

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
DIVISION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES
MINUTES OF THE OFFICERS' MEETING

Saturday, March 25, 1950

The Division of Public Libraries of the American Library Association held an Officers' Meeting at the Allerton Hotel, Chicago, on Saturday, March 25, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by the President, John S. Richards at 9:30 a.m.

Present: John S. Richards, President; Helen M. Harris, Vice-President; Marie W. Barkman, Treasurer; Eleanor Plain, Executive Secretary; Helen A. Ridgway, Chief Public Library Specialist.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous officers' meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported a balance on hand as of March 24, 1950 of \$3,577.64.

Committees: President Richards presented the committee appointments already completed; uncompleted committee appointments were discussed and the executive secretary was directed to write to the persons suggested asking them to serve. It was thought advisable to have the president-elect represent the Division on the A.L.A. Joint Advisory Committee and Miss Ridgway was asked to express this suggestion to President Clarence Graham.

The report of the Nominating Committee was received. The executive secretary was asked to see that this report would be published in the next issue of Public Libraries.

It was decided to change the number of persons serving on the Planning Committee from 8 to 7 including the chairman.

The services of Marian McFadden of the Indianapolis Public Library were secured as chairman of the Membership Committee.

It was decided to appoint an additional member to the Elections Committee.

Public Libraries: The question of circulation manager for Public Libraries was discussed. It was decided that Mr. Lindquist should be asked to try to find someone geographically close to him for this position. The executive secretary was asked to write to Eunice Wolfe, former circulation manager, expressing the appreciation of the Division for her services in this capacity.

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Public Library Office: Miss Harris moved that Miss Ridgway's travel expenses to St. Louis for a meeting of the Joint Committee on a Constitution for a merger of the three Divisions should be paid if necessary. Motion seconded by Miss Barkman and carried. Miss Harris moved that a bill from Sturgis Printing Company for card stock for membership records in the amount of \$37.56 be paid. Motion seconded by Miss Barkman and carried.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and resumed at 1:30 p.m.

Cleveland Conference: It was decided to hold the following meetings of the Division at the forthcoming A.L.A. Conference in Cleveland, July 16-22, 1950.

1. Executive Board Breakfast Meeting (Closed) -
Monday, July 17 - 8:00 a.m.
2. Joint Program Dinner Meeting of the Three Divisions -
Tuesday evening, July 18
3. Joint Meeting of the Membership of the Three
Divisions on the Merger -
Wednesday morning, July 19
4. Annual Business Meeting of the Division -
Friday morning, July 21
5. Executive Board Meeting (Closed) -
Saturday morning, July 22

It was decided to have a panel discussion for the Joint Dinner Meeting with the tentative title "What Books Should We Buy For Our Libraries?"

Miss Ridgway read a letter from the U. S. Department of Agriculture Forrest Service in Alaska asking for a list of 2,000 books suitable for a library in southeastern Alaska. This letter was referred to President Richards for suitable action.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR PLAIN,
Executive Secretary