

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

DIVISION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting

Hotel Cleveland, July 22, 1950

The A.L.A. Division of Public Libraries held an Executive Board Meeting at the Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, on Saturday, July 22, 1950. The meeting was called to order by the President, Helen M. Harris following breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Helen M. Harris, President; Richard B. Sealock, Vice-President; Marie W. Barkman, Treasurer; Eleanor Plain, Executive Secretary; Directors Representing Sections: Mrs. Thekla Hodgson. Councilors: Joyce Nienstedt, Ruth Gregory, Helen Farrington, Alice Jewett, Howard Rowe. Section Chairmen: Mildred Stewart, Mildred Young. Editorial Board of Public Libraries: Raymond C. Lindquist.

Merger: In discussion of the reorganization which would result from the merger of the three divisions, it was stated that it was expected that sections would emerge from the interests of the members. The Armed Forces Librarians indicated that they would like section status in the new division.

Midwinter Meeting: It was moved by Mr. Sealock, seconded by Ruth Gregory and carried that the Division should not have a program at the next midwinter meeting and that a notice to this effect be placed in Public Libraries.

Committees: It was recommended by President Harris and approved by the Board that the following 1949-50 Committees should be reappointed for 1950/51: Editorial Board, Library Architecture, Membership. A Nominating Committee with Howard Rowe, chairman, Amy Winslow and Fern Long was appointed.

Notable Books: The president stated that due to staff shortage the responsibility for Notable Books of 1950 formerly assumed by the library of the current president, would be delegated to some other library. It was requested that a notice be placed in Public Libraries inviting libraries interested to help in compiling the list.

Public Libraries: Mr. Lindquist suggested that the 1950/51 Division budget allow sufficient funds for Public Libraries to cover expenses of increased membership during the year.

Sections: Mildred Young, Chairman of the Armed Forces Librarians Section, asked for help for service librarians in their efforts to lessen the severity of the accounting regulations of the U. S. Government concerning books. It was suggested that Miss Young take this problem up with the A.L.A. Washington office.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR PLAIN,  
Executive Secretary