

A.L.A. PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION

Membership Meeting, Wednesday, July 2, 1952, 8:45 a.m.,  
Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, N. Y.

Harold F. Brigham, President, presided at this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. S. Janice Kee presented a report in which she reviewed the highlights of the development of the Public Libraries Division, paid tribute to her predecessors in the office at ALA Headquarters, and summarized the work she had done in the past five months.

TREASURER. A report on Division finances was given by Mrs. Marie Burris, Treasurer. She stated that this report was really a progress report, since the fiscal year did not end until August 31. She pointed out that the Division was operating well within the budget. Mr. Brigham mentioned that the dues income budgeted will be substantially larger because of the increase in ALA dues, and also that there were expenses still to be incorporated in the Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Burris urged FLD members to be sure to check both the Division and a Section when filling in the ALA membership blank.

DIVISION-ALA RELATIONSHIPS. Ruth Rutzen, Vice-President and President-Elect, reported on Division-ALA relationships. She mentioned she was sure this subject would appear on many agendas for some time to come. She spoke of the relationships between the ALA Executive Board and Division officers, mentioning that the Division has not utilized its Council representation, and that the Division has no special representative on the ALA Executive Board. She stated that ALA is emerging as a federation of affiliated associations, and at the same time, the divisions have a certain kind of autonomy. Miss Rutzen spoke of the relationships between the ALA Executive Secretary and the executive secretaries of Divisions; that workable relationships should be maintained between them and between the divisions themselves. She added that there should be more opportunity for the divisions to work together. She spoke also of the financial relationships between ALA and Divisions -- the development of the experimental "60-40" dues formula.

DIVISION ORGANIZATION. Miss Rutzen presented the report of the Committee on Division Organization in the absence of Richard Sealock, Chairman. She mentioned that the Committee has undertaken only a very narrow piece of its over-all function. She stated that the Business and Technology group had suggested that there be a general reference section and that subject groups such as business and technology have an opportunity to align themselves with such a section. Also, she said that the Adult Education group feels that there are many projects that it cannot undertake with its present indefinite status and will bring in a petition for section status.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. Helen Ridgway presented the report of the Library Development Committee for Dr. Lowell Martin, Chairman.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE. Winifred Baum, Chairman, presented the report of the Elections Committee.

The following officers were elected: For Vice-President and President-Elect: Jack B. Spear, New York State Library, Albany; Councilors: Clara E. Breed, San Diego Public Library; Thomas H. McKaig, Trustee, Erie County Public Library, Buffalo, N. Y.; Siri M. Andrews, Public Library, Concord, N. H.; L. Marion Moshier, New York State Library, Albany; and Capt. William H. Brett, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mrs. Helen Steinbarger voiced a tribute to the Executive Board and Committees for their fine work during the past year. President Brigham recognized Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, ALA President, who attended the latter part of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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