

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Public Libraries Division

Formalized Minutes

Meeting of Board of Directors, ALA Annual Conference
Miami Beach, Fla., 1956

Second Session

Sunday, June 17, 8:15 p.m.

North Card Room, Empress Hotel

Presiding, Mildred W. Sandoe, President

PRESENT Board Members: Mildred W. Sandoe, John T. Eastlick, Harold W. Tucker,
Ruth Gregory, S. Janice Kee, Edith Foster, Mildred
Hammond, Helen Fry, Verna Nistendirck, Dorothy Trues-
dale, Mildred Stewart

Board Members- Arthur Parsons, Jr., Doris Wells
Elect:

Staff: Dorothy K. Smith, Delphine Milstein

Others: Harold Baily, Dorothy Deininger, V. Genevieve Galick,
Irving Lieberman

DIVISION ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE A report of the ALA Steering Committee on Implementation of
the Management Survey, dated June 21, 1956, was reviewed
for the Board by Ruth W. Gregory, Chairman, PLD Division

Organization Committee. Miss Gregory also presented a working paper in which the
Division's field of interest statement of ten primary interests (see Public
Libraries, March 1956, p. 3-4) was translated into "field of responsibility." She
related the ten primary interests to the definition of function of type-of-library
divisions, as outlined by SCIMS, at the 1956 Midwinter Meeting (see Public Libraries,
September 1956, p. 55). The Board VOTED acceptance of the statement of responsibil-
ity, as presented by Miss Gregory.

President Sandoe announced the request of SCIMS for a one-or two-sentence definition
of the Division's field of responsibility for use on ALA membership forms. A Board
committee of three (John Eastlick, Arthur Parsons, Helen Fry) prepared the following
brief definition which was accepted by the Board:

"The Public Library Association represents and is responsible for the
advancement and expansion of public library service to all ages, in
all kinds of life situations in various types of communities. The
Association is also responsible for the coordination of the activities
of all the units within the ALA that relate to this type of library
and for a program of service to individuals and groups who constitute
the Association."

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Upon recommendation of Mrs. Mildred P. McKay, Chairman,
Membership Committee, the Board VOTED to suspend the
committee for one year to allow time for the over-all ALA membership effort to
develop.

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COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
"STATE GRANTS TO PUBLIC
LIBRARIES"

Mrs. V. Genevieve Galick, Chairman, Committee on Revision of State Grants to Public Libraries gave a progress report of the committee. The revision had not been completed because of poor response from the state agencies. The committee will proceed with the work when replies to the questionnaire are received.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PROMOTION
OF THE REVISED STANDARDS

This new subcommittee had been formed for the purpose of popularizing the new standards and developing materials to be used to that end. Miss Sandoe reviewed a report of the subcommittee and commented on the fine work that had been done in such a short time.

COMMITTEE FOR THE LIBRARY
SERVICES ACT

Miss Sandoe spoke of the need for a committee to coordinate the activities and programs of the ALA in the implementation and promotion of the Library Services Act, and announced the appointment of Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan as Chairman of such a committee. Members would be appointed later. The Board APPROVED this appointment.

CLEARING HOUSE FOR LIBRARY
STATISTICS

A report of the ALA Statistics Committee, which proposed a clearinghouse for library statistics, was reviewed and considered. The Board VOTED approval of the report and instructed the executive secretary to send a letter to the executive secretary of ALA, asking that the need for a clearinghouse for statistics, described in the report, be given consideration in the reorganization of the ALA Headquarters Library.

SYMBOL FOR ALA

Miss Sandoe told the Board of a suggestion made by Walter Brahm that the ALA adopt a symbol to be used as the American Medical Association uses the caduceus. He proposed a contest, perhaps among the various Divisions, for the purpose of getting suggestions for such a symbol. The Board agreed that this was an excellent idea.

ABC PARTY

The Board discussed plans for the ALA General Session sponsored by PLD and the ABC Party afterward, both of which were to take place the following day.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION

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First Session

Sunday, June 17, 2:00 P. M.

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PRESENT Board Members: Mildred W. Sandoe, John T. Eastlick, Harold W. Tucker, S. Janice Kee, Edith Foster, Mildred Hammond, Helen Fry, Verna Nistendirk, Dorothy Truesdale, Mildred Stewart

Councilors: Harold Baily, Dorothy Deininger, Donna Finger, Margaret Johnston, Helen Norris, Ruth Shapiro, Nettie Taylor

Committee Chairmen: Lowell A. Martin

Board Members-Elect: Arthur Parsons, Jr., Muriel Javelin, Doris Wells

Councilors-Elect: John Lorenz, Violet Myer

Staff: Dorothy K. Smith, Delphine Milstein

Others: Ruth Frame, Frances O'Halloran

MINUTES Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors held at Mid-winter, 1956 were approved. These had been sent to Board members and a mail vote of approval had been taken.

NEW STANDARDS Dr. Lowell A. Martin, Chairman, reported on the statement of the revised standards, the final draft of which had been mailed to the members of the Board. He expressed thanks to the persons who had worked on the project, and called attention to the changes made in the last draft of the standards statement. He suggested that the funds remaining from the \$12,500 provided for the revision, be used to publicize the standards, through certain supplementary materials developed by the Subcommittee on Promotion. Board discussion was concerned primarily with the need for an educational campaign to interpret and implement the standards. Miss Kee said that one instrument in the campaign would be the forthcoming issue of The PLD Reporter to be titled "Cooperative Practices Among Public Libraries." The Board VOTED approval of the document, "Public Library Service; A Guide to Evaluation with Minimum Standards."

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Tucker presented a report dated May 31, 1957, which was reviewed by the Board and filed. The balance in the treasury, as of that date, was \$6301.57.

SUCCESSOR TO MISS
KEE

Miss Sandoe gave the official announcement of the resignation of Miss S. Janice Kee as PLD Executive Secretary, effective September 1, 1956. She reported conferring at ALA Headquarters with Miss Kee and Mr. Clift on the method of selecting a new Executive Secretary. The Board decided to postpone discussion of the appointment until a later meeting, since the report of the Committee on ALA Headquarters Staff Organization had not been made, and consequently it was impossible to determine a job description of the position.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY

The Board VOTED to approve the appointment of Mrs. Dorothy K. Smith, Assistant to the Executive Secretary, as Interim Executive Secretary for the period September 1 until the 1957 Midwinter Meeting. Additional salary, in the form of a bonus at the rate of \$1,000 a year was approved for Mrs. Smith during this period. In the event an Executive Secretary is not chosen by the time of the Midwinter Meeting, re-negotiation with Mrs. Smith will be made.

The discussion brought out the point that during this interim period the PLD office would be operating with only one professional person, where there had been two before, and that some of the services from the office would have to be suspended. Among these would be travel to state and other meetings, and probably the publication of The PLD Reporter. The hope was expressed that Public Libraries would not be suspended during this time.

"KNOW AND GROW"
PROJECT

Miss Kee announced the re-appointment of Mrs. Inez Herrig to a two-year term as National Chairman of the Libraries Division of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. This has never happened before. Mrs. Herrig intends to continue the "Know and Grow" project which she originated two years ago.

"REGISTER, INFORM
YOURSELF AND VOTE"
CAMPAIGN

Miss Kee reported PLD participation in the national campaign to get out an informed vote, sponsored by the American Heritage Foundation. This activity involved much of the time of the PLD Office staff.

RADIO PROGRAM

An announcement was made by Miss Kee of a radio program originating in Miami, which would feature librarians attending the Miami Beach Conference. The program was scheduled for 11 p.m. -- 2 a.m. Wednesday, June 20 and was to be called "Library Open House" with Dr. Sessa, of the Miami Public Library acting as host. PLD would be represented by Section and Committee Chairmen and others --- Mrs. Florence Craig, Dr. Lowell Martin, Miss Helen Fry, Miss Mildred Hammond, et al.

ADDITIONAL BOARD
MEETING

At the suggestion of Mr. Eastlick, an additional meeting of the Board was scheduled for Friday afternoon, June 22.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.