

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION

Formalized Minutes

Meeting of the Board of Directors, ALA Annual Conference  
Philadelphia, 1955

Friday, July 8, 1955, Luncheon meeting, Penn-Sherwood Hotel  
Presiding, Mildred W. Sandoe, President

PRESENT: Board Members: Mildred W. Sandoe, John T. Eastlick, Harold W. Tucker, Ruth W. Gregory, Nell Scott, Helen E. Fry, Mildred Stewart, Edith Foster, Frank T. Milligan, Mildred A. Hammond, Verna Nistendirk, Dorothy Truesdale and S. Janice Kee.

Others: Dorothy K. Smith and Julia Bennett

After lunch, Julia Bennett, Director ALA Washington Office, spoke briefly of the status of the Library Services Bill and the Postal Classification Bill, and she expressed appreciation to the Division for its support of this legislation.

President Sandoe announced the completion of Division Committee appointments, with a few exceptions. She spoke briefly of the plans for the Miami Beach conference as they had been outlined by ALA President John Richards' Program Committee. She said this Program Committee favored a five-day conference week, elimination of pre and post conferences, and more free time during the week. Emphasis on the work of the Notable Books Council was suggested by Miss Sandoe as a possibility for building the Division's annual program. She advanced the idea that the various sections might find ways to plan programs on adult books, particularly those books on the Notable Books List of 1955.

Miss Sandoe spoke next of the importance of the recommendations of the ALA Management Survey and said the immediate task before the Division was the preparation of a "field of interest" statement for the proposed Public Libraries Association. She suggested two existing PLD Committees that might become active in the implementation of survey recommendations, namely, Division Organization and Library Development. She indicated her interest in making the Division Organization Committee a "steering" committee to begin the implementation program. This suggestion met with approval of the Board.

There was some discussion of the functions of the ALA Steering Committee, and public library representation on it. The President was instructed by the Board to request, in the interest of public librarians, adequate representation on the ALA Steering Committee.

For the benefit of new members, Miss Kee was asked to speak of the duties of members of the PLD Board of Directors.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 P.M.