

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS

AIMS—

- To help museums solve their problems and increase their usefulness. .
- To increase and diffuse knowledge of all matters relating to museums.
- To encourage helpful relations among museums and those interested in them.

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THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION

PUBLICATIONS—

- *The Museum News*, a fortnightly newspaper, gives members high-spot news of museums, personal items, and notes on publications. Back copies 25¢ each; volumes \$5.00; sets, Vols. 1 to 30 (1924-1953) complete with index of papers, not bound \$100.00.
- Professional papers, in a feature section of the *News*. Thirty-year index, 1924 to 1953, *gratis* to members, extra copies \$1.00. Occasional separate papers.
- Books, available to members ordering direct from the AAM at 20 per cent less than list prices given here. *Museum Buildings*, A Planning Study, Vol. I, full text, illustrated, \$10.00 (plates are in preparation). *College and University Museums*, \$1.25. The following standard works, now out of print, can be seen at most museums: *The Museum in America* (3 volumes), *Manual for Small Museums*, *Historic House Museums*, *Company Museums*.
- Lists of Members. Institution Member roster, revised at intervals, is used all over the world as a check list of the active museums in the United States. Individual Member directory. To members, one copy of each *gratis*, extra copies \$1.00.

MEETINGS—

- National Convention, held each year in May or June. Recent meeting places: Buffalo, Twin Cities, Philadelphia, Colorado Springs, Chicago, Boston, Quebec, Washington. Santa Barbara in 1954. Attendance 400 or more. Three-day program with general forums; group sessions representing: art and history and science museums, children's museums, college and university museums, national and state park museums, and planetariums; also group sessions of museum librarians, registrars, superintendents, and technical workers in art and science.
- Regional Conferences, held each year, usually in the fall, in New England, Midwest, West,

Northeast with Canada, Southeast, and Mountain Plains.

OTHER SERVICES—

- Information, liaison, employment.
- Consulting, by correspondence and conference, on questions of museum organization, management, finance, technique, and building.
- Washington representation in matters touching museum interests.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT—

- Surveys and studies, leading to professional publications and giving background for consulting and programs of action. In this and its other work, the AAM seeks to raise standards in museums.

MEMBERSHIP

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS—

- All persons officially connected with museums or actively interested are invited to join. Public librarians may join by title to secure AAM publications. Membership cards are available upon request. Members receive *The Museum News* and occasional papers.
- Dues are \$5 a year.

INSTITUTION MEMBERS—

- All museums are invited to join the AAM, their national organization. The roster of over 500 institutions includes all of the leading museums and many smaller active museums of art, history, and science (natural history and technology) in the United States. Among these are museums of special types: state and local historical societies, historic house museums, university and college museums and teaching collections, school museums, children's museums, company museums, and museums in national and state parks.
- Payments are from \$15 to \$100 a year, with Sustaining Institution Members contributing \$250. A museum may join at \$15, but after the first year it is asked to adopt the regular scale calling for \$1 to be paid for each \$1,000 of the museum's own operating budget, between the limits named.