

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Directors, ALA Annual Conference
Washington, D.C., 1959

First Session

Monday, June 22, 8:30 a.m.

Shoreham Hotel, North Room

Presiding, Mrs. Lura G. Currier, President

PRESENT: Board Members: James E. Bryan, Lura G. Currier, Sigrid A. Edge, Elizabeth Fuller, Arthur H. Parsons, Mrs. George R. Wallace

Committee Chairman: Robert D. Wood

Vice-President elect: Elinor Walker

Officers elect: Mrs. Benjamin Saks and Mrs. Raymond A. Young

Executive Secretary: Eleanor A. Ferguson

Staff: Ruth M. White

Absent: Donna D. Finger, Mrs. Helen M. Hendrick, Ruth Hyatt, John Lorenz, Charles M. Mohrhardt, Mrs. Merlin M. Moore, Clarence S. Paine, Miriam Putnam, Hannis S. Smith, Mrs. Elsa S. Thompson, Rose Vainstein, and Bernard W. Van Horne

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The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Currier, President, at 8:40 a.m. There was not a quorum present.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Wood, chairman, reported that the Elections Committee had met and counted the ballots. The

results are:

Elinor Walker	1,767
Allie Beth Martin	1,532
Voided ballots	22
blank ballots	10
total	<u>3,331</u>

He then stated: I hereby declare Elinor Walker elected vice president and president-elect of the Public Library Association. Miss Walker was introduced to the Board.

MINUTES OF
MIDWINTER MEETING

Mr. Bryan moved and Mrs. Wallace seconded the motion.

IT WAS VOTED to accept the minutes as mailed to all board members.

PEBCO

Mr. Parsons, PEBCO representative, reported on their meetings. Because the requested budgets exceeded the money available for the total program, it was necessary to cut the division budgets. PLA requested \$4475 and \$1850 was approved.

For the first time, AALT included in their budget request \$1200 for secretarial assistance for its president. PEBCO approved \$600 for this item in view of the fact that the AALT President is not always from a library able to provide a secretary. The AALT request for additional travel expense for the section president has been established as PEBCO policy at \$250 annually.

The salary for the clerical assistant was deleted from the division budget. The division was, instead, authorized \$1000 from the clerical pool. The clerical assistance is, in part, justified by the additional typing necessary for the Public Library Reporter.

The Military Community-Library Study Committee request was reduced from \$250 to \$125 because their study was not ready for publication and would probably not be ready until the 1960-61 budget.

PEBCO set up \$200 in the general fund for the use of vice presidents of divisions and sections to be used for postage and telephone calls when their libraries cannot pay for them.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE
NEEDS OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Mr. Bryan, Chairman, reported that the statement of needs had been given to the panel for discussion at the Membership Meetings. Since the work of the committee had been completed, Mr. Bryan requested that the committee be terminated. Mr. Parsons moved and Miss Edge seconded the motion.

IT WAS VOTED that the Committee to Study the Needs of Public Libraries be terminated with a vote of commendation for its good work.

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS FOR
WORK WITH YOUNG ADULTS

In the absence of Miss Roos, Chairman of the Committee on Standards for Work With Young Adults, Mrs. Currier presented the manuscript. The committee had rewritten it in line with the recommendations of the PLA Board. The discussion centered around whether the manuscript should go to Publishing immediately as a PLA publication or wait until some of the board members had read and approved it. Mr. Bryan moved and Mr. Parsons seconded the motion and

IT WAS VOTED that the PLA Board accepts the manuscript as presented, that it be forwarded to Publishing with PLA's recommendation that it be published as promptly as possible subject to normal editorial revision by the Publishing Department and the Committee on Standards for Work with Young Adults. Further, that the committee be thanked for the work it has done.

AALT-DIVISION STATUS

AALT is growing in size and believes that its interests would be served better as a division that as a section. The trustees would then have a primary contact with PEBCO and Council rather than a secondary one as at present. The trustees present expressed their desire for such a change but thought there should be a thorough exploration of just what division status would involve. Mr. Parsons moved and Miss Edge seconded the motion.

IT WAS VOTED that the President appoint two members to a joint PLA-AALT committee to explore the possibility of a divisional status for AALT, two other members to be appointed by the AALT Board.

RETIREMENTS

Miss Ferguson informed the Board that this would be the last annual conference for Miss Cora Beatty, Executive Secretary of Reference Services Division, and Miss Hazel Timmerman, Executive Secretary of Library Administration Division, since they will be retiring within the next year after many years of devoted service to AIA.

BOOK OF THE MONTH
CLUB AWARD

Miss Ferguson reported that the Book of the Month Club made the first Dorothy Canfield Fisher award of \$5,000 to the Arlington, Vermont library because it was Mrs. Fisher's home town. The ALA staff has suggested to BOMC criteria and procedures for making four other \$5,000 awards. Mrs. Wallace moved and Mr. Bryan seconded the motion.

IT WAS VOTED that the President is authorized to appoint a committee, if requested by BOMC, to advise the BOMC on selecting the recipients from the recommendations made by the state library agencies or another library.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor A. Ferguson

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