

The meeting of the Executive Board of the American Library Association at the Mid-Winter Conference was called to order at two-thirty o'clock Wednesday Afternoon, December 27, 1922, at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill., by President George B. Utley.

There were present:

President Utley  
Secretary Milam  
Assistant Secretary, Miss Bogle

Mr. Meyer  
Mr. Hadley  
Mr. Tweedell  
Miss Rathbone  
Mr. M. G. Wyer  
Mr. J. I. Wyer  
Miss Ideson  
Mr. Roden

The Board began immediately the consideration of the Docket of Business.

1. The reading of the minutes of the Executive Board meetings June 26 and 30 and July 1, 1922, was dispensed with, and upon motion by Miss Rathbone, seconded and carried, the minutes as typed and sent to the members were accepted.

2. Secretary Milam reported on correspondence votes as follows:

"1923 Conference. The Executive Board, by correspondence vote, October 9, 1922:

"VOTED: That the next Annual Conference of the American Library Association be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, the last week in April, 1923, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made



by the President and Secretary with the hotels in Hot Springs.

"Trustees of the American Library in Paris, Inc.  
The Executive Board, by correspondence vote,  
October 9, 1922:

"VOTED: That the following persons be appointed trustees of the American Library in Paris, Inc., for the term of one year from date of the Annual meeting in 1922:

"Walter V. R. Berry  
Charles Cestre  
L. V. Benet  
Charles L. Seeger  
William Morton Fullerton."

Secretary Milam read further correspondence votes to the Board, no action being taken.

3. (a) After the reading of the report on the appointment of Dr. Peter H. Goldsmith as the representative of the American Library Association in South America, Mr. Hadley moved the ratification of the appointment. The motion was seconded and carried.

(b) Secretary Milam read communications on the appointment by President Utley of Mrs. Roden representing the American Library Association as a member of the Executive Committee of the School and Poetry Association. The approval of the appointment was moved by Mr. J. I. Wyer, seconded and carried.

(c) Upon motion of Mr. J. I. Wyer, seconded and carried, the Board confirmed the appointment by President Utley of Miss Masee as his alternate on the Public Relations Committee of the Moving Picture Exhibitors Association to preview motion



pictures.

4. Secretary Milam rendered a report on funds received from the Bleyer Lecture Course at Detroit and for the relief of Russian Librarians. The action of the Treasurer in the disposition of the funds was approved upon motion of Mr. J. I. Wyer, seconded and carried.

5. Mr. Meyer reported on the recommendations from the Committee on Transfer of Library War Service Activities, recommending, with respect to the Hospital Library Service under the Reference Bureau, that things be allowed to rest in their present status, with the understanding that at any time some attack might be made which the Association must be prepared to meet.

Mr. Meyer further made the following motion, which was seconded and carried: That the Secretary be authorized by the Board to announce through the proper channels, the Library periodicals and the Bulletin, that the American Library Association is ready to aid local libraries by offering a limited book service to ex-service men in prisons, reformatories, hospitals, and other institutions where they may be temporarily located; the Secretary to be authorized further to add to the Headquarters staff in Chicago sufficient clerical force to take care of the work incidental to this undertaking.

6. Secretary Milam reread to the Board the recommendations of the Membership Committee at the Detroit Conference, and reported the result of the effort to get expressions of opinions

from members. The Board suggested, without formal action, that the Secretary make a statement to the entire membership, to be enclosed with the bills, that the matter of benefits to \$2.00 members was fully discussed and the Board feels that it cannot send out the proceedings and the Handbook unless the membership is raised to \$3.00, mention to be made in the statement that the Handbook can be obtained for seventy-five cents, so that all numbers of the Bulletin, except the proceedings, and all other benefits of the Association membership can be had for \$2.75.

No action was taken on the other recommendations of the Membership Committee.

7. Secretary Milam read the recommendation made at the Swampscott and Detroit Conferences on the early appointment, in advance of the Annual Conference, of the Resolutions Committee. In view of the provision in Section 19 of the By-laws, authorizing the appointment of the Resolutions Committee at the meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded and carried, that the matter be laid on the table.

8. Mr. Roden read the report of the Committee on Committees recommending the appointment of a Committee on Bibliography as a standing committee. Mr. Meyer made a motion to the effect that such a Committee be appointed; the motion was seconded and carried. The following Committee on Bibliography was appointed and approved by the Board:

	Dr. Richardson, Chairman
Mr. Meyer	Mr. Carleton
Mr. Cole	Mr. Keogh

9. A motion was made by Miss Rathbone, seconded and carried, that a Committee on Ethics of Librarianship be appointed to draft a tentative code of professional ethics for librarianship for presentation to the Council. The following is the personnel of the Committee appointed and approved by the Board:

Mr. Wellman, Chairman  
Mr. Reese  
Mr. Ferguson  
Miss Fay  
Miss Tyler

10. Secretary Milam presented the report on Sponsorships. It was the general consensus of opinion that this was a matter rather for local consideration and disposition than for national action. No action was taken by the Board.

11. Secretary Milam reported the procedure in editing the proceedings of the 1922 convention and the plan for the 1923 proceedings. Mr. J. I. Wyer suggested that certain rules and cautions prepared from past experiences be sent out to the various sections and affiliated organizations to assist them in preparing copy for the annual proceedings. No action was taken.

12. Miss Bogle explained the object of the meeting in San Francisco, July 2-6, 1923, of the International Conference on Education. A motion was made by Mr. Meyer that the President be authorized to appoint a representative to this Conference, expenses to be paid by the Association. The motion was seconded and carried.

13. (a) Mr. Meyer read a form of congratulations

from the American Library Association to the Chicago Public Library upon its Fiftieth Anniversary, suggesting that copies be sent to the President and Board of Directors and the Librarian of the Chicago Public Library. Upon motion by Mr. J. I. Wyer, seconded and carried, the recommendation of Mr. Meyer was adopted.

(b) President Utley reviewed the correspondence in the matter of the proposed Fiftieth Anniversary of the American Library Association. Mr. J. I. Wyer presented his general idea as communicated to President Utley, that the Anniversary should be an occasion for the purpose of getting the A.L.A. and its work before the country at large and giving it publicity, holding simultaneous meetings in various sections or states, with exhibits. Mr. Hadley suggested a National Library Week.

Names were offered as likely members of a Committee to work on this matter, but a motion was made by Mr. Meyer that the subject go over until the next meeting of the Executive Board, in order to allow the members time to give more thought to the personnel of the Committee.

14. Mr. J. I. Wyer presented the report in the matter of the John Newbery Medal. Miss Rathbone moved that the Board accept Mr. Melcher's offer and assume the responsibility for the medal, assigning to the Children's Section the selection of the recipient. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Wyer then read the minute presented by Mr. Melcher, and moved that the Board adopt this minute with the changes sug-

gested in a letter from Headquarters. The motion was seconded and carried.

It was agreed by the Board that the awarding of the medal should be based on the votes received and not by the ruling of the Executive Committee or any similar method.

... The meeting adjourned at five-forty-five o'clock ...

Meeting of the Executive Board of the American Library Association, Mid-Winter Conference, December 29, 1922, Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill. Called to order at ten a. m. by President George B. Utley.

Present:

President Utley  
Secretary Milam  
Assistant Secretary, Miss Bogle

Mr. Meyer  
Mr. Hadley  
Mr. Tweedell  
Miss Rathbone  
Mr. M. G. Wyer  
Mr. J. I. Wyer  
Miss Ideson  
Mr. Roden

The first matter for consideration was the unfinished business in connection with the John Newbery Medal. Mr. Tweedell made a motion to the effect that the book selected by vote of the members of the Children's Librarian's Section be the book for which the John Newbery Medal is awarded. The motion was carried.

Secretary Milam reported a further communication from Mr. Lee on Sponsorships. In accordance with the recommendation in Mr. Lee's letter, it was moved by Mr. Meyer that Mr. Belden be made the representative of the American Library Association to report on the sponsorship experiments at Boston. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Hadley that the appointment of a successor to Miss Masseur as Booklist Editor be left in the

hands of the Secretary, with the approval of the President and the Chairman of the Editorial Committee.

Secretary Milam read letters from Dr. Richardson, Dr. Wyer, Dr. Johnson's letters of October 19,<sup>20</sup><sub>^</sub>30, November 2, 23 and 28th; also Mr. Meyer's recommendations in connection with the American Library in Paris. Dr. J. I. Wyer stated that while he had nothing to add or subtract to the statements in his letter, yet he distinctly disclaimed any recommendation or suggestion of further appropriation from the war funds if in the judgment of the Board it would prejudice in the least the Association's efficiency in meeting a negotiation or in the ability to take care of continuing war service. In view of Dr. Wyer's statement, Mr. Meyer withdrew the recommendations in his letter.

Mr. Tweedell asked if it would be legitimate, in view of the decisions of the Committee 11, to appropriate war funds for the Paris Library, to which Dr. Wyer responded that the demands of the hospital library service would certainly have first claim.

It was moved by Mr. M. G. Wyer that the nomination by Dr. Johnson of Miss Lathrop be confirmed. The motion was seconded and carried:

A suggestion was made by Miss Rathbone that aid to the American Library in Paris might be sought through the English Speaking Union.

The official expression of the Board took the follow-

ing form: "We regret that continuing obligations of war service character make it inexpedient to make any further grant from the war funds to the American Library in Paris, but the Board continues its keen interest and will at once make effort to get an endowment from the Carnegie Peace Fund for a collection of books, also collections from other sources in this country, but further financial support for the Library must come from other directions. We regret that we cannot make appropriations for the support of the Library, nor can the Executive Board adopt the suggestion that it pay for a library organizer from war funds."

Miss Rathbone made a motion, which was seconded and carried, that a statement be prepared, setting forth the matters discussed by the Board with respect to the Paris Library, and presented to the Committee on Foreign Relations with the recommendation that that Committee undertake to get books and excite interest and do what it can to further the interests of not only the Paris Library but of any other similarly situated libraries.

Mr. Meyer made the recommendation, in the form of a motion, that the American Library Association pay the furnace repairs for the Paris Library, amounting to 7,624 francs. The motion was carried.

The Board returned to the consideration of the Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the American Library Association. A motion was made, seconded and carried, embodying

the following provisions:

That a Committee of twenty-five be appointed by the President and the Secretary and the Temporary Chairman of said Committee (Temporary Chairman to be selected at this meeting) to meet at the Hot Springs Conference of the A. L. A. and there organize the Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the American Library Association; that the Committee have power to initiate its own plans, and to carry them out with the approval of the Executive Board; that among the organization features of the Committee shall be the appointment of an Executive Committee of whatever number they choose from among their own body; sub-committees to be formed from their own membership or from the membership of the Association at large; the main Committee to be increased in number, if so desired, upon recommendation of additional members to the Executive Board for approval; and that if an Honorary Committee is desired, it be appointed by the main Committee. The President of the Association to be ex officio a member of the main Committee.

Secretary Milam read to the Board of Directors corrections in the 1923 Budget. Mr. Roden, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the budget as the report of the Finance Committee, with the recommendation that in regard to salaries Mr. Milam's suggestions and recommendations be asked for, after which the whole matter be discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Meyer made a recommendation that \$10,000 be appro-

appropriated to supply a library service to men in hospitals and other institutions not under the control of the Federal Government. His recommendation was incorporated with the rest of the budget to be acted upon later.

It was the opinion of the Board that \$1,000 be allowed for general increases in the salaries outside of a \$1,000 recommended increase for Mr. Milam.

The following salary recommendations were made by the Board, and motions adopted to cover in each instance:

Salary of Mr. Milam to be increased to \$6,000  
 Miss Ford, increase of \$300  
 Miss Brigham, increase of \$300  
 Miss Johnson, increased to \$1800

Upon motion of Miss Rathbone, it was voted that Miss Ford's title be made "Assistant to the Secretary in charge of Accounts and Membership Record".

Secretary Milam read a letter with reference to the expenses of Mrs. Jennings, also a letter from the Chairman of the Travel Committee recommending an appropriation of \$500 for expenses. On the first item, the Board was of the opinion that it was not in position to change its former policy of allowing the Sections to arrange for their own expenses without grants from the A. L. A. By consent of the Board, it was agreed to allow the request of the Travel Committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Meyer, seconded and carried, the Budget with the revisions was adopted.

Secretary Milam presented the annual report of the

Treasurer.. Upon motion of Mr. M. G. Wyer, it was voted that the report of the Treasurer be adopted by the Board, subject to audit under the supervision of the Finance Committee.

With respect to the Louvain Library Appeal, Dr. J. I. Wyer offered a motion that the Board endorse the project as outlined in Dr. Putnam's letter, and approve the part that libraries can take throughout the country as suggested in the same letter, and advise the Committee that all possible publicity will be given by the Association through such channels as are available. The motion was carried.

Secretary Milam read a communication from Dr. Douglas of the Pacific Northwest Library Association, concerning subscription book bulletin and books in Woolworth and other chain stores. Mr. Tweedell offered a motion that the Pacific Northwest Library Association be authorized to appoint a Committee to secure the cooperation of the Woolworth Company and other chain stores offering books for sale in presenting a high class of titles. In offering the cooperation of the American Library Association, the Board expressed its interest and desire for expression from the Committee as to what way the A. L. A. could cooperate. Mr. Tweedell's motion was carried.

Secretary Milam read a second letter from the Pacific Northwest Association requesting the A. L. A. to contribute to the support of the P.N.L.A. bulletin on subscription books. Dr. J. I. Wyer moved that the standing policy of the American Library

Association be communicated to the Pacific Northwest Library Association, with a statement that the policy of the Association to not issue negative comments on books will prevent supporting the bulletin the way it is gotten out. It was taken by consent that Dr. Wyer's recommendation express the opinion of the Board.

Secretary Milam read the report of the Finance Committee on the Oberly Memorial Fund. Upon motion of Mr. Tweedell, seconded and carried, the report of the Committee was amended to delete in the last paragraph the phrase, "by vote approve or disapprove said action and in case of approval shall", making the paragraph read, "That upon receipt of notice by the Executive Board of the action of the Special Committee, the Board shall issue instructions to the Treasurer to pay the amount of the award specified." The report of the Committee, with the foregoing amendment, was adopted.

Secretary Milam read a letter from Dr. Bowker with reference to the publication in the proceedings of Dr. Bowker's reply to Dr. Raney. Miss Rathbone stated that the Association could not be held responsible for the accuracy of the contents of any papers printed in the proceedings. Mr. Hadley suggested that Dr. Bowker's reply be printed in the January Bulletin as a communication, giving Dr. Bowker the privilege of revising his statement inasmuch as Dr. Raney's had been revised. This suggestion was offered in the form of a motion, and was carried.

The recommendations of the Ways and Means Committee were

read, and Mr. Hadley moved that the Secretary's statement be approved as an acceptable statement of the needs of the American Library Association; the motion was carried. Mr. Hadley further moved that the Secretary be authorized to issue a printed statement for distribution to people interested and to the membership of the Association, based on the general statement, after approval by the President and the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. This motion was also carried.

Secretary Milam read a letter from Dr. Hill concerning legality of election. Upon motion of Mr. Meyer, carried, this was laid on the table.

Mr. Herbert O. Brigham's letter concerning the conference was read and referred to the Program Committee by consent.

A letter from Dr. Dorsey W. Hyde, asking for a full-time paid representative in charge of library salaries in Washington, was read, and by consent of the Board the selection of a person was left to the President, with Dr. Raney proposed for selection. It was recommended that the person be located in or near Washington, and not on the Federal pay-roll.

Secretary Milam read a letter from Harold T. Dougherty with reference to New England Regional meeting. Upon motion of Mr. Hadley it was voted that if such a meeting is held, the Executive Board is emphatically of the opinion that it should be held in the autumn rather than the late spring or summer, the Board being opposed to any meeting that appears to discourage

attendance at the Annual Conference.

Secretary Milam read a letter from Mr. Dickerson suggesting the appointment of a Motion Picture Committee. By consent, the matter was referred to the Committee on Committees with a statement that there was no disposition on the part of the Executive Board to suggest such a Committee.

The meeting adjourned at two-twenty-five o'clock.

ADJOURNMENT