom have invitations been received-- only Providence?

THE CHAIRMAN: From Des Moines, Providence.

THE SECRETARY: Providence is the only city from which we have invitation except purely perfunctory ones except Chambers of Commerce, etc. Buffalo is a possibility because of the new Statler Hotel. Frisco and Chicago and Columbus and Washington, D. C. are always in, but they are not from library people.

MR. MEYER: May I ask who suggested Washington, D. C.

THE SECRETARY: The New Willard Hotel.

THE CHAIRMAN: There is a letter that came this morning from Mr. Brigham of the National Association of State Libraries, Providence.

...The Secretary reads the letter from Mr. Brigham...

THE SECRETARY: I have had this idea in mind: We haven't met in Canada recently and perhaps sometime during the next three years the Association ought to meet in Canada, that the Canadian meeting might be either next year or the following year. If we met for instance in Providence next year we might be able to get you to come to Seattle in 1925 or if they met in Toronto next year we might get them to go to Vancouver, British Columbia in 1925.

MR. MEYER: You mean Providence this year.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, and Vancouver next year or if we go to Toronto this year, Seattle next year.

THE SECRETARY: I wish to report that the President of the Rhode Island Librarian Association has presented an invitation to the Association to hold the meeting in Brown University, that the President of Brown University, that the Governor of the State, William S. Flynn, the Mayor of Providence, Providence Chamber of Commerce, the Town Crier of Rhode Island, the Rotary Club of Providence and the Kiwanis Club all invite us to come there.

MR. MEYER: Mr. Chairman, is it customary to decide

that as early in the year as this?

THE CHAIRMAN: I don't think it is but I think it is a good plan to have some general scheme in mind so that we can be thinking it over.

MR. RODEN: Any likelihood of an invitation being extended later in the year by Toronto?

THE CHAIRMAN: I think they would get pretty busy if they thought there was a chance of our coming to Toronto. I think the chief reason for taking it up now perhaps is that in order that the Secretary or some Committee may be investigating the possibilities in placing that we may have under consideration. We might decide to go to Providence or Toronto and find it wasn't feasible and that we weren't invited or there was some stumbling block in the way.

MR. TWEEDELL: Coming from Providence myself and from Brown University I am surprised at these letters. They are all very anxious to have us come. I think it is all a matter of accommodations whether in the opinion of the Secretary people would be satisfied. We would have good meeting places. We would have fine entertainment. There is just the question of whether the scattering would be disagreeable.

MR. RODEN: Scattering without a central meeting place. In this hotel everybody could come and sit on the front porch. There wouldn't be any such central hotel.

MR. TWEEDELL: They will have the Brown Union which

is the Rockefeller Hall of the students assembling place which will in a measure take the place of the lobby and some of the porches. The whole campus would be a lovely place to hang around and look around if it didn't rain.

THE SECRETARY: We should probably have our registration desk according to my conversation with the Providence people, at the University Union and all the official functions would be carried on from there rather than the Hotel and that would be where everybody would mill around during the day.

One of the serious difficulties is the fact that an evening meeting would be very difficult for those who went downtown for dinner. Those getting their meals at the boarding houses, etc., would be able, presumably, to return easily, whereas those going downtown would have to take the street car up the hill.

MR. TWEEDELL: They promised at certain hours shuttling cars with a bunch giving you free ride. It is ten minutes ride.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is the largest sized auditorium.

MR. TWEEDELL: The campus would seat thousands. The Sales Hall would accommodate nine hundred or a thousand. Then they have the Baptist Meeting House, about twelve hundred.

THE CHAIRMAN: I imagine in Providence we would have a big attendance.

THE SECRETARY: About two thousand or twenty-five hundred.

THE CHAIRMAN: How many of them would be likely to come to any one meeting?

THE SECRETARY: On an attendance of twenty-five hundred which would be a maximum, you would have to assume eighteen hundred as a possibility at a general session.

MR. TWEDELL: There is the Infantry Hall there, about four or five blocks down the hill but their plan was to have the large meetings right out of doors, the Brown University having a platform to speak from and the trees which really makes it a wonderful place and I understand the social workers are all right.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is the general feeling of the members of the Board in regard to the general plan of Northeast Section next year and Northwest the following year and Philadelphia in 1926? Are we all agreed on that?

Well, if we should determine that general point, tentatively, at least, what other places in the Northeast would you care to consider next year besides Providence? Would you care to consider Toronto?

MR. RODEN: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Have you other places in mind?

MR. MEYER: They would be very glad to get us in

Swampscott again.

THE SECRETARY: But the local Committee probably would not be so enthusiastic about it.

THE CHAIRMAN: What action would we take, if any?

Do you wish to take any action referring to the Secretary for investigation the housing possibilities and meeting facilities in Toronto and Providence and possibly other places?

MR. MEYER: I move that this matter go over without prejudice to the next meeting, the Secretary and President in the meanwhile investigating possibilities in the Northeast.

...Mr. Meyer's motion is seconded...

THE CHAIRMAN: I don't see why the same Committee that takes care of the programme shouldn't handle it.

MR. MEYER: I would accept that amendment.

...Mr. Meyer's motion is carried...

THE CHAIRMAN: Has any member any other item of business that should be considered? If not, a motion to adjourn is in order.

MR. RODEN: I move we adjourn.

...The motion to adjourn is seconded and carried...

...The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M....