

A.L.A. PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION

Meeting of Executive Board, Friday, July 4, 1952, 4:15 p.m.

Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York

PRESENT WERE: Harold F. Brigham, Ruth Rutzen, S. Janice Kee, Mrs. Marie Burris, Ruth Gregory, Jesse E. Cross, Mildred Stewart, Mrs. Helen T. Steinbarger, Roberta Bowler, Helen Hutchinson, Jack B. Spear, Mrs. Margaret Uridge, Elsa Thompson, Lucile Nix, Richard B. Sealock, Mrs. Edith Busby, Howard Rowe, John D. Henderson, Miriam Putnam, Agnes Crawford, L. Marion Moshier, and Raymond Lindquist. Mr. Brigham, President, presided.

DIVISION ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE. Mr. Sealock continued the report of his committee. He suggested that the petitions of the adult education and reference groups be considered by the Board and that the Board authorize the organization of these two new sections. Mr. Sealock recommended that appeals from groups for section status come directly to the Board and not through a committee.

Miss Kee read the report of the group interested in forming an adult education section. Discussion followed on the problems of finance, organization, and advisability of forming this new section. VOTED: that the petition of the adult education group be accepted and that an Adult Education Section be formed.

BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE. Mr. Cross reported that from a vote taken at the Committee's meeting on July 2, 1952 the group wished to ask the Board to establish a Reference Section within the PLD with the understanding that the members be allowed to indicate their subject interest, particularly business and technology. There was much discussion. Mr. Sealock indicated that the Division Organization Committee believed that this petition should be favorably considered by the Board, mentioning that ACRL is not serving this group.

Miss Rutzen expressed a desire to see the Board meet the needs and interests of specialized groups within the Division. She suggested the possibility of forming "program groups", organized on the order of ALA's Round Tables. She pointed out the lack of Board criteria for setting up Sections. Miss Nix spoke in favor of postponing for a year the Board's action on this Section. Miss Kee reported her conference with Leo Weins, speaking for the ALA Membership Services. The 1953 membership slip could indicate a Reference Section, but not merely an interest in business and technology. Mr. Cross reported that the group assembled for the Committee's program had elected a slate of officers who were prepared to take over the affairs of a Reference Section. VOTED: that the Board authorize the establishment of a Reference Section and that the elected officers be recognized as the Section's officers.

BRANCH LIBRARIANS COMMITTEE. Upon recommendation of this Committee the Board VOTED to discontinue the Committee. The Committee did recommend that the Division President consider interests of Branch Librarians in programming for the Annual Conference.

INTER-LIBRARY LOAN CODE. Mrs. Margaret Uridge from ACRL reported on their revision of the Inter-Library Loan Code. Mrs. Uridge announced that the October issue of College and Research Libraries will print the Code. Miss Rutzen said that librarians appreciated what the ACRL is doing in this regard.

ORDER AND BOOK SELECTION COMMITTEE. Miss Kee read the report and recommendation of this committee that this interest be continued directly under ALA. VOTED: that this committee be discontinued.

NEW OFFICERS. Mr. Brigham presented the new officers of the Division and welcomed those present at the meeting. Mr. Brigham stated that the past year had not been an easy one. He said it had been a year of organization and added that a great deal needs to be done to integrate the sections within the Division. Mr. Rowe spoke for the Board in appreciation of Mr. Brigham's efforts in bringing the Division through this first difficult year. Miss Rutzen presided at the remainder of this meeting.

NOTABLE BOOKS COMMITTEE. Report of this committee, which was on file, was not read but Miss Rutzen expressed appreciation of the very fine 1952 list and the work involved in the project.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES. Miss Rutzen pointed out that a new editor would be needed for Public Libraries, as well as appointment of a committee to get out the October issue. Miss Gregory presented the report of the Editorial Committee, and said that a full report would be sent to the Executive Secretary.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE. No report.

TERMS FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS. Miss Rutzen said that no terms for committee members have been established to date. After some discussion, it was VOTED that the Executive Committee handle this matter of terms as far as standing committees are concerned.

DIVISION ORGANIZATION. There was discussion of the need of continuing the Division Organization committee. VOTED: that a standing committee on Division Organization be reconstituted and asked to set up a criteria for section status and a plan for giving special attention to the possibility of identifying group interest within the Division.

TREASURER'S REPORT. The revised report was given at the Membership Meeting, July 2, and presented to the Board and accepted. The report showed a total of \$19,514 had been budgeted. This amount did not include a reserve fund of \$3,421.01 (only \$1,678 of the Division's reserve fund of \$5,099.01 was entered in the 1951-52 budget). The report indicated that expenditures to date were well within the budget. (The PLD fiscal year ends August 31.) It was mentioned that the ALA Executive Board still had not taken action on the surplus amount stemming from the increased dues for which the divisions have asked for a portion. The Division probably will have to wait until October for this decision.

BUDGET. Miss Rutzen pointed out the problems involved in making up the Budget at that time, and that it will have to be set up and sent out to the Board for approval and further suggestions. There was some discussion. VOTED: that the whole matter of the budget be left up to the Executive Committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE. Miss Kee mentioned the committee established to work with and advise the H. W. Wilson Company concerning the indexing of periodicals in Reader's Guide. Miss Pearl Day is Chairman, and members of this committee are in New York area. She reported that ACRL also has such a committee, and that they are beginning to function.

PROJECTS. Miss Kee gave a report on the projects of the PLD Office.

She gave a brief report of her part in the Register and Vote Campaign, and displayed the poster made available by the Reggensteiner Corp. Jack B. Spear reported on the success of the Conference exhibit and the publications available.

Miss Kee stated that a grant for \$24,700 had been received by ALA from the Fund for Adult Education to conduct a survey of adult education activities in public libraries. She mentioned the possibility of a Public Affairs pamphlet on the subject of libraries, and that the Public Relations and Library Development Committees had considered furthering this idea.

President Brigham explained the UNESCO Gift Coupon Plan and how public libraries might cooperate with UNESCO by publicizing the plan in various library press outlets.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.