

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Directors, ALA Conference,
Cleveland, 1961

First Session

July 11, 1961, 4:30 p.m.

Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, Parlor 31

Presiding: Elinor Walker, president

PRESENT: Board members: James E. Bryan, Jerome Cushman, Harold L. Hamill,
John G. Lorenz, Nellie McAlpine, William R. Oliver,
Paxton P. Price, Mrs. Benjamin Saks, Harold L. Roth,
Elinor Walker, Raymond E. Williams, Mrs. Raymond A.
Young.

Board members elect: John F. Anderson, June E. Bayless, Mary J. Carter,
Mrs. Weldon Lynch, Alta M. Parks

Staff: Eleanor A. Ferguson, Ruth M. White

Absent: Paul J. Burnette, Sigrid Edge, Mrs. Helen M.
Hendrick, Nettie B. Taylor, Bernard Van Horne

MINUTES The meeting was called to order by Elinor Walker,
president, at 4:35 p.m.

MINUTES OF MIDWINTER MEETING Miss Walker asked for approval of the minutes of
the Midwinter Board of Directors meeting as
distributed by mail.

IT WAS VOTED that the minutes of the Midwinter Meeting be adopted.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE In the absence of the chairman of the Elections
REPORT Committee, Mrs. Helen Schmidt, Miss Ferguson
reported the following were elected:

President Elect Clara E. Breed

ALA Councilors John F. Anderson
Nominated by PLA June E. Bayless
Alta M. Parks

Those present were introduced, it being reported that Miss Breed was unable to
attend as she is in Europe. Miss Mary J. Carter, newly elected representative from
AFL Section and Mrs. Weldon Lynch, incoming president of ALTA were recognized.

COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE DIVISION The matter of intra-division communication, post-
poned from the Midwinter Meeting, was brought up.
The discussion centered on the Public Library
Reporters, and several suggestions were advanced: the possibility of returning to
a more frequent but more ephemeral type of publication, the need for an editorial

committee to suggest topics to the staff, the possibility of the Board members suggesting topics, and the desirability for supplements to the older Reporters. None of these seemed to command any substantial support within the Board, and

IT WAS AGREED that the Public Library Reporters should continue in their present form as a staff responsibility.

The executive secretary reported that one newsletter, to be sent to the entire membership, had been authorized by PEBCO.

IT WAS AGREED that editing the newsletter should be a staff responsibility, too.

REPORT FROM PEBCO James E. Bryan, PEBCO representative, reported on the general recommendations of PEBCO to the Executive Board: that division publications should hold costs at 1960-61 levels, that \$5 allocations to committees be eliminated by providing a lump sum to take care of reimbursement of expenses where needed, that preconference institutes include in their budgets the out-of-pocket expenses of ALA staff in attendance, and that the return to endowment to offset the withdrawal of capital for the building be held to the Council - approved figure of 6% of 1960-61 income. The entire PLA budget showing essential cuts is attached (Exhibit I). Mr. Bryan noted that the request for funds for the meeting of the Subcommittee on Standards for Small Libraries was denied but will be financed either by the LAD Small Libraries Project or by an award from the Exhibitors Round Table.

SCHOOL LIBRARY-PUBLIC LIBRARY RELATIONS Harold L. Hamill presented a revised version of the ALTA resolution, which PLA refused to endorse at the Midwinter Meeting. Mr. Hamill thanked Mr. Bryan and Mr. Cushman for their assistance in preparing the new wording. Mrs. Young reported that the ALTA Board had considered the new resolution, but preferred to keep the original one, to which Mr. Bryan said he was unalterably opposed. Several members stressed the idea that cooperation between public libraries, schools and their respective boards was the most obvious need and that either wording might be used to encourage joint consideration of the problem.

IT WAS VOTED that the PLA Board adopt the proposed wording as amended. (Text as amended, Exhibit II)

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS The attention of the Board was called to Mr. Hamill's committee of appointments for 1961-62 which were listed in the docket as Exhibit III. Those not yet made will be completed shortly.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor A. Ferguson
Executive Secretary
Public Library Association

Second Session
July 12, 1961, 8:30 p.m.
Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, Parlor 31
Presiding, Harold L. Hamill, President

- PRESENT**
- Board members:** June E. Bayless, Mary J. Carter, Jerome Cushman, Helen E. Fry, Harold L. Hamill, Mrs. Weldon Lynch, Alta Parks, Paxton P. Price, Harold L. Roth, Mrs. Benjamin Saks, Nettie B. Taylor, Elinor Walker, Raymond E. Williams
 - Outgoing Board members:** James E. Bryan, John G. Lorenz, Nellie McAlpine, Mrs. Raymond Young
 - Absent:** Paul J. Burnette, John F. Anderson
 - Staff:** Eleanor A. Ferguson, Ruth M. White
 - Other:** Persis Pooley, President Elect, Armed Forces Librarians Section

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH Miss Ferguson reported that the division had been requested to identify recommendations of the White House Conference on Children and Youth which it can appropriately implement. Recommendations #6, 12, 13, 19, 24, 27, 28, 34, 186, 224, 281, 307, 308, and 666 were listed as continuing concerns of public libraries and of PLA as their representative.

IT WAS VOTED to instruct the executive secretary to inform Mrs. Stevenson, as staff liaison for the White House Conference on Children and Youth, that PLA regards itself as a partner with the White House Conference in the cooperative venture of implementing the recommendations of the Conference. The division has been and will continue to work on implementation of Recommendations #6, 12, 13, 19, 24, 27, 28, 34, 186, 224, 281, 307, 308, and 666, through its committees and by calling them to the attention of its members.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR MATERIALS The action of the Committee on Organization and the ALA Council to assign divisions responsibility for materials related to their fields of responsibility was discussed.

IT WAS VOTED that the PLA Board approves the dispersing of responsibility for materials among the divisions in accordance with the recommendations of COO.

IT WAS FURTHER VOTED to empower the president to appoint a committee to draft a statement of PLA's responsibility for approval by the Board at Midwinter and later submission to COO.

WORLD BOOK - ALA
GOALS AWARD

The Board was reminded that the World Book Encyclopedia in making the \$25,000 award said it should be used to further ALA Goals in the areas of public library and school library development.

IT WAS VOTED that the president appoint a committee to consider projects for which a request could be made and report to the Board at Midwinter.

RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION
BETWEEN ALTA AND PLA BOARDS

It was recalled that Mrs. Young had, at Midwinter, suggested some form of reciprocal representation between the ALTA and PLA. While ALTA has made no formal request for representation should its request for division status be approved, Mrs. Lynch reported that the Board had discussed the possibility of the ALTA past president serving in this capacity. It was felt that the person serving as representative be a key member of his own Board, so that he could speak with some authority.

IT WAS VOTED that arrangements be made for reciprocal representation, and that until the bylaws of ALTA and PLA can be amended, informal reciprocal representation be continued.

ARMED FORCES
LIBRARIANS SECTION

Miss McAlpine reported on the Military Community Library Study, the several parts of which have been tested in 85 pilot libraries throughout the world. The section's conference program was a workshop at which reports from the pilot libraries brought out needed changes in the manual. After these are incorporated, the manual will be published.

IT WAS VOTED that the PLA Board commend the Armed Forces Librarians Section on their fine accomplishment.

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Mrs. Young reported that the section had completed work on a model manual for trustees which they hope to publish. Work is also finished on Guidelines for Governor's Conferences, based on a study of the 15 states which have held them for trustees. The National Assembly received reports on library trends in the United States and in Canada, and on the possibility of making a compilation of library laws.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

Mr. Hamill reported for the Committee on Metropolitan Area Library Service, saying that the project had been rewritten in the light of comments by Dr. Robert D. Leigh and the Council on Library Resources, and was awaiting ALA Executive Board approval before it was again submitted to CLR for funds. Mr. Bryan informed the Board that the Executive Board had given its approval, and thought the broadened scope of the project could best be handled by enlarging the PLA Advisory Committee to include representatives of other types of libraries among its members.

The Library Services Act Committee reported that it had decided to postpone its workshop on evaluation of LSA results for public libraries until the 1963 Chicago Conference, to allow sufficient time for careful planning. Material on LSA suitable for articles to interest lay readers has been collected and turned over to Charles Carner, ALA Public Relations, who will work on placement in periodicals of general interest. Hawthorne Daniel's book Public Libraries for Everyone will be published July 14.

The Committee to Study the Bases of Financial Support for Public Libraries had no report but hopes to make one at the Midwinter Meeting.

Miss Walker reported that the division program meeting will be devoted to reports of progress from the three subcommittees of the Standards Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor A. Ferguson
Executive Secretary
Public Library Association

	1951-52	1950-51	1949-50	
CR 1	(1,100)	(1,200)	(1,200)	
CR 2	-	-	30	
CR 3	175	100	100	
CR 4	82	82	82	
CR 5	120	120	200	
CR 6	62	-	-	
CR 7	-	-	-	
CR 8	-	22	10	
CR 9	-	12	20	
	<u>2,032</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>472</u>	Total

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General Funds
Administration and Program

Line	Division Programs (cont'd)	I	II	III	C	P
		Budget 1960-61	Actual (Estimated) 1960-61	Approved Budget 1961-62		
<u>PLA - Public Library Association</u>						
1	Clerical Assistance	(\$1,200)	(1,200)	(1,400)	CR	1
2	Subcommittee on Standards for Small Libraries	30	-	-	CF	3
3	AFL - Military-Community Study	100	100	175	CF	4
4	Jury on Citation of Trustees	85	85	85	CR	6
5	Materials for free distribution	200	150	150	CR	8
6	Newsletter	-	-	625	NR	10
7	AFL - Decoration of Conference booth	-	-	-	NR	13
8	Division Committees (11)	40	25	-		
9	AFL Committees (9)	20	15	-		
Total		\$ 475	375	1,035		

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PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Resolution on Public Library & School Library Responsibilities

- WHEREAS: The Public Library Association believes that the time has come for both public libraries and public schools to recognize the need for improved library facilities and services for both the community at large and for the public schools, to meet the educational challenge of the time and the needs of our citizens of all ages, individually and severally, and
- WHEREAS: Both public libraries and public schools should give recognition to and accept their responsibilities to meet this need, and
- WHEREAS: The community as a whole is entitled to secure the maximum use of all library facilities and services supported by public funds;
- THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED, that public librarians and school officials work in their respective fields to improve both public libraries and public school libraries, that they reach common understandings of the respective educational roles and areas of responsibility for public libraries and public school libraries, and that they develop cooperative programs so that the community as a whole may benefit through availability of the widest range and depth of library resources and services for the tax dollars expended.

Adopted by the PLA Board
July 11, 1961

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