

A.L.A. PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION

Executive Board Meeting, June 30, 1952, 4:15 p.m.  
Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, N.Y.

PRESENT WERE: Harold F. Brigham, Ruth Rutzen, S. Janice Kee, Mrs. Marie Burris, Roberta Bowler, Edward J. A. Fahey, Mrs. Dorothy Fayne, Elizabeth Fuller, Ruth W. Gregory, John D. Henderson, Thomas H. McKaig, Lucile Nix, Miriam Putnam, Maryan E. Reynolds, Howard M. Rowe, Richard B. Sealock, Mrs. Helen T. Steinbarger, Mildred Stewart, Mrs. Elsa G. Thompson, Mrs. Margaret Uridge, Edward Wight, and Mrs. Carma Zimmerman. Mr. Brigham, President, presided.

MINUTES. The minutes of the Division meetings during the Midwinter Meeting had been distributed to the Board members by mail. Mr. Rowe's motion that these minutes be approved was passed. Miss Kee reviewed the minutes of the Executive Committee's meeting on March 12, 1952. Mrs. Steinbarger moved that these minutes be accepted and the motion was carried.

MEMBERSHIP. Miss Kee reported that the Division had a membership of 4622 as of June 25, 1952, and that the per capita income, based on a sampling of January to March 1952, is \$4.39 which exceeds that of the estimated amount, by almost \$1.00 per capita. Miss Kee reported also that the Library Extension Section had 1221 members, the Trustees Section had 663 members, and the Armed Forces Librarians Section had 252 members as of June 25. These figures indicated that over 2,000 members do not indicate a choice of Sections.

FINANCES. Mrs. Marie Burris, Treasurer, presented a report of the Division's financial status as of June 20, 1952. Discussion followed. The President was dissatisfied with the report since it did not include the financial transactions (salaries, insurance and social security) that had been made during the year for the Division by the ALA Accounting Office. It was decided that Mrs. Burris should contact the ALA Accountant and with his help prepare a fuller report for the business meeting on July 2.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE. The report of the Elections Committee, Winifred Baum, Chairman, was presented. Discussion followed on the recommendations of this Committee, particularly on the question of whether or not only paid members of the current membership year would receive the ballot which is usually mailed in March or April. Miss Kee reported that this is the policy followed by ALA, although addressograph plates making up the official membership are not weeded until July 1. In other words, ALA members of a previous year receive all benefits of a current year, except a ballot, until July 1. The report of the Committee pointed out the high cost involved in following ALA policy of sending ballots only to paid members of the current year because of extra work of sorting, checking, addressing envelopes, etc. VOTED: that PLD ballots be sent to all members included in the official membership addressograph plate file at the time the ballot is mailed. The possibility of soliciting dues along with the ballot was mentioned, but the idea was discouraged.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The report of the Nominating Committee, Amy Winslow, Chairman, was presented. At this point, Mr. Brigham mentioned his naming Miriam Putnam to take on the interim Councilor post caused by an increase in membership. It was agreed that future Nominating Committees should determine the correct number of Councilors to be elected.

STATISTICS COMMITTEE. Mr. Wight, Chairman, read his committee's report. He supplemented this report by saying that he had spent some time before this Conference with Ralph Dunbar, U. S. Office of Education, going over various forms put out by that office, as well as by various state agencies. Mr. Wight mentioned the need for a more specific questionnaire than that put out by the ALA Statistics Committee on what kind of statistics are needed, and a cooperative program between the Office of Education and PLD to publish the data collected.

DIVISION ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE. Richard Sealock, Chairman, presented the report of this committee and the results of a questionnaire sent out to over 500 public libraries. The committee recommended that the Board take steps to create a Section for an adult education group representing community services interest and a Section devoted to reference and subject department work. He stated that the present Business and Technology group might be used to form this larger and stronger Reference Section. He urged that action be taken before August 15, so that this information appears on the 1953 membership slip.

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE. Miriam Putnam presented a signed petition from an adult education group requesting section status in the PLD. Board looked with favor on this petition and decided to postpone, until the July 4 Board meeting, consideration of this suggestion and of the formation of a reference section. There was considerable discussion on the advisability of any action. It was agreed that the reports of both groups be studied by the Division Organization Committee and that the recommendations of the Committee be reported to the Board on July 4.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.