

Annual Meeting

Council on Regional Historical Research in Progress

Held at The Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Oregon, April 11, 1959

Chairman Siegfried Rolland presided at the meeting. Thirty-six members and three guests were present.

Editor Clarence Gorchels reported that two issues of Foreshadow were distributed during the year. He stated that the Fall and Spring publication schedule seems admirably suited to the needs of Foreshadow's public and indicated that Lucille McDonald's article in the Seattle Times for Sunday, February 1, 1959, entitled "Bulletin Aids Historical Researchers, Librarians," had stimulated a number of inquiries about the newsletter. The mailing list is large and is undergoing some changes and contraction as a result of the editor's inquiry as to whether the readers wish to continue to receive Foreshadow. Gorchels thanked the members of the publications committee for their assistance during the year: Donald H. Clark, David Duniway, Robert Hitchman, Willard Ireland, and Bruce Le Roy. In closing Gorchels asked for continued assistance from the general membership in collecting information for the newsletter.

WEST SHORE INDEX COMMITTEE REPORT

Herman Deutsch reported that the Index to the first ten years of West Shore Magazine is currently available on microfilm (upon application to Thomas Vaughan, Director, Oregon Historical Society) and is ready for publication in the Oregon Historical Quarterly. Deutsch moved that the Council commend the Oregon Historical Society for planning the publication of the index to West Shore Magazine. The motion was seconded and carried.

Deutsch stated that his committee had investigated the status of the projected index of the Inland Empire Magazine which the Museum Volunteers of the Eastern Washington Historical Society had undertaken several years ago. He moved that the Council commend the Museum Volunteers of the Eastern Washington State Historical Society for their project and that the Council urge the Eastern Washington State Historical Society to hasten publication of the index. The motion was seconded and carried.

Deutsch asked that the general membership communicate suggestions to him concerning bibliographical work which they might investigate.

COMMITTEE ON REPRODUCTION OF HISTORICAL MATERIALS

This committee offered no motions but, rather, presented evidence of the variety of microfilming and other reproductive services available in the field of historical research, including offerings of commercial firms, university libraries, and state historical societies. Edwin Bingham discussed the facilities of the University of Oregon library and revealed that the researcher can get reproductions of the following types there: photostats, microfilm, verifax, and thermo-fax enlargements and microfilm. He also indicated that the library is currently engaged in the microfilming of Oregon newspapers, a project jointly undertaken with the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association.

H. J. Swinney discussed various micro-reproductive methods which he has had an opportunity to use at the Idaho Historical Society. These included contura, verifax, thermofax, and microfilm. He made special note of the fact that the Idaho Historical Society has a special microfilm service available for authors of theses and papers concerning Idaho. He also discussed the micro-xerographic means of reproducing whole books. George Frykman concluded the report of this committee by also discussing the micro-xerographic process of reproduction in some detail and by exhibiting photographs of the process and copies of books reproduced by this process. Frykman reported that University Microfilms corporation had written that their proposed project to microfilm master's theses was still in the study stage.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Secretary-Treasurer Frykman reported that the minutes of the last annual meeting had been distributed last year, shortly after the session. He reported also that the Council's treasury had been activated since J. Neilson Barry, of Portland, had contributed \$5.00 to the organization. Total receipts were reported as \$13.00, with no disbursements. Frykman stated that there had been a considerable amount of correspondence during the year, most of it dealing with the preparation of the annual program. He also stated that there were 38 active members.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Rolland reviewed the Council's work for the year, indicating that the preparation of the annual program had taken up a considerable amount of time on his part and that of the Secretary-Treasurer. He expressed thanks to those who had worked on the various committees, especially to Editor Gorchels. He also thanked the members who responded to requests for information or assistance. He also requested that quick communication be maintained in the future in order to speed the work of the organization. Rolland further reported that the Social Science Division of the University of Idaho and the History Department of the State College of Washington have provided the Council with invaluable secretarial assistance, stamps, and other materials which have greatly assisted the work of the Council. He expressed his gratitude to both institutions for this assistance.

RESOLUTIONS

Father W. L. Davis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the council on Regional Historical Research in Progress wishes to offer its thanks to the History Department of the State College of Washington and the Division of Social Sciences at the University of Idaho for clerical assistance, supplies, and postage which have alone made possible the carrying out of the work of the chairman and secretary-treasurer. The resolution was seconded and carried.

Raymond Muse offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Council on Regional Historical Research in Progress extends special thanks to the Oregon Historical Society, its director, Thomas Vaughan, and his staff, for an excellent performance in hosting this meeting and in providing so well and so generously for its success. The resolution was seconded and carried.

George H. Frykman
Secretary-Treasurer

Clarence Gorchels offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the Council on Regional Historical Research in Progress is grateful to Mr. Bruce Le Roy and the Washington State Historical Society for its continuing support in contributing advice, technical assistance, and a lot of plain hard work in maintaining the publication of Foreshadow; be it

resolved that the Secretary be instructed to convey the thanks of the Council to Mr. Le Roy and the Society. The resolution was seconded and carried.

Herman Deutsch offered the following resolution, based upon a recommendation by Clifford Armstrong, who was unable to be present: Resolved, that the Council on Regional Historical Research in Progress urge the consideration of a common policy among the archival institutions of the Pacific Northwest for the reconnaissance, acquisition, and management of materials relating to the history of the region and that the Chairman of the Council appoint a committee to study and further this purpose. The resolution was seconded and evoked considerable discussion. The result was that Thomas Vaughan offered an amendment directing the establishment of a small committee which should work through a meeting or series of meetings, rather than by correspondence. The amendment was seconded and carried. The original resolution, as amended was carried.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Robert Hitchman, Chairman, Nominating Committee, reported the following nominations for the Executive Committee, which included Herman Deutsch, Francis Haines, Jr., and Keith Murray:

For three year terms:

Thomas Vaughan
Maryan Reynolds
Willard Ireland
H. J. Swinney

Deutsch moved that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for all four candidates. The motion was seconded and carried.

The four candidates were thereby elected.

CONTRIBUTIONS

At the close of the meeting the membership donated a total of \$16.80 to the treasury.

The meeting was adjourned upon a motion.

Respectfully submitted,

George A. Frykman
George A. Frykman
Secretary-Treasurer

Meeting of the Executive Committee
of the Council on Regional Historical Research in Progress

This meeting was held at the Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Oregon, April 11, 1959, immediately following the annual meeting of the Council. Members of the Executive Committee present were: Siegfried Rolland (Chairman), George A. Frykman, Robert Hitchman, Bruce Le Roy (ex officio), H. J. Swinney, Thomas Vaughan.

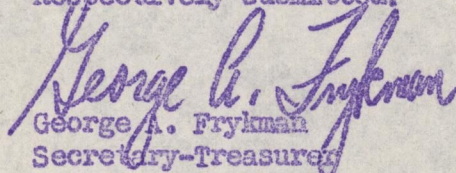
Chairman Rolland presided. The following officers of the Council were elected for one year terms:

Chairman of the Council: Siegfried Rolland

Secretary-Treasurer of the Council: Bruce Le Roy

Acting editor of Foreshadow: George A. Frykman (Clarence Gorchels was granted a one year leave as editor as he will spend the next year in New York city)

Respectively submitted:


George A. Frykman
Secretary-Treasurer

Special Note from the Chairman

Please submit suggestions for the program and meeting of the Council for 1960 to Chairman Siegfried Rolland, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, or Secretary Bruce Le Roy, Washington State Historical Society, 315 North Stadium Way, Tacoma. The next annual meeting will be held in Seattle during late April or early May, 1960. The program should be made up by the first of next year so submit your suggestions early.