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FORMALIZED MINUTES

FIRST SESSION

Wednesday, June 25, 1969, 8 A.M.
Shelburne-Empress Hotel, Manor Room
Atlantic City, New Jersey

PRESENT:

President, Willard O. Youngs; Vice-President, President Elect, June E. Bayless; Past President, Helen E. Fry; Councilors: R. Paul Bartolini, Mrs. Ruth Sheahan Howard, Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, Robert M. Orr, Mary E. Phillips, Eleanor Plain; Armed Forces Librarians Section President, Louise Ligon; AFLS Director, Elaine S. Olson; Membership Representative, Roger B. Francis

Absent: Councilor, William S. Geller; ALTA Past President, Mrs. C'Ceal P. Coombs

Guests: Vice-President, President Elect, Andrew Geddes; AFLS Vice-President, President Elect, Mrs. Barbara Loar; Mr. Takashi Sugawara, Administrative Director, Japan Library Association; Mr. Ida, Interpreter from the State Department

Staff: Eleanor A. Ferguson, Patricia Montmarquette

The meeting was called to order by President Willard O. Youngs at 8:05 A.M. He introduced a guest, Mr. Takashi Sugawara, Administrative Director of the Japan Library Association and his interpreter to the members of the Board. The list of newly elected Board members: Andrew Geddes, Vice President, President Elect; Jane S. McClure, Orin M. Moyer, and Donald E. Wright, Councilors, was read and those present introduced.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as mailed.

PEBCO

Past President Helen Fry reported for the Program Evaluation and Budget Committee that the financial crisis, though less acute than last year's, still existed. PEBCO proposed two solutions for 1969-70: to omit, with Council's approval, the customary return of 6% of General Funds income to Endowment; and to use a part of the Atlantic City Conference income in the coming year rather than to hold all of it for the 1970-71 budget. Among the cuts in the PLA budget request were the funds for attendance

ISAD
PROPOSAL

The Information Science and Automation Division prepared a proposal for a national Conference on information networks, which reached the PLA Board too late to be considered at Midwinter 1969. It was reported that funding for the proposed meeting had now been secured, and that the division had been asked if it wished to be represented on an ad hoc interdivisional committee for the Conference.

IT WAS VOTED that the Public Library Association wished to be a part of the committee, and that the following names be submitted to ISAD as nominations from which the representative be chosen: Herbert Mutschler, chairman of the Interlibrary Cooperation Committee; Andrew Geddes, President Elect; and Mrs. Mary Taylor Howe.

The Board hoped the names would be considered in the order given above, and requested that ISAD be so informed.

ALA EXHIBIT
AT DETROIT
CONFERENCE

It had been suggested prior to Midwinter 1969 that all units of ALA participate in a professionally planned exhibit in lieu of the usual individual exhibits. No action was then taken, pending a recommendation from the Armed Forces Librarians Section, which has usually had an exhibit, about its willingness to join with others in this proposal. Although a budget request to prepare the combined exhibit was presented to PEBCO, it was denied; therefore AFLS will continue with its individual exhibit, for which modest funds were approved.

ALA COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS

The subcommittee of the Board authorized at Midwinter 1969 to consider recommendations of the ALA Committees on Manpower Problems and on Access to Libraries was not appointed until May, at which time Mrs. Ruth Sheahan Howard and William S. Geller were asked to serve on it. Mrs. Howard said that Mr. Geller was in Europe and that since the third member of the Committee had not been appointed, no progress could be reported. It was agreed that Andrew Geddes, President Elect should be added to the Subcommittee and made its chairman.

WHITE HOUSE
CONFERENCE ON
CHILDREN AND
YOUTH

A report from Ruth Tarbox, Executive Secretary, CSD/YASD, who is the ALA liaison with the White House Conference on Children and Youth, on the status of the Conference was next considered. Although the traditional date for the Conference is 1970, Congress has not authorized it nor made the necessary appropriation. Miss Tarbox asked for information on activities of the division in preparation for the Conference, and whether members of the Board knew of library participation in state committees. The Board had no information to offer, beyond the appointment of Martha Reynolds, Hagerstown (Md.) library as PLA's representative to the Council of National Organizations, the planning group for the Conference.

✓ YASD
GUIDELINES

The Board was reminded that at previous meetings some concern had been felt about a set of guidelines for young adult services in public libraries on which a committee of the Young Adult Services Division was working, lest it become standards. It was reported that the YASD Committee now felt that it would be more useful

to prepare a group of position papers by different authors, for publication in a periodical or otherwise. It was suggested that the Public Library Reporter might serve as a vehicle for publication, and the Executive Secretary was asked to suggest this to the Publications Committee and to YASD.

ARMED FORCES
LIBRARIANS
SECTION

The AFLS President, Louise Ligon, presented her report of the Section's work for the year, attached as Exhibit 1.

STARTER LIST
FOR NEW BOOK
COLLECTIONS
COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lyn Hart was unable to be present, but she reported that the list the Committee has been at work on will be published by R. R. Bowker late in the year. The life of the Committee expires technically at the end of the Atlantic City Conference, but they felt their work should go on until the book appeared, to deal with possible criticism. Moreover, Bowker has contracted to prepare at least one revised edition in two years' time. With these two points in mind,

IT WAS VOTED to change the Starter List Committee from a special to a standing committee, and to authorize the present members to agree among themselves on terms of appointment to make the transition to three-year staggered terms.

Furthermore, it was suggested that the name of the Committee be changed to conform to the final title of the publication, Books for Public Libraries: selected titles for small libraries and new branches.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The proposed increased scale of ALA dues was discussed. The consensus was that the dues increase be accepted but that continuing effort should be made toward improving the operation of ALA, including a requirement for submission of evidence that dues paid reflected accurately the salary received.

It was moved that the Board record its support of the dues increase, and that the President be instructed to state that support at the Membership meeting. An amendment was offered to include the need for continuous review of dues.

IT WAS THEREFORE VOTED that the Board of the Public Library Association supports fully the new dues, while recognizing the need for continuous review of the dues structure; and that the President be instructed to state their position at the Membership Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

SECOND SESSION

Friday, June 27, 1969, 2 P.M.

Shelburne-Empress Hotel, Diamond Jim Brady Room

Atlantic City, New Jersey

PRESENT: President, June E. Bayless, Vice President, President Elect, Andrew Geddes; Councilors: Jane S. McClure, Mary E. Phillips, Donald E. Wright

Committee Chairman: Elizabeth B. Hage

Guests: Virginia Ross, Raymond E. Williams

Staff: Eleanor A. Ferguson, Patricia Montmarquette

Absent: Past President, Willard O. Youngs; Councilors: R. Paul Bartolini, William S. Geller, Mrs. Ruth Sheahan Howard, Orin M. Moyer; AFLS President, Mrs. Barbara Loar; AFLS Director, Josephine Neil; ALTA Past President, Robert J. Morgan

As a result of the confusion created by the extended ALA Membership Meeting, the Second Session of the Public Library Association was postponed until 3:30 P.M., at which time incoming President June E. Bayless called the meeting to order. Since only six of the 14 members of the Board were present, there was no quorum; therefore no official action could be taken. It is suggested that the recommendations made by those present be reconsidered at the 1970 Midwinter Meeting, should the matters then be thought significant.

DETROIT
CONFERENCE
PROGRAM

Miss Bayless reported that ALA President William Dix had chosen as the Conference theme "Libraries: Resources for Human Understanding." The Library Administration Division is considering a preconference on collective bargaining which she recommended that PLA cosponsor, and those present concurred.

She has discussed with the presidents of the Reference Services and Adult Services Divisions a series of meetings to emphasize the user or patron of libraries, rather than the librarian. The plan is for PLA, whose program session is scheduled for Monday, June 29, 10 A.M. to 12, to use the period for a speech by a sociologist or anthropologist describing the people to be served and how they may be expected to react to the realities of the 1970's. RSD is planning three meetings for the 8-9:30 A.M. periods on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to explore techniques of listening to patrons; its major program on Thursday will discuss goals of service. On Friday, ASD will have as its program a "Festival" presenting ways in which people communicate with each other, perhaps using films, recordings and live musicians.

Those present agreed that the plan was good, and Miss Bayless asked for suggestions of possible speakers for the PLA portion of the series.

INTERLIBRARY
COOPERATION
COMMITTEE

In the absence of the chairman, E. Leonore White, Virginia Ross, a member of the Committee, presented the report which is attached as Exhibit 2. Following up the Committee's recommendation of Midwinter 1969 on the desirability of creating an ALA committee on cooperation between types of libraries, Miss White had attended the second meeting of an informal group called Association of Cooperative Library Organizations. It considered affiliation with LAD, but decided to continue its informal status while exploring the possibility of becoming a Round Table. Officers were elected and dues set at \$5 for personal members, \$10 for institutions. It appeared that this group might serve the purposes for which the Committee thought an ALA committee was needed, although it was too early to tell how it would develop.

It was the consensus that "a directive be given to the Interlibrary Cooperation Committee to attend meetings of the Association of Cooperative Library Organizations to determine what they are doing and to see how PLA can cooperate with them."

Miss Ross said the Committee questioned its ability to promote Public Library Systems in the United States, as they had been asked to do by the Board at Midwinter. It was suggested that the talks on the study given at the Kansas City Conference (1968) might be used as the basis for a brief promotional piece to appear in Just Between Ourselves for March 1970, to be prepared by the Committee. Another suggestion was a letter from the PLA President to the heads of state library agencies and presidents of state associations, asking for their cooperation in encouraging discussion of the findings.

LEGISLATION
COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Hage, chairman of the Legislation Committee, presented the report, Exhibit 3. In view of the urgency of the proposed appeal to the members, arrangements were made to have mailing labels run off at once, and sent to the chairman for the mailing. (Unfortunately, the labels were not received in time to make the mailing. The chairman is holding them for future use if the need arises.)

AUDIO-VISUAL
AND
PUBLICATION
COMMITTEE
REPORTS

The reports of the Audio-Visual Committee, Mrs. Joan Clark, chairman, and the Publications Committee, Mrs. Kathryn Gesterfield, chairman are attached as Exhibits 4 and 5.

PUBLIC LIBRARY
STUDY COMMITTEE

Keith Doms, the chairman was not present, and the Executive Secretary informed the Board members of the discussion with Mr. Foster Mohrhardt of the Council on Library Resources on the Committee's proposal for a preliminary study. She said she had had a brief conversation with Mr. Doms in which he had said his Committee felt it would be expedient to rewrite the proposal as CLR suggested. It was the consensus that the decision of the Committee be accepted in principle.

Miss Bayless reported that she would take immediate steps to double the number of members on PLA committees, as was suggested at the Membership Meeting on Thursday, June 26. She further stated that the most critical task now was the appointment of a new Executive Secretary, and requested the immediate help of the Board members in suggesting names of persons whom they felt to be qualified and interested in the position.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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