

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting, Annual Conference  
San Francisco, 1958

Civic Auditorium, Room 409

Monday, July 14, 2:00 P.M.

Presiding, Mrs. Lura G. Currier, Vice President

PRESENT

Board Members:

Mrs. Lura G. Currier, Ann Kirkland,  
Miriam Putnam, Hannis Smith, Rose  
Vainstein, Bernard VanHorne.

Committee Chairmen:

Edwin Castagna, Irving Lieberman,  
Mark Crum

Vice-President elect:

James E. Bryan

Executive Secretary:

Eleanor A. Ferguson

Staff:

Ellen Lund & San Francisco stenographer

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Mrs. Lura G. Currier, vice-president. A letter from Arthur H. Parsons, Jr., president of PLA, expressing his regret at his enforced absence from the ALA Conference was read. The minutes of the Midwinter 1958 Board meeting were approved.

Because there was not a quorum, it was agreed those present would register their votes and the Executive Secretary would report the decisions to the Friday session of the Board for confirmation.

REVISION OF

FARMERS BULLETIN

Hannis S. Smith, chairman, reported that the Farmers' Bulletin No. 1847 (Rural Library Service) manuscript had been accepted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for fall publication.

IT WAS VOTED that the committee be discharged with grateful commendation for the faithful discharge of this assignment.

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORTER

TRANSFER OF PRODUCTION

Mr. Clift wrote a memorandum to Miss Ferguson June 12 recommending that the production of the PLD Reporter be transferred to the Publishing Department if it met with the approval of the PLA Board. Under this arrangement, Publishing would take over the final editing, arrangements with the publisher, circulation, and promotion. Solicitation of manuscripts and editorial preparation would remain with the PLA office. In the past, profits from the Reporter have subsidized staff salaries. Under the new arrangement all income would remain with Publishing.

IT WAS VOTED that the Board favors the transfer in principle if means can be found to support adequately the office of the Executive Secretary.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
STATE LIBRARIES - EXECU-  
TIVE SECRETARY

Mr. Clift proposed, in a letter to the President of PLA, that Miss Ferguson assume the additional assignment of Executive Secretary of the American

Association of State Libraries, succeeding Mrs. Stevenson in this capacity on September 1, 1958. This is in line with the recommendations of the Management Survey. The work would require about one-sixth of Miss Ferguson's time. Miss Ferguson pointed out that there is a natural overlapping of interests between AASTL and PLA and she is now working in several ways with the state libraries.

IT WAS VOTED that the Board concur with the recommendation.

SUGGESTIONS FOR  
LIBRARY AWARDS

A letter from Alfred R. Kraig, Librarian, Port Angeles, Wash., suggested that PLA make annual awards on a state by state

basis to libraries meeting or exceeding library standards. The discussion brought out the value of recognition and the difficulties involved in making such an award.

IT WAS AGREED to refer the letter to the Committee on Promotion of Standards and to the Library Development Committee. They would report at Midwinter.

ARMED FORCES  
LIBRARIANS' SECTION

Ann Kirkland, president AFLS, reported that the section is engaged in bylaw revision and the compilation of procedure

manuals. The section's conference program emphasizes the coordination of library and military activities with information on the technical aspects of new developments in the armed services. A Military Library - Community Project is under way, using the resources and approach of the Library Community Project. A planning meeting was held in Washington, D. C. in the spring with all three services represented. The results of the study are to be the basis of the 1959 conference program.

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS  
FOR WORK WITH YOUNG  
ADULTS

The manuscript, "Young Adult Services in the Public Library," has been completed. It interprets and amplifies Public Library Service as it relates to library service

for the 14-18 age group.

IT WAS AGREED to refer the manuscript to the Committee on Promotion of Standards, asking them to report on their recommendation at the Friday meeting.

NATIONAL LIBRARY  
WEEK

Mr. John Robling, Director, Public Relations National Book Committee, reported on plans and hopes for the

1959 observance of National Library Week. Mrs. Currier and Miss Ferguson were asked to draw up a resolution for the PLA Membership Meeting expressing PLA's appreciation of the effort and initiative of the National Book Committee in launching this week and of the contribution it has made to public libraries.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. James E. Bryan, Director, Newark Public Library, Newark, New Jersey, was

presented as the newly elected vice president and president-elect for 1959-60.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
COMMENDATION

It was unanimously and heartily agreed that a statement of commendation of the Executive Secretary should appear in the minutes, with an expression of appreciation for the services she has given to the officers of the organization and for the orderly and wonderful way in which all details are planned and carried out.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor A. Ferguson  
Executive Secretary  
Public Library Association

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