

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

DIVISION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Minutes of the Officers' Meeting

January 29, 1948

The Officers of the Division of Public Libraries met at 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, 1948, at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago, with Forrest Spaulding, President, presiding.

Present: Forrest Spaulding, President; Louis Nourse, Vice-President; Carl Vitz, Past-President; Nordica Fenneman, Treasurer; Helen Ridgway, Public Library Specialist; and Ruth W. Gregory, Executive Secretary.

Midwinter Activities. Arrangements were made for Mr. Nourse to act as presiding officer at the Midwinter Executive Board meeting in place of Mr. Spaulding who was scheduled for a broadcast at that hour. The agenda for that meeting was briefly covered.

Mr. Spaulding presented a request from Mr. Hamill for an expression from the Officers on the Wheeler resolution relative to the goals for improved printed catalog service through the Library of Congress. Mr. Vitz moved that the Officers approve the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Nourse. Carried.

Fifty Notable Books. Mr. Spaulding reported that 39 of the 50 titles selected by the committee on fifty notable books for 1947 either are or will be made available in Braille at the Library of Congress.

The appointment of a committee to select the 1948 titles was discussed. Mr. Vitz suggested that Mr. Spaulding be authorized to appoint such a committee without delay in order that the machinery for selection could be set up immediately. Mr. Spaulding asked Mr. Nourse to discuss the chairmanship of this committee with Margery Doud of St. Louis. Suggestions were made that state associations and/or the profession as a whole be invited to make recommendations of titles to the committee.

Division Records. Miss Ridgway reported on the recommendation of the joint advisory committee on the care of division records at headquarters. The cost to the Division for the maintenance of these records is to be \$10 per 100 names for the first file of each division, \$2 per 100 names for each addition file maintained (ie. geographical or sectional). The cost to this Division for the current year will be \$280. Action was postponed until the Board meeting.

Miss Ridgway reported that the Division resolution on library financing passed by Council at San Francisco was to be presented again at this meeting.

Divisional Representative, B.P.A. Mr. Spaulding announced the appointment of Helen Norris as the Division's representative on the Advisory Subcommittee of the Division Representatives of the Board on Personnel Administration.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth W. Gregory, Executive Secretary