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THE THIRTY-SECOND GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGIATE ALUMNAE, PHILADELPHIA, APRIL 13-17, 1914 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING BELLEVUE-STRATFORD HOTEL, MONDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 13, 1914

KATHARINE E. PUNCHEON, Secretary-Treasurer

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Alexander F. Morrison, President. The roll call was delayed awaiting the report of the Committee on Credentials. On motion Miss Lulu Gay was appointed as stenographer for the Convention.

It was moved and seconded that, since the minutes of the last Council meeting have been printed in the *Journal* and placed in the hands of each member of the Association, the reading of them be dispensed with.

The minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors held in Chicago, March 27, 1913, were read and approved. They authorized the president of the Philadelphia Branch to appoint a Committee on Arrangements for the Biennial and to act as chairman of the same. This committee, in consultation with the Philadelphia Branch, was empowered to appoint subcommittees and make all necessary arrangements for the Philadelphia Biennial, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Association. It was voted that the dates of the 1915 meeting in San Francisco should be Monday, August 16, to Saturday, August 21, inclusive, and that the Council meeting be called for Monday, August 23.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held Monday morning, April 13, 1914, were next presented, as follows:

It was moved and carried that the Board of Directors authorize the arrangements made by the Philadelphia local Committee on Arrangements.

It was moved and carried that the Committee of Fifty, appointed by the California Branch, be authorized by the Board of Directors and empowered to complete the arrangements necessary for the San Francisco Biennial.

The Board of Directors reported the name of Mrs. Clarissa Fowler Murdoch as Auditor for the coming year.

On motion the Board authorized the payment of the expenditures of the General

Secretary and Secretary-Treasurer and the bills contracted by sectional vice-presidents to the amount of \$5.00 each. The Board further authorized the payment of the expenses of a delegate to the International Conference on School Hygiene and the Conference on Training in Citizenship, and asked the Council to define a policy for representation of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae in such conventions.

On motion it was agreed that the bill incurred by the Philadelphia Branch for printing of programs be authorized to the extent of \$50.00.

On motion it was agreed that college councillors who should present themselves at this meeting should be accepted as representatives of their colleges when properly identified, and that the Board of Directors recommend that a change in the By-Laws, referring to college councillors, be made so that colleges may elect their own councillors, such councillors to be members of the Association.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

After one slight correction this report of the Board of Directors was approved.

The President then announced that the Association was particularly fortunate in having present Miss Julia C. Lathrop, the head of the Children's Bureau at Washington, D.C. Since this was the only time that Miss Lathrop could be present, Mrs. Morrison asked that the order of business be suspended so that the Council might hear from Miss Lathrop her views on the proposed Educational Exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Mrs. Morrison spoke of the suggestion which had been made to the California Branch that the Association of Collegiate Alumnae assemble a Child Welfare Exhibit for the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and of the work of the California Branch in obtaining information on the best method of procedure and possibility of arranging such an exhibit in the time before us. Mrs. Morrison then called upon Miss Lathrop, who spoke at length as to the possibilities of assembling such an exhibit and the benefit to be derived. Following Miss Lathrop's statement, Mrs. Morrison explained that she had with her a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Committee of Fifty of the California Branch and presented three suggestions, given in the order of preference: First, an exhibit on the subject of child welfare; second, an exhibit on the subject of the higher education of women; third, a headquarters and a bureau of information concerning all the educational exhibits at the Exposition. These resolutions, Mrs. Morrison explained, would be placed in the hands of such a committee as Miss Lathrop suggested. At the conclusion of the discussion Mrs. Turner of California moved that a committee be appointed by the President with power to act in line with the suggestions of Miss Lathrop. This motion was seconded by Miss Sabin of Milwaukee. This motion was amended to read that the committee should have power to act in conference with the Board of Directors and to report its final action to the branches. A further amendment was offered as follows: "That the funds of the Association should not be called upon to meet the expenses of such an exhibit, but that it should be in every case a special contribution." This amendment having been accepted, the motion was put and carried. In its final form it reads as follows: "That the President appoint a committee which, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall have full power to act in the matter of an exhibit

at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, provided that no funds for the purpose of such an exhibit be expended from the treasury of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, but from special contributions only." It was then on motion agreed that councillors and delegates be requested to present this whole matter to their branches for free discussion in order that the branches might be prepared to take final action on the receipt of the report of the local committee acting with the Board of Directors.

The President then called upon the Secretary-Treasurer to present her report. The financial statement from June 1, 1913, to April 1, 1914, showed receipts from various sources of \$5,800.10 and a net gain in membership of 379. A supplementary report to that of April 13 showed total receipts of \$6,102.10 and a net gain in membership of 447. On motion it was agreed to consider the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-Treasurer before adopting the report. The first recommendation, that the Secretary-Treasurer continue to act as chairman of the Membership Committee until the next meeting of the Council, was adopted. After some discussion, the second recommendation, referring to the method of distributing the *Journal*, was approved, provided that further investigation confirmed the wisdom of using the addressograph list. The third recommendation, that the publication of the *Register* be discontinued, was adopted after some discussion. On motion the report of the Secretary-Treasurer was approved.

The Secretary-Treasurer then presented her report as chairman of the Membership Committee, and on motion it was agreed to consider the suggestions made in this report separately.

The first suggestion was to the effect that deans of A.C.A. colleges who are not eligible to membership in the Association be admitted to membership during their term of service. After some discussion as to the wisdom of such a policy the President ruled that such a suggestion was contrary to the By-Laws which clearly define the question of eligibility.

The second recommendation of the chairman of the Membership Committee was that the Association delegate to the Committee on Recognition of Colleges and Universities the authority to settle questions of individual eligibility that arise from time to time. Miss Punchedon cited a case in point showing the questions that arise, and, after some discussion, it was moved and agreed that this and all such questions be referred to the Committee on Recognition of Colleges and Universities.

Following this discussion the report of the chairman of the Membership Committee was adopted as a whole.

The report of the Auditor, Mrs. Clarissa Fowler Murdoch, was presented, attesting that Mr. Schoelefield of Salt Lake City had audited the books of the Bursar and that Miss Mary B. Niles of Philadelphia had audited the books of the Secretary-Treasurer and found them correct. On motion this report was adopted.

The Secretary-Treasurer then presented the report of the Bursar from October 1, 1912, to June 1, 1913, and a supplementary report from June 1, 1913, to March, 1914. Upon suggestion that the details of this report be left

until a future meeting Miss Puncheon read the following balances from Mrs. Van Winkle's report:²

October 1, 1912, to June 1, 1913: receipts, \$10,129.22; expenditures, \$7,276.43; balance on hand June 1, 1913, \$2,852.79.

June 1, 1913, to March, 1914: balance and receipts, \$9,327.81; expenditures, \$5,049.87; balance on hand March, 1914, \$4,277.94.

On motion this report was accepted.

The report of the Committee on Recognition of Colleges and Universities was presented by the chairman, Miss Ada L. Comstock. The committee recommended that the following colleges, fulfilling all requirements, be accepted by the Association of Collegiate Alumnae: Beloit College, Women's College in Brown University, Colorado College, Goucher College, Lake Forest College, University of Colorado, University of Washington (in Seattle), Washington University (in St. Louis).

The committee recommended, second, "that until a year from this date, the Committee on Recognition of Colleges and Universities shall be empowered to recommend to the branches and to the Board of Directors the names of colleges and universities which are included in Class I of the list prepared by the Bureau of Education; and that in the absence of reason shown by the branches why such colleges and universities should not be admitted, and upon the favorable vote of three-fourths of the Board of Directors, these colleges and universities should be admitted to the A.C.A."

The committee recommended, third, "that the Committee on Recognition of Colleges and Universities be authorized to continue to use Class I of the list prepared by the Bureau of Education as its standard of academic rating until the Biennial meeting in San Francisco, in August, 1915."

On motion the first recommendation was adopted by a three-fourths vote of the Council, as provided in Art. I, sec. 1, of the By-Laws.

It was ruled by the Chair that the second recommendation was contrary to the By-Laws and could not be adopted. Miss Comstock then restated this recommendation, substituting "members of the Council" instead of "Board of Directors," and the recommendation was adopted.

It was then moved and seconded that the third recommendation be adopted; and, after further discussion, it was moved and seconded that this report as amended be adopted as a whole. The motion was carried.

The Secretary-Treasurer next recommended the admission of eight new branches, as follows: Newburgh, New York; Des Moines, Iowa; Kalamazoo, Michigan; Great Falls, Montana; Wyoming State Branch; Toledo, Ohio; Oberlin, Ohio; and Philippines, P.I. Miss Puncheon explained that the Wyoming State Branch is a state branch, divided into chapters. She said further that the constitutions of the above were in her possession, and, except for slight modifications, which there had not been time to make before the meeting, were in conformity with the Constitution of the National Association. She therefore moved that these eight branches be admitted with the under-

² The Bursar's report will appear in full in a later number of the *Journal*.—Ed.

standing that any slight differences in their constitutions be changed to agree with the National Constitution. This motion was carried.

Miss Francis was then called upon to report for Miss Adams, chairman of the committee charged with the publication of *Bulletin No. 1*, on "Vocational Opportunities." Miss Francis explained that Miss Adams had been compelled to resign from this committee because of ill health, and that the work of the committee was now in the hands of the General Secretary. Miss Francis described the work of the Committee on the Vocational Bulletin, which had been prepared to sell at fifty cents a copy. She referred to the authorization, by the Council meeting in Chicago of an expenditure of \$200 and explained that this had been inadequate. Because of its importance the committee had felt it right to proceed with the work of publication, and Miss Francis now presented the deficit incurred for the consideration of the Association. After some discussion, it was on motion agreed that the proceeds from the sale of *Bulletin No. 1* be applied toward the liquidation of the indebtedness for printing. An amendment was offered that this action should not be considered as a precedent for future committees. Upon the acceptance of the amendment by the original mover the motion was carried.

Miss Maltby, chairman of the Committee on Fellowships, then presented her report in the form of the following resolutions: "First, that the thanks of the A.C.A. be given to our President, Mrs. Morrison, Professor Perkins, Mrs. Rumsey, Mrs. Albright, and the various smaller contributors who made possible the granting of an A.C.A. European fellowship for the year 1914-15. Second, that the payment of the stipends be made in two instalments, July 15 and January 15. Third, that in awarding the A.C.A. fellowships in general, preference be given to those graduates who have completed at least two years of graduate work and have a definite research in preparation. Fourth, that the data upon which the applications for the fellowships are awarded by the A.C.A. Committee on Fellowships must be in the hands of the committee by January 1. Fifth, that the Association of Collegiate Alumnae publish a memorial pamphlet concerning the life and achievements of Anna C. Brackett, in the form of the *Journal of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae*, and that this be sent to every member of the Association and to the officers of the Anna C. Brackett Memorial Association; and that a copy be given to every Anna C. Brackett Memorial Fellow, and that extra copies be printed to meet possible demands. Sixth, that after the Anna C. Brackett Memorial Fellow is chosen, her name be sent to the chairman of the Fellowship Committee of the Memorial Association, and every effort be made to facilitate a meeting between the Fellow and the Memorial Association in New York, in order that the Association may know the Fellow and the Fellow may realize more the importance of the life and work of the woman she is helping to honor."

The first, second, third, fourth, and sixth resolutions were adopted without discussion. An amendment was offered to the fifth resolution that the supplemental number of the *Journal* devoted to the life and achievements of Anna C. Brackett be edited by the Association in order to safeguard the expense. With this amendment the fifth resolution was adopted.

For the Committee on Credentials the chairman then brought forward the question of plural voting by one individual in different capacities and suggested that the Council recommend to the Convention some simpler method of voting. Since this was the first convention under the new By-Laws, there was no tradition to guide the committee in this matter; and, after much discussion, it was moved and carried "that delegates and councillors at this convention be permitted to vote in accordance with their expectations."

The chairman of the Committee on Credentials then offered the following recommendation for voting at this biennial convention: "That at the beginning of each meeting the maximum number of votes be determined and that the majority of the votes make a ruling on any question except where a decision is called for." This recommendation was approved.

For the Committee on Sectional Vice-Presidents Mrs. Morrison announced the appointment of Mrs. Mabel Sawyer McVey as vice-president of the Northwest Central Section.

Miss White, vice-president of the Southeast Central Section, then brought forward for consideration the question of the policy of the A.C.A. in the territory of the Southern Association of College Women and Miss Lord presented the following resolutions from the Southern Association:

"*Resolved*, That the Southern Association of College Women in convention assembled at Louisville, Kentucky, sends cordial greetings to the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, and expresses the cordial desire to co-operate in every way toward their common aims.

"To this end the S.A.C.W. cordially invites the A.C.A. to send regularly or whenever possible, a fraternal delegate to its annual convention, who will be welcomed as a guest to the inner circle of the Council.

"It also heartily invites each sectional vice-president, or her personal appointee, to be present at the meetings of the branches within her section. In case this invitation is accepted, her name will be placed upon the list of the various branches, to receive the notices of the meetings.

"*Resolved*, That Miss Eleanor L. Lord, Dean of Goucher College, be appointed as the personal representative of the Association in transmitting this invitation.

"Extracts from the minutes of the S.A.C.W., Louisville, Kentucky, April 7-10, 1914.

"[Signed] ELIZABETH AVERY COTTON
President, Southern Association of College Women"

This resolution was referred to the Biennial for action and Miss White's question was answered by the following motion: "That it be the policy of this Association to move carefully in the territory of the Southern Association, and not attempt to form branches in places where this will make less useful the work of the Southern Association." An amendment to this motion was offered providing that the Council refer this question to the Board of Directors with a view of working out a plan of co-operation with the Southern Association so as to futher the best interests of all college women. Upon the acceptance of the amendment the motion was carried.

On motion the Council adjourned.