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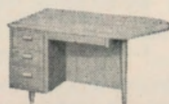
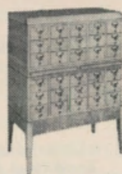
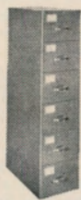
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By LORA CROUCH

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ANNUAL CONVENTION: Basin, May 4-6, 1958.

There is not as much to report to you at this time as I had hoped to have when the last Quarterly was prepared. I knew I was being too optimistic then for this is such a large and far spread organization that it cannot move very fast between meetings.

Mrs. Ione McClain, our treasurer, reports that dues are still coming in and that we have gained a number of new members from the leaflets mailed out. Ione has worked hard and at a time of the year when college librarians are very busy. She deserves a great deal of credit for a job well done.

After several delays due first to changing advertising managers, second to changing from one paid editor to an Executive Board of three, but most of all to the serious illness of the printer in charge of our MPLA Quarterly, the fall number finally came off the press in late January. This number is late too but our editors hope to be back on schedule with the spring issue in May. Mrs. Brewster has worked long and hard at the advertising for it was a completely new job to her. I hope all of you will offer help in lining up advertising for the Quarterly and by patronizing the firms who do advertise in it.

I was very much pleased to have from fifteen to twenty people take part in a general meeting at Chicago in connection with the ALA Mid-Winter Meeting. I am not sure we came to many decisions or solved many problems but we have some lively and, at times, even heated exchange of ideas.

Some work on plans for the annual meeting in Denver in August was started but not enough to be definite yet about a program for you. Mr. Stuart Baillie will be general chairman of the meeting. Mr. John Eastlick will be program chairman. So all of you can make plans for a combined vacation and professional meeting in August, the 28th to 30th in Denver on the

University of Denver Campus. As you will learn elsewhere in this number, The School of Librarianship at the University of Denver plans a workshop just before the annual meeting. Plan on it as well as the combined annual meetings of the MPLA and the Bibliographical Center for Research.

I had hoped to report progress on a proposal for funds from a foundation by this time, but it still is not ready for submission. Mr. John Eastlick and a committee in Denver drafted a preliminary proposal to enlarge the services of the Bib Center and to include in it funds to aid in the publication of the MPLA Quarterly with many new features in it. The Council meeting of the Bib Center took place in Chicago the night before the MPLA Executive Board met on Friday, Jan. 31st. The Bib Center Council felt that more investigation of the proposal was needed before it would be ready for submission. A group of Bib Center Council members met in Denver in March to work on the proposal. Since the Bib Center had taken this action, the MPLA Executive Board did not study the proposal but voted to endorse the principle of such a proposal being submitted after further study of the various parts of it and when changes indicated are made.

Since this proposal included funds for the Quarterly the Executive Board voted to continue the Quarterly in its present format and with a volunteer board of editors until the meeting in Denver in August. At that time final action must be taken on this matter.

The Committee on Constitutional Changes reported to the Executive Board meeting in Chicago. Robert Thomas, president-elect is chairman of the committee and two past presidents, L. H. Kirkpatrick of Utah, and Dean Stallings of North Dakota are members of it. They reported on the following possible changes:

1. A combined Treasurer-Secretary to hold office for two years.
2. A Biennial rather than an annual meeting.
3. A new dues scale to give the Association a better income. A

graduated scale versus a standard price was discussed.

These constitutional changes will be studied further and a copy of the final recommendations will be printed in the spring number of the Quarterly for you to think about before you come to Denver in August to act upon them. I hope any member who has ideas for constitutional changes will send them to Robert Thomas the vice-president.

Several other problems of the Associations were discussed, including membership and future objectives of the MPLA. Mr. Frank Lundy, as chairman of the Planning Committee, presented some ideas for discussion by the members present. He raised the question of the validity of the present MPLA area as a natural region. Is the larger area covered by the Bibliographical Center a more logical one? Should such other new members as Missouri, Arizona or Saskatchewan be added to the seven we have now? Our honorary member Jim Hodgson offered some interesting comments in this discussion.

Mr. Lundy also brought up the quality of the annual meetings of MPLA and accused the Association of not doing any real work on problems peculiar to the region but of merely rehashing the same general professional subjects as are considered in a more limited way by the state meetings and in a broader sense by the ALA. Mr. Lundy suggests that we try a seminar type of meeting with only the leaders of the region attending instead of what he terms "our present annual circus for the members."

No conclusions were reached on this subject as the time was late and members were leaving to catch planes and trains home from Chicago.

Certainly this extra meeting in Chicago gave us more time to raise the questions of our basic organization and what our future course should be. I would like to see some articles contributed to the Quarterly on these subjects and plenty of thought given to them. We reach our tenth birthday this year. We are growing up and it is time we took a long hard look at what we have done and make some decisions as to

what we want to do in the future. We will continue these discussions of our future status in Denver in August.

I hope all members of MPLA will try to help Mrs. Brewster with the advertising in the Quarterly. Send her your suggestions of firms to contact or better yet — you contact the firms *and send her the ads*. Send them to:

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Two of the past presidents of MPLA have just moved to new jobs.

Ralph Esterquest has just left the Midwest Inter-Library Center to become head of the Medical Library at Harvard University. Ralph was the first president of MPLA and is an honorary member of the Association.

Orwin Rush has left the University of Wyoming to become head librarian at the University of Florida Library in Jacksonville, Florida. Orwin was president of MPLA in 1956-57 and was chairman of the Planning Committee for several years. For the past two years he collected the advertising to keep our MPLA Quarterly going.

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We welcome back to the area two former members of MPLA. Claude Settlemyre has just returned to the region to be Librarian of the Boulder, Colorado, Public Library. Ralph Ellsworth has returned to the University of Colorado, also at Boulder, as head of the University library. Eugene Wilson, who formerly held that position, has graduated from the Library field to become Dean of Faculties.

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By RALPH ELLSWORTH, *Director of Libraries,  
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Open letter to Lora Crouch in answer to the question,  
"Why did you come back to Colorado?"

You (Lora Crouch) asked me to write a short statement on why I have returned to my old position as Director of Libraries at the University of Colorado after fourteen years at the State University of Iowa.

There are many reasons, some of which are rather personal.

First, even though I was born in the Midwest, my 13 years in Colorado, 1931-1943, made a true Westerner of me and I couldn't feel comfortable in the Midwest. I felt as though I were living in the bottom of a bowl. I missed the atmosphere of reckless enthusiasm which is the way Westerners are.

Second, I like to be where change is the order of the day. The University of Colorado is changing and growing and is fast becoming one of the most interesting universities in the country. The presence of hundreds of outstanding scientists in the Bureau of Standards and Atomic Energy Commission Laboratories adds to the strength of the University and gives one the feeling of being in on the frontier of our future. This University has a strong spirit and I decided I wanted to spend the rest of my life here.

Third, even though during my 14 years in Iowa I spent my summers in Colorado, I did so as a sort of tourist and this I did not like. My family loves the mountains in the Fall and Wintertime and we missed the contrast that comes from being able to get away from the library for a week-end of fishing or skiing in the mountains.

Fourth, librarians in the Rocky Mountains are sort of special and fun to be with. (Where else can one find another Mary Hoyt to drink Zombies

with?) Our problems as librarians are unique and they are the kind of library problems I like to chew on.

Fifth, there aren't any chiggers here. I love to garden and gardening in the Midwest isn't fun, especially when we weren't there!

That's enough reasons, isn't it?

You asked me to mention my favorite spots in Colorado. Well I think the Rocky Mountain National Park is full of wonderful places to see. Park your car at Bear Lake Lodge and hike to Loch Vale or Mills or up over the hill and down the trail to Fern and Odessa lakes, Forest Inn, and have someone meet you at the Rangers' Station above Steads. Drive over Trail Ridge Road to Grand Lake.

The Aspen area, especially the Maroon Lake area, is a fine center for scenery, camping and fishing. And stop on the way and have a swim in the hot water pool in Glenwood Springs.

The National Monument near Grand Junction and the Grand Mesa can keep you busy for a whole month.

The San Luis Valley has always been one of my favorite places. The Sand Dunes are unique and fishing around Creede is good. Then drive over to Durango and spend a few days at Aztec and Mesa Verde. From Durango there is a side trip on the narrow gauge railroad. Drive up the million dollar highway to Montrose and take a swing over to Telluride for extra thrills.

One short trip from Denver that is a real thrill to outlanders is to drive up Coal Creek Canyon to Nederland and then to Central City and back to Denver.

These are just a few places that I like especially.

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# ACROSS STATE AND PROVINCIAL BORDERS: WHAT REGIONAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS CAN DO

By ELI M. OBOLER, Librarian,  
Idaho State College

This article was part of a panel "Books and Libraries in our Region" given at the joint MPLA-PNLA Conference in Bozeman, Montana, September 7, 1957.

The Madison Avenue copy-writers have introduced us to a new phenomenon, the invention of a disease followed by the exploitation of its cure. Do *you* have "tired blood"? Anyone who has kept up with the TV quiz programs has heard of this widely publicized specimen of the advertising man's magic. Librarians may well wonder if they do not have — no, not the tired blood — but rather either the glory or the blame for helping form and maintain so many different types of library associations to take care of perhaps only conjured-up problems.

Working in nooks with books does sometimes give the individual librarian the feeling that he or she is far removed from any professional colleagues outside of his or her own library staff. So we have combined in city, county, area, state, regional, national, and even international groups. We need no particular justification for our active preoccupation with grouping as a principle; we may sometimes wonder what the *raison d'être* for each specific type of association is.

Of all the multifarious types of library association, the regional association seems most suited to the vast spaces of our country and its even vaster neighbor to the north. ALA has faced the problem of bigness in many ways, principally by setting up a chapter system. The state organizations, aside from some of the very largest, such as California and New York, have found decided limitations to their achievements and even their aims set by their rigid geographical boundaries. Between Brobdingnag and Lilliput stands the regional association.

John Richards, wise elder statesman of PNLA (at present on a well-earned

vacation after his recent retirement), has written,<sup>1</sup> "The regional association may do for library development what the individual states cannot do through their own resources." The most important word in that statement, it seems to me, is "may." No group is any better than its individual components, and vigorous leadership, and an informed thought-and-action fermenting membership is of course essential to changing that conditional "may" do to definite "will."

This is a period of new, important developments in the field of librarianship. The new Public Library Standards, the recently approved ALA reorganization, the Federal Library Services Act, the Council on Library Resources, almost daily mechanical innovations affecting both library techniques and book production and form — all these, and others which will readily occur to you, are examples of the indisputable fact that the American library picture is like a pool into which many pebbles are being thrown rapidly and constantly, if not always with the best of aim. Some of the many resulting ripples will undoubtedly affect the future activities of every librarian. The mechanisms for dealing with these developments are not yet too clear.

Let me approach this from a slightly different angle. Recently the President of the United States asked the governors of the various states to tell him how best to give back to the state those responsibilities — particularly in the field of taxation — which they believe they should have. We have recently observed the Congress of the United States almost immobilized by a bitter battle based on the question of states rights. The trend toward federal and national solutions of all problems seems to be reversing itself. Surely the re-

<sup>1</sup>"State and Regional Library Associations," *Library Trends* (Jan., 1955), p. 328.

gional library association, standing as it does between the national and state setups, can serve a most useful mediating and actualizing function.

When librarians from a reasonably similar group of states and/or provinces begin to feel the need for cooperative effort their approaches to the problem vary. The Middle West has evolved the Midwest Inter-Library Center, which takes care of the needs of a small group of colleges and universities in several contiguous states. In other parts of the country the more usual method of getting together has been through the regional library association.

The five regional library associations are as different as the areas they represent—the Pacific Northwest, the Southeast, the Southwest, New England, and the Mountain-Plains, to put them in the order of their origin. PNLA is the most highly organized of the regional associations, New England the least. All but the New England Library Association publish either newsletters or quarterlies. The Southwestern Library Association includes among its approximately 3000 members every member of the six state library associations in its region, through a system of automatic per capita dues payment from the state associations. The Southeastern Library Association meets only biennially, but has a very active continuing committee program. Mountain-Plains, until recently, was about as informal as the New England association, but has begun to go on the road already set, to some extent, by PNLA.

Perhaps, in this connection, it might be illuminating to note a statement by Patricia Paylore, who was president of the Southwestern Library Association when she said this:<sup>1</sup> "Many of you have said to me that S.W.L.A. is the ideal kind of organization: it's more personal and real than ALA, yet broader than local organizations in its opportunities for service, growth, and cooperation, being, as it is, outside the petty politics that plague so many smaller groups." According to Miss Paylore, as of 1955 there were eleven standing committees and five sections in S.W.L.A., which is

somewhat comparable to PNLA and MPLA. The important point is that through this kind of organization the individual librarian's influence may be strengthened and worthwhile contributions may be made to an entire region, rather than merely to an individual state.

At this convention all of you have been given the opportunity to purchase the most recent product of representative cooperative effort by PNLA members, who after many years of hard labor have produced "Who's Who Among Pacific Northwest Authors." Such a publication as this, useful not only in the region but beyond its borders, could never have come about through the work of uncoordinated individuals or under the aegis of individual state associations.

May I interject that so far in this talk I have not paid my respects to the many fine achievements in PNLA's past, mainly because I believe all those listening to me will be more than familiar with them. If by any chance you are not, I suggest you read John Richards' fine article in the January, 1955, *Library Trends*, on "The State and Regional Library Associations," from which I quoted earlier. I am more concerned with what *may* be done, what *can* be done, indeed, what *should* be done, rather than with what *has* been done. But certainly I will not presume to look deeply into the crystal ball and predict the future in detail. I am sure, however, that the library future of America is inextricably involved with the regional association.

There are many specific things that regional library associations can do better than any other type. Some of these have been proven by past experience and others, I believe, are self-evidently the job of the regional association. The regional library association can:

1. Exert regional, rather than state, pressure, to help pass federal legislation to the benefit of all libraries and librarians.
2. Serve as an integrating factor or as a focus for regional activity aimed to preserve the historical heritage of the region within that region.

<sup>1</sup>"From the President," S.W.L.A. Newsletter, Vol. IV, No. 2 Oct., 1955), p.<sup>2</sup>

3. Stimulate and improve recruiting and library education within a region.
4. Encourage and support book publishers and book dealers within a region.
5. Develop projects suitable for support by national or regional philanthropic foundations.
6. Strengthen the state associations by furnishing comparative data calculated to bring about more purposeful and useful state library association activity.
7. Act as a meeting place for the exchange of mutually helpful ideas and opinions on all kinds of matters concerning library development.

The regional library association, whether formal or informal, highly organized or on the completely extempore level, still is the most promising of ways of getting results in solving certain types of library problems more expeditiously than through any other type of library association. ALA can streamline and reorganize and reform until the association consists of David Clift on one end of a log and Eli Oboler on the other, but it still will be a mighty long log in between—particularly if headquarters is moved all the way to Washington, D. C., as is now threatened. The specialized associations, such as the Medical Library Association or the Special Libraries Association, can only serve in their limited and necessarily narrow ways. The local and state organizations cannot possibly have the broad horizons of a regional association.

As one step toward recognition of the importance of the regional concept, may I recommend strongly that everyone here present who is not only a member of MPLA or PNLA but also of ALA

vigorously urge ALA to revive the idea of the regional conference. My personal feeling has been that I have attended no single ALA conference out of which I got more than the 1949 Regional Vancouver Conference, at which PNLA met with our California and Nevada brethren. It is my understanding that the only thing that stands in the way of at least quinquennial regional conferences is the feeling of the ALA headquarters that too much of their time is spent in travel. We who travel every year from such places as Pocatello to Victoria or from the Fraser Valley in British Columbia to Bozeman may not feel any particular sympathy for the desk-bound!

At any rate, the regional library association, as I have tried to demonstrate, is necessary, is important, indeed, is here to stay as a significant contribution to library development in America. If American library service—and I trust that my Canadian confrères have noted that I have very consciously tried to include them here as elsewhere in my thinking—is to develop along truly harmonious and fruitful lines, the regional library association must take its rightful place in the minds and hearts of all librarians in the two-thirds of U. S. states and the two provinces of Canada which go to make up the five regional associations.

The MPLA has a membership potential of over 1,000 librarians. The paid membership last year was less than 400. How can we bring these figures closer together? Perhaps by personal contact, each of you could find a new member. Many old members often forget to pay their dues each year. **PAY YOUR DUES NOW!**

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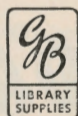


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# MPLA FIELD CONSULTANTS: A NEW ROLE

By DONALD E. WRIGHT,  
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Nebraska Public Library Commission*

An institute for state field consultants was held in Chicago, January 24-26, 1958, preceding the Mid-Winter meeting of the American Library Association. This institute, under the direction of Mrs. Gretchen Knief Schenk, was sponsored jointly by the ALA, the PLD Coordinating Committee for the Library Services Act, and the LAD Section on Personnel Administration. The stated theme of the institute was: "The purpose of consultant's work is to create and nourish a climate of acceptance for good library service." The objectives of the institute were: "To provide an opportunity for the new field consultant to analyze his role; the experienced field consultant to reassess his role."

The Institute had good representation from the MPLA region: representation which included the heads of many of the state library extension agencies—the administering units from LSA—and new field consultants. The interchange of ideas, experiences, and methods on an informal basis between the experienced and relatively inexperienced was one of the important aspects of the institute. The benefits of such informal contacts cannot be measured.

The role of the state field consultant has been increased greatly since the passage of the Library Services Act. The consultant occupies a unique position in the field of librarianship: being a librarian, teacher, engineer, psychologist, and general factotum as the occasion demands. This many-faceted role of the consultant was well characterized in an opening address by Miss Lucile Nix; an address which set a high plane for the institute. The need for all state agencies to develop a philosophy and belief concerning the role of its consultative services were emphasized. A "listening panel" of new and experienced consultants discussed the

unique role of the consultant as defined by Miss Nix highlighting the need of the consultant to formulate a philosophy of consultative work within the framework of his own agency, the position of the consultant as a teacher and stimulator, the status of a consultant as a state employee, and the need of the consultant to find and utilize local resources.

Local resources are a fount of hidden help if the consultant will seek out and stimulate the desired elements. The community and its people is being studied by many, many groups—both private and governmental. The consultant can make use of such studies in increasing the effectiveness of the local or regional library system. Through such studies and through the use of a local community group containing representatives of various socio-economic groups, the well-informed, the native born and the newcomer, the consultant will be able to observe the community situation as a whole. Dr. Lawrence L. Durisch, Government Relations and Economics Staff, Tennessee Valley Authority, emphasized this need of the consultant to observe the entire situation with the aid of a community group, in a clear, well-defined paper "The Community and Its People." In a "buzz session" which followed this paper, the above points were re-emphasized and the need of taking a collective approach to community problems was reaffirmed.

The philosophies and theories of consultant work provides the framework upon which library service can build. In building and extending library service, the consultant must be equipped with an adequate background, administrative support, the proper materials, and with effective methods of reporting and communication. It was interesting to note that the materials listed as "essentials," although they ran

the gamut from tranquilizers to stub brooms, were not localized needs: the consultant in each part of the country appeared to require similar materials. Certainly, the field consultant today is making use of the latest technological methods; dictaphone, thermo-fax copiers, multilith and other various means of print reproduction, were among the machines listed as common equipment in many state agencies.

The strong point of the Institute was the concentrated interchange of ideas and experiences. Certainly anyone attending the Institute should have a fund of knowledge and experiences to better equip him in the consultant field in any region of the United States.

The climax to the Institute was certainly the final speech by Dr. Robert D. Leigh, School of Library Service, Columbia University. His paper, "The Challenge of Libraries and Consultants in Tomorrow's U.S.A.," was indeed a challenge to consultants in this changing America, and a reminder of the extreme importance which the librarian plays in this change.

Surely all consultants must have gone back to their work to "sit in a going position," as one speaker characterized the busy consultant.

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### **MPLA Convention (Aug. 29-30, 1958) PROGRAM**

It's time to begin your serious plans for the biggest MPLA annual meeting in years. Your officers decided that the time had come for a meeting in which we could honestly sit down together for three days and work out some serious plans for the future of libraries within our region.

With the **work** aspect in mind, Lora Crouch selected Mr. John Eastlick for the important post of program chairman. Mr. Eastlick, Librarian of the Denver Public Library, planned the program for the Jackson Hole meeting in 1955, one of our best programs, by the way. This time plans are afoot to set up a series of Workshops in which

each member, no matter what his interest, might find a subject to stir his imagination.

Some of the suggested topics include budgets, personnel, in-service training, regional cooperation, library education, cooperation between graduate-undergraduate library education programs, audio-visual programs, adult education, larger units of service, inter-library cooperation, cooperative buying and processing plus many more. Obviously, we cannot cover the mall, but you should begin to think about your own choice of a Workshop. Let Mr. Eastlick know about your choice or further suggestions.

### **HOUSING**

The University of Denver has made available its apartment dormitories which are close to the Student Union building. The following is pertinent to where each of you may stay:

Single persons attending the MPLA Conference are assigned either to two bedroom apartments reserved for four or single bedroom apartments reserved for three.

Single persons (2 bedrooms for 4 or one bedroom for 3) \$20.00 per week.

Single persons — apartments with increased occupancy, \$15.00 per week.

Married couples — one bedroom apartment, \$40.00 per week.

Married couples — two-bedroom apartment, \$55.00 per week.

### **Periods of less than one week:**

Three-day MPLA Conference, Aug. 28, 29, 30, 1958.

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## BIBLIOGRAPHICAL CENTER NEWS

### BIBLIOGRAPHICAL CENTER FOR RESEARCH

The special survey committee for the Bibliographical Center, appointed by the Executive Committee at its Chicago-Midwinter meeting, worked on March 13 and 14, 1958. Interrelated problems, administrative and financial, were considered. Members of the committee examined the Union Catalog and were brought up-to-date about filing conditions on the 13th. On the 14th, they were joined by members of the Executive Committee and a catalog specialist for an all-day discussion.

The discussion was concerned particularly with the advantages and disadvantages of including all Library of Congress depository cards in the Union Catalog, plus the procedures and costs which would be necessary if the practice were discontinued. Mr. Forrest Carhart recommended that the Executive Committee be requested to discontinue filing L.C. card with production dates of January 1, 1956, and following. Someone mentioned that a majority of the Committee was present. Mr. Carhart made his suggestion into a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ray Jane-way. After some consideration, it passed, seven to one.

The above consideration brought out that a second copy of the L.C. printed catalog would be needed for the exclusive use of the Bibliographical Center when it no longer had cards. Mr. John Eastlick moved that one be purchased, Mr. Stuart Baillie seconded the motion, and it passed, six to two. Mr. Eastlick proposed that L.C. cards without regional coding for the years 1898 to 1941 (production dates, not imprint) be pulled from the catalog. This was agreed to, as were the suggestions to concentrate on filing records of regional holdings, and keeping L.C. cards which will be received for future use, in case the printed catalog's use proves impractical.

The matter of changing the method of fund-raising was brought up. Present charges and the methods of determining them for members were reviewed. After talking about possible new ways for a while, Mr. Eastlick said he had come to the conclusion that the best all-round solution might be a flat membership fee, plus a charge for each service given beyond a stipulated maximum. Agreement seemed general, that present charges should be re-evaluated and that further consideration to the problem of membership fees and a service charge be handed to a committee for further consideration.

Reported by:

Phyllis Osteen, Secretary

### CENTER'S ANNUAL MEETING WITH MPLA

At the Executive Committee Meeting at ALA Midwinter it was decided to set the date Saturday, August 30, 1958, for the annual business meeting. The session will be held in the Denver Public Library Auditorium and in headquarters of the Bibliographical Center.

### NEW MEMBERS IN 1958

The following have joined the Bibliographical Center:

Mrs. Constance C. Collins, State Librarian, Nevada State Library, Carson City; Miss Edith L. Guyor, Librarian General Beadle Teachers College, Madison, South Dakota; Mrs. Iola E. Neil, Librarian, Public Library, Boulder, Colorado; Mrs. J. H. Perdue, Librarian, Mrs. Louva H. Lovell, Chairman, Moore County Library Board, Dumas, Texas; V. L. Mattson, Dr. M. B. Goren, Kerr McGee Oil Industries, Rt. 1, Box 299A, Golden, Colorado; Neva Barr, Norman R. Rowlinson, Ball Associates, C. A. Johnson Bldg., Denver, Colorado; Irving Salzman, 6121 East 60 Place, Denver 16, Colorado.

# MINUTES, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, MPLA, JANUARY 31, 1958

Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

The meeting was attended by the following MPLA members:

## *Executive Board*

1. Lora Crouch, *President*, Carnegie Library, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
2. Robert Thomas, *Vice President*, Public Library, Hutchinson, Kansas.
3. Stuart Baillie, *Acting Secretary*.
4. Esto Hatfield, South Dakota, Pierre Carnegie Public Library, Pierre, South Dakota.
5. Ralph Thomson, Utah, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.
6. Eulalia Chapman, Colorado.
7. John Harvey, Kansas, Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Kansas.

## *Members*

1. Alice Paine, Nebraska.
2. Charles Dalrymple, Nebraska (Lincoln).
3. Loraine Vilas.
4. Zelia French, Kansas.
5. Frank Lundy, Nebraska.
6. Gordon Bennett, Colorado.
7. Jim Hodgson, Chicago (Colorado).
8. Jerry Cushman, Kansas.

The Treasurer's report was read by Lora Cruch. Essentials were as follows:

\$1,254.95 Balance on hand  
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University of Denver Campus was begun. This meeting is scheduled for August 28, 29, 30, 1958. A letter from Mr. Carhart, President of CLA, was read. It included a rejection of an invitation for CLA to meet jointly with MPLA in August, and invited MPLA to meet with CLA at Glenwood Springs Colorado, the first week in October. It was decided that MPLA could not conveniently change its present plans. Bob Thomas moved that MPLA continue its plans to meet on the University of Denver Campus and reply to Colorado Library Association that the MPLA regrets that it cannot accept its generous offer. Motion was seconded and passed by the Executive Board. Lora Crouch promised to set Mr. Carhart straight on the invitation to the University of Denver Campus.

Lora Crouch announced Gordon Bennett as Program Chairman, and Stuart Baillie as Convention Chairman for the 1958 MPLA Conference.

Bob Thomas, Chairman, Constitutional Committee, suggested the following items for consideration:

1. Combined Treasurer-Secretary to hold office for two years.
2. A biennial rather than an annual meeting.

3. New dues scale: \$2.00 \$3.00 \$4.00?  
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No decisions were reached concerning constitutional changes since all such changes hinge on the present direction, plans and hopes of MPLA. Further action was put off until the annual meeting in Denver.

Lora Crouch announced the following committee chairman and members:

## *Planning Committee*

Frank Lundy, *Chairman*  
Milton Abrams  
Charles Dalrymple  
Zelia French

The future of the MPLA Quarterly was discussed and it was moved, seconded and voted in the affirmative to continue to publish it for three more issues. Present arrangements do not include a paid editor and an Executive Committee, composed of Miriam McNally, John Eastlick and Stuart Baillie, published the Fall 1957 issue.

Meeting was adjourned.

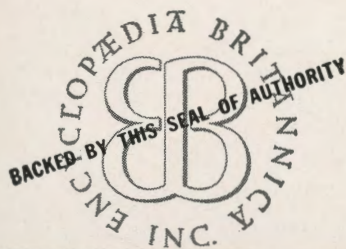
Stuart Baillie, *Acting Secretary*  
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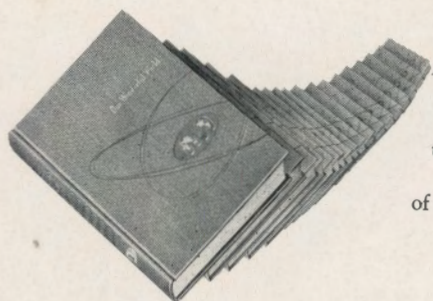
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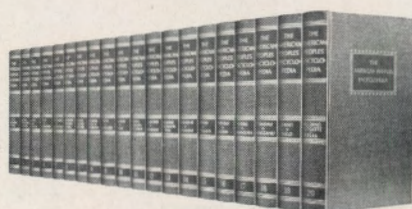
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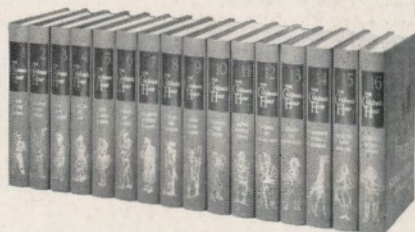


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