A.L.A. PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION

Meeting of the Board of Directors, Friday, June 26, 1953, 12:30 p. m.
Statler Hotel, Los Angeles, California

PRESENT WERE: Jack B. Spear, S. Janice Kee, Mrs. Marie Burris, Ruth Rutzen, Harold F. Brigham, Ruth W. Gregory, Mrs. Gretchen K. Schenk, Nell Scott, Violet Myer, Mrs. Helen E. Hendrick, Agnes Crawford, Mrs. Josephine M. Quigley, Thomas H. McKaig, Mrs. Helen Gilbert, Gladys Sandifur, Perrie Jones, Howard Rowe, Lucile Nix, John Settlemayer, Mrs. Elsa Thompson, Roberta Bowler, Frances M. O'Halloran, Maryan E. Reynolds, Mildred Stewart, Clara E. Breed, Wm. H. Brett, Harold J. Baily, Irving Lieberman, Ruth Shapiro, and Robert Kingery. Jack B. Spear presided.

This was a luncheon meeting which was planned for out-going and incoming members. It had both social and business purposes.

DIVISION ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE. Harold F. Brigham, Chairman, reported the work of this Committee. He summarized the functions of the Committee, emphasizing its responsibility to review and interpret the By-Laws of the Division and recommend changes as needed. He said the Committee had given some thought to the relation of the Division to other organizations within the A.L.A. and to the possibility of "Round Tables" within the Division. The Committee, he said, had discussed the possibility of merger of the A.L.A. Division of Libraries for Children and Young People with PLD, and had agreed that the initiative should come from DLCYP. The Committee made the two recommendations as follows: (1) I should be the policy of the Division that "per capita" allotments be understood to relate to funds required by Sections for ordinary operating needs, and that special financial needs, as for special projects, should be reviewed by the Board and provided for separately. (Article VII, Sec. 1). (2) Recognizing the unwieldy size of the Board of Directors, due to the large number of ALA Councilors for the Division, and recognizing that the office of ALA Councilors was created by ALA for the purpose of giving the membership of Divisions representation on the Council of ALA, the Committee recommended that ALA Councilors be not recognized as voting members of the Board and that steps be taken to amend the By-Laws of the Division to effect this change. (Article VI, Sec. 1).

The Board VOTED to accept both of the above recommendations. The allowance of proxies to serve in place of absentee members at meetings of the Board was AGREED upon as well as the practice of urging Councilors to attend Board Meetings.

WHO'S WHO IN LIBRARY SERVICE: Miss Rutzen reviewed a letter from Dr. Lowell Martin requesting financial assistance from the Division to produce a 3rd Edition of this book. Dr. Martin suggested the possibility of the Division's granting 10¢ per capita. Discussion indicated considerable interest in the project, and it was VOTED that the Executive Committee include in the Division's budget a sum not to exceed $500.00 for this purpose.

AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION: Miss Kee summarized a communication from the AHF to ALA which David H. Clift, Executive Secretary of ALA, had asked the PLD Board to consider. Miss Kee said the American Heritage Foundation had announced its plan to again sponsor a National Non-Partisan Register and Vote Campaign and, in addition, to sponsor the Crusade for Freedom. The AHF is inviting ALA, along with other organizations, to consider an "Action Assignment" in connection with the Crusade for Freedom - that of participating in a broad educational program treating the topic,

"This is Communism - What it Says it Is - What it Really Is." Miss Kee stated that the question of ALA's participation in this project had been referred also to the ALA Executive Board and the ALA Committee on Intellectual Freedom. Discussion followed. It was VOTED to approve participation in the project, subject to the action of the ALA Executive Board.

EXPENSE OF THE DIVISION PRESIDENT. Miss Rutzen spoke of the desirability of having the Board's endorsement of an allowance in the budget for a share of the expenses of the President in cases where such expenses are not paid by the Institution and thereby work a hardship on the officer. It was AGREED that the Executive Committee should make such budget allowances when necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.