

American Library Association

DIVISION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Minutes of Midwinter Conference Meetings

Board Meeting, December 30, 1946

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Division of Public Libraries was held at the Drake Hotel at 10:00 a.m. on December 30, 1946.

Present: Martha Merrell, Vice-president, presiding; Nordica Fenneman, Treasurer; Ruth W. Gregory, Executive Secretary; Directors: Mildred Van Deusen Mathews (Adult Education); Marie Barkman (Small Libraries); Milton A. Drescher (Business and Technology); Ruth Hammond (representing Large Libraries); Mrs. Dorothy T. Hagerman (representing Branch Libraries); Harland Carpenter (representing Lending); Agnes Crawford and Janet Zimmerman (representing Service Librarians).

Also present were Roberta Bowler, chairman, Nominating Committee; John Richards, Chairman, Constitution, By-laws and Organization Committee and Helen Ridgway, representing the Public Library Office.

San Francisco Program Planning.

Miss Merrell reported on the program schedule for the San Francisco meeting to be held June 29 - July 5, pointing out the ALA Program Committee emphasis on the fact that the four general sessions are the responsibility of that committee, which means that Miss Rothrock and the committee are interested in suggestions for programs rather than joint sponsorship with the Divisions. The request that sections of Divisions refrain from holding program meetings unless they are part of their business meetings was also made by the ALA Program Committee in the interest of a more unified program. To further promote a simplification of the schedule the ALA program committee suggested that Wednesday morning be reserved for Division and Section business meetings. Mr. Drescher recommended that section business meetings be held during the first part of Wednesday morning, followed by the Division business meeting to allow for the presentation of official section business to the Division. Miss Merrell further reported the hope of the ALA committee that each division would sponsor not more than two program meetings. It was suggested that the Division of Public Libraries might join with the Adult Education Board or with Audio Visual committee for broad interest programs.

Miss Merrell reported on the joint meeting of the officers of the Division of Public Libraries and representatives of the Trustee, Extension, and Children's and Young People's Divisions held at noon on December 29, 1946. This committee was interested in jointly sponsoring a theme on the subject of the national plan

with such title as "Values of larger units" with an emphasis on the point of view of the small library. This idea originated with the Small Libraries Section of the Division of Public Libraries. The speakers suggested were Mr. Joeckel and Mr. Martin, together with a librarian from a library within a long established unit system and a trustee from a library which has but recently identified itself with the large unit who would present two practical views of the unit plan. Mr. Vitz was authorized to proceed with the planning of such a program provided that it meets with his approval. In case of change in the program Mr. Vitz is to refer the program back to the presidents of the other sponsoring divisions who constitute the program committee. Miss Winslow was suggested as a possible alternative speaker on this theme.

Institutes were discussed and it was brought out that a Building Institute was being planned with the Division's Library Architecture committee as a cooperating group. Miss Merrell pointed out that no Institute meeting should be scheduled for Wednesday since business meetings would probably be scheduled early on that day.

Constitution.

Mr. Richard reviewed the status of the constitution. Changes in the representation on the Board were discussed. It was decided that two alternative plans for representation on the Board be worked out by the committee and circularized for vote of the membership.

Vice-president.

The following recommendations were made for an interim appointment to finish out the term of Vice-president left vacant by Miss Merrell's resignation from the Board, effective as of December 31, 1946: Miss Muriel Perry, Decatur Public Library, Miss Marian Oliver, Chicago Public Library, and Mr. Andre Nielsen, Evanston Public Library. Mrs. Mathews moved that Miss Perry be appointed by the Board to fill the position of Vice-president for the unexpired term. Seconded by Mr. Carpenter. All in favor.

Nominating Committee.

Miss Bowler reported that two candidates will appear on the slate for all offices but that of Executive Secretary. It was pointed out that the revised constitution which is to be presented to the membership does not provide for a second vice-president. Miss Hammond moved and Mrs. Mathews seconded the recommendation that no name be printed for second vice-president on the ballot, but that the office be indicated with an explanatory note to the effect that the revised constitution does not provide for this office. This office would then not be filled unless a write-in candidate receives ten votes.

Membership Report.

The suggestions for a membership drive which were sent to the Executive Secretary by the Membership Chairman were approved. Mrs. Mathews moved that the Board instruct the Secretary to write a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Farrington with word of Board approval of her plans to increase membership in the Division. Seconded by Miss Fenneman. All in favor.

Budget.

The budget was discussed and revised. (Exhibit A). Mr. Carpenter moved the adoption of the budget as revised. Seconded by Miss Barkman. All in favor.

Public Library Specialist Advisory Committee.

The appointment of a Division member to the joint advisory committee to the public library specialist, made up of representatives from the Public Libraries, Extension, and Trustee Divisions was discussed. Miss Fenneman moved that Amy Winslow be appointed to represent the Division on the advisory committee for a term of three years. Seconded by Mrs. Mathews. All in favor.

Relations with A.L.A.

Miss Merrell gave a brief resume of developments within the Association. Mrs. Hagerman moved that the Board extend to Miss Merrell its appreciation of the contribution she has made to the Division since its inception, with the best wishes of the Executive Board for a successful future. Seconded by Miss Fenneman.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 o'clock noon.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth W. Gregory
Executive Secretary

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Exhibit A

DIVISION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES
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BUDGET

Sections	\$ 175.00
Clerical help	200.00
Spring mailing to Division Membership (postage & stationary)	150.00
Division Bulletin	450.00
Travel	200.00
Postage, Telephone & Telegrams	250.00
Supplies	150.00
Conferences:	
Midwinter	50.00
San Francisco:	
Handling exhibits	50.00
Publicity exhibit	50.00
Architecture exhibit	50.00
Speakers	150.00
Unappropriated	<u>375.00</u>
Total	2400.00

Proposed allocations to sections:

Adult Education	\$ 35.00
Branch librarians	25.00
Business & Technology	20.00
Lending	10.00
Large Libraries	25.00
Order & Book selection	10.00
Service Librarians	25.00
Small Libraries	<u>25.00</u>
Total	175.00