

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
DIVISION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Cleveland, Ohio, July 21, 1950

The annual business meeting of the A.L.A. Division of Public Libraries was held at the Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, on July 21, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by the President, John S. Richards at 10:00 a.m.

Reports:

Treasurer's: Marie W. Barkman, treasurer, reported a balance on hand as of July 12, 1950 of \$4162.20. (See Exhibit.A).

The Executive Secretary presented the annual report of the Division. In the absence of Miss Ridgway, the report of the Chief Library Specialist was read by the secretary. It was moved by John B. Kaiser, seconded by Mrs. Busby and carried that these three reports be accepted.

Council of National Library Associations: President Richards read a letter from Mr. Milton Lord asking for a statement from the Division of Public Libraries on its policy concerning the reorganization of the CNLA to form a federation of national library associations. John B. Kaiser and Louis J. Bailey, Division representatives to the CNLA gave some of the details of the proposed reorganization and Paul North Rice contributed background information on the formation of CNLA. The secretary read a motion passed by the Executive Board at its meeting on July 20: "It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Division should continue as a member of CNLA as constituted at present, with the understanding that the Public Library Division does not favor the formation of a federation of library associations which would weaken a strong A.L.A." Ruth Gregory moved the adoption of this statement. Motion seconded by Paul N. Rice and carried.

Reference Section: President Richards reported a request for the formation of a Reference Section within the Division of Public Libraries. Russell Munn moved that this matter be referred to the incoming executive board. Motion seconded by J. B. Kaiser and carried.

Section Reports: Reports were received from all five sections of the Division.

Committee Reports: A report was read from Ernest I. Miller, chairman of the Library Architecture Committee. Richard Sealock, chairman of the Constitution, By-Laws and Organization Committee outlined the background of the proposed merger and the steps necessary to accomplish the merger. The following action was taken; Mr. Sealock moved that the Division approve the merger. Motion seconded by Mr. J. B. Kaiser and carried unanimously. Mr. Sealock moved that the plan of "Temporary Organization" approved. Motion seconded by Mrs. Thekla Hodgson and carried. Mr. Sealock moved that the Committee on the Constitution study and incorporate the changes suggested at this conference and prepare a constitution for the new division for submission by the temporary board to the members of the divisions concerned for a vote. Motion seconded by J. B. Kaiser and carried. Members present

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were asked to express their preference for either Public Libraries Association or Division as the name of the new organization. Those present favored Division by a large majority. Appreciation for the work of Mr. Sealock and the Constitution Committee was expressed.

Planning Committee: Helen M. Harris, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the Statement of Objectives and Program prepared by her committee and asked for discussion concerning ways to implement the program. It was suggested that a committee be appointed to work out the best method for putting the plan into action. It was moved by Louis J. Bailey, seconded by Daniel Williams and carried that the report of the Planning Committee be accepted.

Elections Committee: The report of the Elections Committee was read. The following persons were elected: President, Helen M. Harris; Vice-President and President-Elect, Richard B. Sealock; Director-At-Large (for 3 year term) Freda Walden; Councilors (for 4 year term) John Settelmayer, Ann L. Whitmack, Joyce Nienstedt, Helen Hutchinson, Ruth Gregory, Elsa S. Thompson, Carl Vitz.

President Richards turned the chair over to Miss Harris, the in-coming president, who adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR PLAIN,
Executive Secretary