A meeting of the Executive Board of the Division of Public Libraries was held at the Main Auditorium at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 3, 1947.

Present: Forrest Spaulding, President, presiding; Carl Vitz, Past President; Louis Nourse, Vice-President; Ruth W. Gregory, Executive Secretary; Marie Barkman (Small Libraries); Florence Craig, (Adult Education); Thekla Hodgson and Mary Phillips (Branch Libraries); Harry Cock and Paul Postell (Service Librarians); Florence M. Waller (Business & Technology); Muriel Perry, Past Vice-President; Miss Margaret Clay, Mrs. Helen Farrington and Mr. John S. Richards, Councilors.

Recommendations: Mr. Spaulding opened the meeting by asking Mr. Vitz for recommendations for action. Mr. Vitz discussed increasing the strength of the membership in order to build up leadership, enthusiasm, and funds, and reminded the Board that membership interest must be deliberately maintained. He suggested that the Division study cooperative ways of handling projects in such fields as publicity and adult education, and advised the development of mental attitudes receptive to cooperative ventures. Mr. Vitz further suggested the exploration of the field of needed publications which the Division could suggest to A.L.A., and pointed out that it was the responsibility of the Division to determine the areas which need interpretation in print. He recommended the establishment of a joint committee to explore the possibilities of the merging of the Extension Division with the Division of Public Libraries and reported that Miss Sandoe was interested in a careful study of this subject. Mr. Vitz closed with a warning that the Division should not neglect the small library and that each group should be given an opportunity to develop at its own level.

Mr. Spaulding spoke of the Institute as a device for considering the problems of such groups as the small library. Miss Perry pointed out that it was to our advantage to foster round table discussions under the direct sponsorship of the Division. Mr. Spaulding noted that the objectives of the Division were identical with the National Plan.

The possibilities of a speakers' bureau were discussed at length emphasizing the double advantage of maintaining such a service: the contribution which would be made to the local group and the prestige which would come to the Division from such service.

The enlargement of Public Libraries was discussed and digests of important articles from state publications considered as an important feature. Mr. Spaulding suggested that the Division could advantageously arrange for the publication of articles in state publications.

Sections: The representatives of Sections discussed the future of the Division as related to Sections. Mr. Postell pointed out that the objectives of the Service librarians were the same as those of other groups within the Division although the techniques differed. Mrs. Craig of the Adult Education Section
expressed the very strong interest of her Section in Adult Education Institutes or clinics for the coming year. The Branch Librarians expressed an interest in broad objectives as well as in the interpretation of practical concrete problems. Mr. Richards reminded the Board that it would be well to emphasize those things which all of the groups have in common. Mr. Spaulding spoke briefly on the values inherent in the current interest in services rather than organization, and reminded the Section representatives that they would all have a part in program planning.

Officers' Meetings: The Board expressed its approval of continued meetings of the Officers to carry on the business of the Division between conferences and Midwinter.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 for the general Division meeting.

Respectfully submitted

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