

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING,  
APRIL 30, 1955,  
BOARD OF CURATORS  
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The regular meeting of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society was held April 30 in the library of the Society's building in Tacoma. The following were present: J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., President; Dr. Herman J. Deutsch, Vice-President; Roe E. Shaub, Joel E. Ferris, Joshua Green, Rev. W. L. Davis, Harold Barto, D. H. White, Della Gould Emmons, Robert Hitehman, Thos. A. Swayze, Howard J. Burnham, Judge Matthew W. Hill, Dr. Arthur S. Cory, Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, L. A. Kibbe, Judge Donald A. McDonald, John M. McClelland, Jr., Dr. Leon K. Jones, Click Relander.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without reading, inasmuch as they had been mailed to all members of the Board, with no changes deemed necessary.

Dr. Deutsch moved that, inasmuch as the By-Laws provide for different terms for vice-presidents elected in 1955, his term as vice-president be for one year and that of Mr. Shaub for three years. Dr. Deutsch emphasized the importance of holding to the present plan of electing one vice-president from Eastern Washington. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barto and carried.

Mr. Weyerhaeuser, in the absence of Guy T. Pierce, gave out copies of a financial statement prepared under a formula worked out in the financial department of his company. He pointed out that in the absence of Mr. Pierce it was impossible to include some details normally planned and included, these having to do with the Society funds.

Mr. Swayze moved that the additional information be made a part of the minutes, and also that the form followed be approved. The motion was carried.

The Director's report covered a number of items. He stated that the Legislature had approved \$55,000 for salaries and wages for the coming biennium, and \$18,500 for operations, this to include \$500 for repairs at Pickett House in Bellingham. He said the budget would present some problems but believed they could be worked out satisfactorily.

School attendance, he said, continues to increase, as well as attendance in general. He directed attention to the new Pioneer Rooms that were being opened that day, also the new storage rooms on the first floor, which would meet a long-felt need in the building. Museum artifacts would be in one room and clothing in another both air-tight. He stated that the Legislature had passed a law requiring the display of the state flag within buildings where the American flag was displayed. The law was suggested to the Legislature by the Society.

Local society progress was noted, a report of the fine organization in Skagit County now a year old, and the probability of a new society in Lewis County. Lewis and Clark Sesqui-Centennial activities were reported, the Director being chairman of both the state committee and the Northwest committees. He stated the Northern Pacific is sponsoring the publication of 25,000 Lewis and Clark



Progress in securing a cut of a log 11½ feet in diameter was reported. The cut was in the Bellingham harbor, he stated, but would be towed to Tacoma soon. It will take most of the summer to dry it out, after which it would be moved to the building grounds by the Tacoma Rotary Club. He called attention to the fact that the stonework in the front of the building, including the columns, had been cleaned at considerable expense, taken care of by the President.

In the matter of Society membership, the Director stated that returns from lists of names submitted by Board members had been very satisfactory, but that too few members had submitted names. He urged others to do this.

Mr. Click Relander was introduced as a new member of the Board, giving that area its first representation since the passing of the late L. V. McWhorter. Mr. Relander is City Editor of the Yakima Republic and very active in historical work in Central Washington.

In calling attention to the Indian Treaty Centennial, Dr. Deutsch suggested that emphasis should be placed this year upon the contribution made by the Indian to the development of Washington, rather than the treaties themselves, which he considered very unfair to the Indian.

Reporting for the Library Committee, Mr. Hitchman stated that definite progress was being made under the direction of Miss Babcock. He stated that in Spokane the Society would receive a Certificate from the American Forest History Foundation. He praised the work of Miss Babcock in preparing the Lewis & Clark Bibliography for use in libraries over the state, also the research work being done in the library. He felt the time was coming when an effort should be made to define the area of work in collecting Northwest material. This could come only through a conference of agencies involved. Mr. Hitchman recommended that funds secured from corporate memberships in the Society might properly be used in expanding the work of the library.

Speaking also for the Membership Committee, Mr. Hitchman urged members of the Board to send in names of prospective members, both individual and corporate. He moved that the resignation of Mrs. Ruth E. Peeler from the Board be accepted with regret, this action having been necessitated by ill health.

Mr. Ferris spoke of the coming Northwest History Conference in Spokane and urged Board members to attend if possible. It was moved and carried that the Conference be invited to hold its 1956 session in Tacoma.

Mr. Weyerhaeuser reported that it has not been necessary to call the Executive Committee together so that group would have no report.

Mr. McClelland, for the Nominations Committee, reported the action of the committee in preparing the ballot for this year's election, to include: Reno Odlin, Tacoma, president; Dr. Herman J. Deutsch, Pullman, and Roe E. Shaub, Tacoma, vice-presidents; Curators for three years: Mrs. Thos. P. Goss, Walla Walla; Robert Hitchman, Seattle; Dr. Leon K. Jones, Seattle, John M. McClelland, Jr., Longview; Howard A. Hanson, Seattle; Donald A. McDonald, Seattle; Mrs. Pearl Wanamaker, Olympia; J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Tacoma; and Curator for one year, Click Relander.



Mr. McClelland, speaking for the committee, nominated Mr. S. A. Perkins for the position of Curator Emeritus, an honor bestowed only twice previously. He outlined the long service of Mr. Perkins on the Board as member and as President, of his gifts to the Society and continued interest in its progress. Others seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. The Director was instructed to write Mr. Perkins a note of congratulation on the occasion of his 90th birthday May 8th.

Dr. Deutsch suggested the advisability of undertaking a printed report of some kind to include reports from local societies, such reports not being considered feasible in the Northwest Quarterly. Additional study was recommended.

Mr. Weyerhaeuser raised the question of a plan of cooperation with local societies in the matter of dues, offering a combination rate that would include the cost of the Quarterly, \$1 for the Society, and the local dues. Mr. Hitchman suggested that in view of the different rates in different societies, it would be well to state that the State Society's share would be \$3, added to whatever the local society might charge. Dr. Jones recommended that a change in the By-Laws would be necessary, recommending that this be studied and action readied for the next meeting.

Mr. McClelland spoke on the possibility of the Society adopting a publication program, calling attention to the material that is available in the Society's library, University Library and other repositories in the state, suggesting the possibility of one book a year, along lines followed by some other societies, particularly Oregon. Prof. Kibbe and Dr. Jones both spoke in favor of such a plan. Rev. Davis believed such a plan could be made self-supporting. He spoke of the vast amount of Hudson's Bay Co. material unpublished.

Dr. Deutsch suggested the possible enlargement of the Publications Committee, and recommendations to be made to the new president in making up his list of committees for the coming year.

Dr. Deutsch moved that the new president name an Archives Committee. It was seconded by Mr. Ferris, with the recommendation that Prof. Gates be named the chairman of the committee, he to name the members of the committee. This motion was carried.

The loan of a portion of the Bowles egg collection to the College of Puget Sound was discussed. It was moved that the officers of the Society be empowered to sign the loan agreement drawn up by Col. Hanson, with the provision that a list of the material loaned be made by the College department as soon as convenient and be made a part of the loan agreement. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Hitchman moved that the Board adopt a motion expressing the Board's appreciation of the work of the retiring president, Mr. Weyerhaeuser, and vice-president, Col. Hanson. The motion was carried.

The motion was made and carried that the following be elected:

Guy T. Pierce, Treasurer  
J. Kaye Ewart, Asst. Treasurer  
Chapin D. Foster, Director

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Secretary.



WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OPERATING REPORT  
24 months - 4/1/53 thru 3/31/1955

	<u>4/1/54-55</u>	<u>4/1/53-54</u>
Number members: LIFE 93, ANNL.paid 1955 - 170	Total.... 263	191
" visitors:	43,800	36,888

I. STATE FUNDS:

Salaries and wages	\$ 25,335.38	\$ 23,588.15
Employee retirement and insurance	1,205.84	1,414.96
Transportation	886.36	297.11
Subsistence and lodging	334.80	306.34
Light, heat and water	2,054.85	1,717.40
Telephone and telegraph	473.15	495.51
Postage, freight and express	361.63	187.76
Office supplies	320.04	272.75
Printing	344.25	66.42
General maintenance	1,466.41	1,600.51
Janitor supplies	175.85	167.51
Library	150.49	5.21
Mechanical equipment	211.28	-
Other household furniture	51.50	-
Other general expense	242.63	179.47
W.T.C. Salaries and operations	129.79	19,446.16
	<u>\$ 33,744.25</u>	<u>\$ 49,745.26</u>

II. W.S.H.S. FUNDS:

Receipts:

Dues	\$ 877.50	\$ 575.50
Other	<u>3,622.44</u>	<u>19,752.41</u>
	<u>\$ 4,499.94</u>	<u>\$ 20,327.91</u>

Disbursements:

Pacific N.W. Quarterly	444.50	286.50
Other	<u>6,800.63</u>	<u>19,068.21</u>
	<u>\$ 7,245.13</u>	<u>\$ 19,354.71</u>

Transfer to investment

Net change

III. CASH AND UNVESTMENTS:

Cash at office	\$ 71.16	
Checking acct. Natl. Bank of Washington	<u>2,383.10</u>	<u>\$ 2,454.26</u>
Acct. #56473 Pacific 1st Federal S&L Assn,		\$ 1,370.91
" 34775 " " "		9,992.93
" 12295 American Savings & Loan Assn,		1,370.15
Canadian Natl. Ry. Co. bonds, par value		8,000.00
U.S. War Bonds, Series F		1,400.00
Trust Receipt 100 sh. Transit Co. stock		
160 shares 1st Bank Stock Corp.		

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF CURATORS  
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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AUGUST 6, 1955

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The regular meeting of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society was held August 6, 1955, in the Library of the Society's building in Tacoma, beginning at 10:30 A.M.

The following were present: President Reno Odlin, Vice-presidents H.J. Deutsch and Roe Shaub, and the following Board members: Dr. Arthur S. Cory, Chas. M. Gates, Robert Hitchman, D. H. White, Harold Barto, Howard A. Hanson, Matthew W. Hill, Howard Burnham, Della Gould Emmons, L. A. Kibbe, Thos. A. Swayze, Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, Milton S. Gold (representing Mrs. Wanamaker), and the Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by President Odlin. On motion of Dr. Cory, seconded by Mr. White, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with in view of the fact that all members of the Board had previously received copies of the minutes.

The Treasurer's report was presented and upon motion of Mr. Barto, accepted. Mr. Hanson suggested that additional information relative to receipts other than state funds might properly be included in the report. The report is a part of these minutes.

A brief report was given by the Director, in which he stated that attendance was about double that of the same period last year, that cases for the rock and mineral exhibit were completed-- money having been raised for these by the Rock Hounds of the state - that the Northwest Lewis and Clark observance was proving very successful in spite of financial handicaps faced by the several committees. School class attendance during the year had also increased, the services of the Society being regarded as an important part of the study of Washington history.

The President reported the receipt of a letter from Donald H. Clark, objecting to a rock and mineral display as not being appropriate for the building and fearing that it might get out of hand. The President stated that he was writing Mr. Clark that the plan had been before the Board several times and approved, that the space was very limited and could not be increased.

Committee reports were called for.

In the absence of Chairman McClelland of the Publications Committee, there was no formal report from that committee, although Mrs. Emmons reported on her activities in connection with the Lewis and Clark Sesqui-Centennial. She had prepared pageant scripts for school use, a number of which had been used; she had worked on the production of the film "Far Horizons", built around the story of the exploration; her book "Sacajawea" had been reprinted for the sesqui-centennial. She had also written the script for a pageant produced in Tacoma in connection with the Fun Fair telling the story of the Medicine Creek Treaty, produced at Point Defiance before a large crowd. The Board thanked Mrs. Emmons for her numerous activities.



Attention was called to the fact that Mrs. Emmons had been taken into the Lummi Indian tribe and would bear the name in the tribe of "Maiden of Great Calm".

Mr. Hitchman, chairman of the Library Committee, reported that great progress had been made in re-arranging the work section of the Library under the direction of Miss Babcock. He said that the Curtis negatives had been re-arranged, new work space secured, newspaper stacks installed and duplicate books sold to Shorey's of Seattle to give the Society a credit of \$175. More duplicates would be sold the company as rapidly as they could be assembled for shipment.

Mr. Hitchman spoke of the receipt of a very interesting manuscript on early logging in Washington, written by Willard Nevue, now living in the East. The manuscript also carried numerous illustrations. He expressed the hope that steps might be taken looking toward publication of all or part of the manuscript in some way.

He spoke of some excellent source material received from Mrs. John M. Canse, now living at Wesley Gardens in Des Moines. He recommended the purchase of this material for \$75., if that amount should be acceptable to her, and an additional .50. for material properly preserving the material. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Hitchman spoke also of the receipt of a volume, the history of Umatilla and Morrow Counties in Oregon, which contain considerable material on the Whitman massacre not found elsewhere. He was thanked by the Board for this gift.

Prof. Deutsch called attention to the fact that emergencies might arise and that it would be well if the Library Committee be authorized to spend up to \$300. in the event of emergencies. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Director called attention to the need for material to be used in the development of a membership program. Members of the Board were urged to send in names of prospective members, several having done this during the past year with gratifying results. It was pointed out that already this year the Society has gained 65 new members. Dr. Gold offered to assist in the distribution of Society material to teachers in the state who direct instruction in Washington history.

Prof. Deutsch suggested that in the organization of committees of the Society, membership include persons in the general membership of the Society as well as Board members. The Chairmen of the committees were empowered to increase membership in their groups as found advisable.

Prof. Gates stated that the Archives Committee, of which he is the chairman, would have a report in the near future. He said he would like to have Judge Hill and the State Archivist as members of his committee.

Dr. Jones presented a revision of portions of the By-Laws having to do with the various membership categories. Mr. Hanson suggested the importance of having new members approved by the Membership Committee or Board. The Director was instructed to have the report of Dr. Jones mimeographed and mailed to members of the Board, for consideration at the next meeting.

Prof. Gates spoke briefly on The Quarterly, urging members of the Board to feel free to offer suggestions for material to be published. He stated that he would be very glad to work with the Publications Committee.



Attention was called to the beautiful American and State Flags which had been given the Society by G. E. Karlen of Tacoma and the Director was instructed to write Mr. Karlen a note of appreciation.

The passing of H. M. Painter, Curator Emeritus, recently in California, was noted. Mr. Painter was the oldest member of the Board in point of service and in many ways had rendered the Society and state valuable service in the field of history. Judge Hill was asked to write Mr. Painter's grandson in behalf of the Board.

Mr. Hitchman called attention to the services rendered the development of the Eagle Gorge Dam over a period of 27 years by Col. Hanson. From an editorial in the Seattle Times the following is taken:

"From the beginning of the fight for this flood-control program, it has been a major project of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. It was in 1928 that a meeting was called in Auburn to discuss means of curbing the Green River's frequent flood ravages. Representing the Seattle Chamber was the chairman of its Rivers and Harbors Committee, Col. Howard A. Hanson.

From that day to this, Col. Hanson has been spearheading continuous efforts to forward the undertaking. There have been few examples of such long and determined personal dedication to a single public cause. When the dam at Eagle Gorge is completed, it would be unthinkable for it to be given any name but his, in perpetual recognition of his tireless services."

It was noted that Congressman Pelly has introduced a bill in the Congress making such designation. The President offered to write Congressman Pelly, expressing the hearty approval of the Society for such designation of the dam.

The Director presented as a possible project a calendar similar to the one published by the Wisconsin State Historical Society, giving cost figures submitted by the publishers of the Wisconsin calendar, but doubted the possibility of making the project a success at this time due to the cost. The project was laid aside for future consideration if a plan could be devised that would reduce the cost without lessening the quality.

Prof. Deutsch spoke of the importance in the immediate future of setting up standards to be followed in the next few years in filling vacancies that might occur at the top level. No action was taken, other than requesting the President to name such a committee.

The Director called attention to requests made recently for support in maintaining the names of certain pioneer roads which, in being turned back to counties for maintenance, might be neglected and also lose their pioneer identity. The Board expressed the opinion that it would be a serious mistake if this should happen and the Director was instructed to reflect this conviction should occasion arise, speaking for the Board rather than himself.

Mr. Hitchman stated that he planned to go to Newberg, Oregon, for the dedication of the boyhood home of Herbert Hoover which is being preserved as an historical shrine by that city. He was asked to represent the Society on that occasion.

Prof. Deutsch reported that the Pacific Northwest History Conference had been invited to return to Tacoma for its 1956 session. The President was asked to name Prof. Gates and Mr. Hitchman as members of the Conference program committee, adding to the committee as they might find advisable. The President also named Mr. Shaub to have charge of Conference details.

The Director presented a possible Awards program, expressing the opinion that there are many individuals in the state rendering important service to the cause of history, who get no recognition for their efforts. The matter was referred to the Policy Committee for consideration.

The question of meetings was discussed. Prof. Gates suggested the value of more public meetings, also a standing Program Committee to be included with other Society committees. Prof. Deutsch suggested the possibility of annual meetings in various parts of the state, but the consensus of expressed opinion seemed to be that the annual meeting should be held in Tacoma. The Open House plan followed this year was given enthusiastic approval.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Chapin D. Foster*  
CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Secretary.

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NOTE: Prepared by Dr. Jones for consideration at next Board meeting. CDF:MFM 9/3/55

BY - LAWS

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: There shall be six classes of membership of this Society: Active, Sustaining, Organization, Corporate, Life, and Honorary. Membership shall be subject to acceptance by the Board of Curators.

Section 2: Active memberships shall be composed of reputable persons who take an interest in the objects of the Society and seek to promote its usefulness. Their application must be made to the Director and accompanied with the annual dues for the year then ensuing.

Section 3: Sustaining memberships shall be composed of reputable persons or organizations having an interest in the objects of the Society and seeking to assist in a greater degree in promoting its usefulness. Each such membership is entitled to all the privileges of Active membership.

Section 4: Organization memberships shall be composed of any historical society or museum in the state of Washington, which makes application for affiliation with the Society. Each such affiliate, without payment of dues, shall be entitled to one delegate with all privileges of Active membership and making a report of its activities to the Society. Combination membership dues with local societies may be made under this section of the By-Laws.

Section 5: Corporate memberships shall be composed of Corporations and industrial organizations that are interested in the objects of the Society and seek to assist in promoting its usefulness. Each such Corporate membership shall be entitled to one delegate, with all privileges of Active membership.

Section 6: Life memberships shall be composed of reputable persons who take unusual interest in, or who give outstanding service to the Society, Life memberships may be conferred by the Board of Curators as an honor or upon payment of a fee of \$100.00. Memberships conferred as an honor entitle the member to take an active part in the deliberations of the Society with the right to vote. Memberships conferred upon the payment of a fee are entitled to all the privileges of Active members.

Section 7: Honorary memberships shall be composed of persons of distinction in literature, science, art, finance, and governmental affairs in this and other nations, who shall be exempt from the payment of any fees or dues and shall not be entitled to participate in the deliberations of the Society, except by courtesy.

ARTICLE II - FEES AND ANNUAL DUES

Section 1: Annual dues shall be payable in advance on the calendar basis as follows:

Active membership.....	\$ 4.00
Sustaining membership.....	25.00
Corporate membership.....	100.00

Section 2: Membership fees and annual dues shall be paid to the Director, for which he shall issue annual membership cards to Active members. The Director shall also secure and issue to Sustaining, Organization, Corporate, Life and Honorary members, diplomas of membership, each noting the class, residence and date of election, which shall be signed by the President and the Director with the seal of the Society attached thereto.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CURATORS

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DECEMBER 10, 1955

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The regular meeting of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society was held December 10, 1955, in the Library of the Society's building in Tacoma. The following were present: President Reno Odlin, Vice-Presidents Herman Deutsch and Roe Shaub, Curator Emeritus D. H. White, Curators Harold Barto, Dr. Leon K. Jones, Robert Hitchman, Click Relander, Mrs. Thos. P. Gose, Matthew W. Hill, Joel E. Ferris, John M. McClelland, Della Gould Emmons, Howard A. Hanson, J.P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., Fr. W. L. Davis, Stanton Warburton, Jr., Mrs. Eva Anderson, Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, Dr. A. S. Cory, Thos. A. Swayze, L. A. Kibbe, Joshua Green, and the Director, Chapin D. Foster, and the treasurer, Guy T. Pierce.

Copies of the Minutes of the previous meeting having been received by members of the Board, their reading was, by motion, dispensed with.

The report of the Treasurer was read by Mr. Pierce and, on motion, was approved. It is made a part of these Minutes.

In his report, the Director called attention to the passing of Mr. Perkins and his long service to the Society, attested by his sponsorship of the development of Washington Hall at a cost of nearly \$15,000 and a bequest of \$50,000 in his will, together with the gift of his fine collection of autographed photographs.

The Director suggested that a colored photograph of Mr. Perkins be placed in a panel in Washington Hall. Upon motion later by Mr. Weyerhaeuser, the Board authorized this being done.

Attention was directed by Mr. Foster to the Society's staff "team", paying tribute to their loyalty to the Society and its development. He named each member of the staff and told a little of what each is doing. Brief mention was made of the completion of the Rock and Mineral display. He told of plans to direct attention to the return trip of the Lewis and Clark party, pointing out that without a successful return trip much if not all the value of the Expedition might have been lost. The return trip was started in March, 1806, and at that time schools, newspapers, civic organizations, radio and television stations along the route in this state will be asked to cooperate. Other Northwest states will be asked to follow a similar plan.

Mention was made of a continued program of improvement in storage facilities, another storage unit having been just completed on the second floor with work to start immediately on another unit on the fifth floor. Interest in the organization of local societies continues, he said, referring to interest at Cashmere and Ritzville, with museum development in progress at Port Angeles, East Sound and Snohomish County.

Receipt of gifts of books and manuscripts from Mrs. B. E. Buckmaster, former Senator Harry P. Cain, together with "duplicates" from the Northwest section of the University Library, was acknowledged. The Director suggested that letters in behalf of the Board be written to the donors, which were authorized.



Attendance in the building continues to increase, with school buses to be seen at the building almost every day.

On motion of Mr. Cory, the following resolution was adopted by the Board: "We would like to express our deep gratitude and appreciation for the loyal and efficient service rendered by the Director and Staff of the State Historical Society. We heartily commend them for the satisfactory day-by-day conduct of the affairs of the Society and for the excellent physical condition of the building and grounds." The resolution was presented by Curators Cory, Swayze and Emmons.

The President was authorized to name a committee to present resolutions of tribute to the late S. A. Perkins and Harry M. Painter. Curators Ferris, Hill and Thompson were named to this committee. Their report will be included as a part of these Minutes.

After a brief discussion the general plan for an Annual Meeting followed last year was approved, details to be worked out by the President and Executive Committee.

Mr. Hitchman discussed plans for the 1956 Northwest History Conference, which will be held in Tacoma. He reported the Steering Committee as working on program details. He suggested three additional committees,- Program, Local Arrangements, and Publicity. He suggested a meeting Friday afternoon, evening dinner and discussion, and Saturday program. He stated that suggestions had been received that the program might stress the relationship between History, Archeology, Anthropology, and Economy. Conference dates were suggested, Mr. Hitchman feeling that early May would avoid more conflicts than other dates. Details were left to Messrs. Hitchman and Gates.

Mr. Shaub spoke of the official opening of the Rock and Mineral Exhibit two weeks earlier, paying high tribute to the work done by the members of the Rock Hounds Pow-Wow and particularly Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Robinson, Jr., of Puyallup. He moved that the Society take Membership Card 1001 in the Charter Membership in the Rock Hounds Pow-Wow, to cost \$25. The motion was carried.

The Director spoke of the outstanding work done by the Columbia Basin News in connection with the Lewis and Clark Sesqui-Centennial program and recommended that the newspaper be given a Society Award of Merit. Dr. Deutsch moved that the matter be referred to the Publications Committee with power to act. Approval of the award was later given by the committee.

Mr. McClelland spoke at some length on a possible Awards Program to be inaugurated by the Society, which would recognize outstanding work in a number of historical fields. He suggested eight possible groups as follows:

1. For the best book about Washington history published during the year.
2. For the best thesis on a subject relating to Washington history produced by a candidate for either a master's or a doctor's degree in a college or University in Washington.
3. For the best article or essay published on a subject relating to Washington history.



4. For the most outstanding contribution during the year to historical preservation in the state. (A local historical society, for example, that might undertake to preserve a historic site or building.)
5. For the most outstanding example of research in a field of history relating to the state of Washington.
6. For the best record of activity during the year by a county historical society.
7. For the most outstanding discovery or development of heretofore unknown factual matter about Washington history.
8. For the most outstanding contribution to the teaching of regional history in public schools. (Occasionally a teacher does an outstanding job in this respect.)

It was moved and carried that an Awards Committee be named, the group to consider the divisions suggested by Mr. McClelland and also those used by the American Association for State and Local History.

The Director presented the matter of disposal of surplus pictures acquired by the Society over a period of years, which have no relation to Northwest history. On motion, the matter was referred to the Library Committee, with power to act.

The Director presented the matter of loan of certain art pieces which would not be used in the building. On motion, the matter was referred to the Museum Committee, with power to act.

The Director asked for specific directions as to supplying The Quarterly to Mr. Val Hoffman of Albuquerque, New Mexico, who felt that his Life Membership should continue to include the Quarterly regardless of its increased cost to the Society and the fact that very soon the cost would exceed the membership payment. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Quarterly should be sent to Mr. Hoffman, even though at present he is the only person holding a \$25 Life Membership who feels he should receive the magazine without cost rather than pay the cost assessed to the Society. The Director was instructed to write all Life Members stating that they can get the Quarterly at a cost of \$2 per year, the amount charged the Society.

The matter of recommending to the Government the purchase of Indian paintings by Mrs. Rowena Alcorn was discussed. It was the feeling of the Board that the paintings ought to be preserved as a group, exhibited at the St. Joseph Dam Vista House, or possibly acquired by the Society. After considerable discussion, in which various members of the Board participated, it was agreed that a letter should be written to Mrs. Alcorn, recognizing the value of the paintings and expressing the Society's hope that they might be preserved as a unit.

A new luncheon plan was followed. Instead of going to some restaurant for luncheon, an excellent lunch was served to the Board in the Library. Following the lunch, President Odlin was asked to speak informally on his trip to the Mediterranean country, from which he had returned two days previous. Mr. Odlin gave a very informative talk on conditions in the Near East, which was deeply appreciated by members of the Board.

Following the luncheon, resolutions prepared by the two committees named by the President, were read and approved. They are included as a part of these Minutes.



Committee reports followed.

Mr. McClelland reported that the Publications Committee favored an Award of Merit to the Columbia Basin News, the wording to be checked with him. Carried.

Mr. Shaub for the Museum Committee, suggested the possibility of acquiring the Alcorn paintings. He was authorized to name a sub-committee to look into the matter.

Mr. Hitchman reported for the Library Committee, stating that more than 70 cartons of duplicate books had been sent to the Shorey Book Store in Seattle, which would probably mean a credit of approximately \$500. He complimented highly the work being done in the Library under the direction of Miss Babcock.

Mr. Swayze, for the Building and Grounds Committee, suggested the possibility of acquiring the ground between the Society building and the Stadium if the Stadium is to be abandoned. He was directed to look into the matter further.

Mr. Weyerhaeuser reported that a series of letters had been prepared for his committee and that a very intensive campaign for members would be launched at once, the first letters to go out immediately after the holidays.

Dr. Cory asked members of the Board to suggest names for future consideration by the Nominations Committee, calling attention to the fact that the Board should be statewide so far as possible, and that persons interested in history and of standing in their areas should be considered.

Mr. McClelland stated that the committee members had been carrying on considerable correspondence dealing with the development of a Publications program. Such a program, he said, would call for a program on a long-range basis and enthusiastic support. It should not be the purpose of the Society to enter into competition with publishers but to publish material that ought to be published but which might not be profitable to publishers. He felt that the Society eventually might want its own publication but did not feel that we have sufficient personnel for this at present. He felt that pamphlets and books offered the best possibility at present, that starts had been made in the past but not on a permanent basis. In his opinion the public has never been more interested in historical publications than at present.

The importance of good printing and sales organization were stressed by Mr. McClelland, referring to the success of the Champoege Press of Portland. In discussing the cost of getting into the publications field, Mr. McClelland pointed out various angles involved, such as the number printed and sales organization.

Supplementing Mr. McClelland's remarks, Mr. Hitchman showed the Board a number of samples of recent publications. He also submitted a list of material that might be considered to have publication possibilities. Some of this material, he said, had been already well edited and could be published with very little editorial work, while other material would require considerable editorial revision. He said that his list did not by any means exhaust the available material, and should be considered only as a suggested list. Mr. Hitchman's list submitted to the Board is included in these Minutes.



Mr. McClelland completed the report by stating that the only way to start such a program is to start. He proposed that the Committee be given authority to proceed and make a start on its first book, the Executive Committee to give its approval when the Committee is actually ready to start work, he hoped in 1956.

Prof. Kibbe, Mr. Weyerhaeuser, Mrs. Emmons and others spoke on the importance of publications.

Mr. McClelland also moved that the Publications Committee be authorized to initiate a long-range publications program and to publish initially a volume of Northwest pictorial material under the Society's imprint. The Committee is to keep within a budget of \$4500. on its first book. The Committee is authorized to select subject matter, printer, editors and sales agent, and shall keep the Director and Executive Committee informed of its progress at all times. The motion was seconded by Col. Hanson and carried.

Prof. Barto suggested the value of enlarging standing committees to include members of the Society who are interested in particular fields of history, and offered the following motion: That the Chairman of Committees be authorized and urged to supplement their membership with and to appoint to sub-committees members in good standing of the Society. The motion was seconded by Dr. Deutsch and carried.

Mr. Hitchman suggested that letters of appreciation, in behalf of the Board, be written to Mrs. Buckmaster, Harry P. Cain and Harry Bauer, Librarian of the University, for their gifts of books and manuscripts, also to Mr. Wilfred Nevue for the record of his life in the Northwest woods. The Board approved this suggestion.

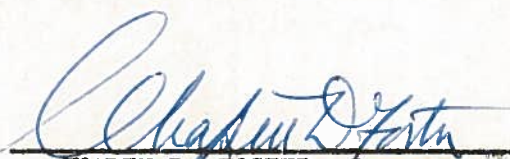
Mr. Hitchman spoke of the need in the very near future of a microfilm reader for the Library, also equipment for microfilming, although stating that the reader is needed now while the other equipment should be added later. The Library Committee was authorized to recommend for purchase a microfilm reader, the Director stating that such purchase would be possible under the Capital Outlay budget.

Col. Hanson suggested that a committee be named to consult with Mr. Pierce relative to a Society accounting system. Mr. Odlin asked Mr. Pierce to do this, and secure additional advice if necessary.

Dr. Jones reported that he had put in considerable time on changes in the Society's By-Laws but felt that time for adequate discussion was not available at this meeting. Col. Hanson moved that the matter be put over to the meeting next August and that a committee be named to report at that time. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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REVEREND HARRY M. PAINTER

In the passing of the Rev. Harry M. Painter, the Washington State Historical Society lost its oldest Curator in point of service. Joining the Board in 1914, Rev. Painter served in that capacity until 1946, when he was honored by being elected Curator Emeritus, a position which he held up to the time of his death in California in May, 1955.

The Rev. Painter was a native Washingtonian, having been born in Walla Walla July 3rd, 1873, a son of Col. W. C. and Caroline Mitchell Painter. His deep affection for his native state was natural for the Painter roots went deep into Northwest history. His father's grandfather, Maj. Robert Moore, crossed the plains in 1839 with the Farnham Party, becoming the owner of the west half of Willamette Farm, and taking a prominent part in the Champoege meeting in 1843.

Mr. Painter's mother was the daughter of Israel Mitchell, who brought his family to Oregon in 1847 and who helped establish the Willamette Meridian, the base for all land surveys in the Northwest. Col. W. C. Painter came to Oregon in 1850. He served in the 1855 Indian War and during the Bannock Indian War he held the rank of Lieut. Colonel. At its close Gov. Elisha Ferry presented him with a sword for distinguished service.

Harry Painter graduated from Whitman College in 1895, and from the Chicago Theological Seminary in 1898. He served Congregational churches in Washington for 40 years, his pastorates including churches in Cheney, Almira, Steilacoom, Walla Walla, and Eagle Harbor, closing his ministerial work in the last named community. In 1937-8 he was President of the Pioneer Society of Washington and for many years was regarded as an authority in Washington and Oregon history.

The book "Building a State", published by this Society in 1939 as part of Washington's Golden Jubilee observance, contains two articles by the Rev. Painter, "The Birth of a State" and "Walla Walla to Portland". Historical articles by him appeared in historical journals frequently.

Rev. Painter was also very active in Masonic circles. He was a member of Temple Lodge No. 42, F. and A.M. of Cheney. He served as Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Washington from 1913 to 1943. In that capacity he participated in the dedication of a monument at Old Fort Henness to Grand Mound Lodge No. 3, F. & A.M. In 1943 he was elected Chaplain Emeritus of the Grand Lodge, serving in that capacity until his death.

He is survived by a grandson, Robert P. Hagstrom, residing in California, and several nieces and nephews.

Interest in the work of this Society continued up to the end, with frequent responses to notices of Board meetings. This Memorial is to be made a part of the Minutes of the Society.

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Adopted by the Board of Curators  
at its meeting December 10, 1955

Signed: Reno Odlin, President

Signed: Chapin D. Foster, Secretary



SIDNEY ALBERT PERKINS

The Washington State Historical Society has lost a valuable friend in the passing of S. A. Perkins. From the time he accepted a position on the Board of Curators in 1942 to the time of his death, October 31st, 1955, this Society and its work held first place in his interest.

From 1943 to 1952 he was President of this Society. He was never too busy to discuss the development of the Society and its facilities. Never a week passed and much of the time hardly a day passed without a personal or telephone contact with the Director. The development of Washington Hall in our building was his personal project.

As long as his health permitted, Mr. Perkins spent practically all of the legislative sessions in Olympia and while there proved an invaluable representative of this Society. He was on intimate terms with every member of the State Senate and in 1951 was accorded an honor never before bestowed in the history of that body. He was made an Honorary Member of the Senate, and the Certificate of Award bears the name of every member of that body.

Until he was unable to have visitors, contacts with the Director continued and the conversations always had to do with the development of this Society, particularly the enlargement of its home. Tangible evidence of his interest at this point is his remembrance of the Society in his will in a very substantial way. Included with the financial bequest was the gift of what is probably the largest personally autographed photograph collection in America, a collection which includes personally autographed portraits of seven Presidents, McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Harding, Taft, Coolidge, Hoover and Eisenhower. He was on intimate terms with all of these Presidents, as attested by their signatures which invariably included the name "Sam", a nickname given him accidentally by President Taft, but one which he held to the end of his life.

Mr. Perkins was the dean of Washington newspaper publishers, and at the time of his death was the oldest member of the Associated Press, an organization in which he was deeply interested. At the time he entered the business world it is doubtful if he had any thought of entering the newspaper field as a publisher or in any other capacity. When he came to Washington he came as a registered pharmacist.

His interest in politics was lifelong. He served as Secretary to Mark Hanna during the McKinley era and continued in that role after the latter's election to the U.S. Senate and Presidency. For many years Mr. Perkins served on the Republican National Committee. In 1908 he declined a diplomatic post. During the First and Second World Wars Mr. Perkins held a very high advisory rank with the Navy.

Always interested in the sea, Mr. Perkins was a sailboat enthusiast as a young man. In later years he owned, up to the time of his death, the El Primero, largest yacht in the Northwest. During the First World War he held a post in the Naval Intelligence Corps. During the Second World War he was in constant touch with Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy. He was elected many times director of the Navy League of the United States. He served several times as Commander of the Tacoma Yacht Club and at one time was President of the Pacific International Power Boat Association.



It is not possible to undertake an adequate summary of his charitable services. There were few, if any, fund campaigns in which he was not a participant. His support was extended to the two colleges in Tacoma and a very large number of students were aided in securing a college education, although it is doubtful if any student so aided was cognizant of the source of his aid.

On May 6th of this year Mr. Perkins attained the age of 90 and at that time received congratulatory messages from friends in every part of the nation. He had been born May 6, 1865, in Boston, Mass., the son of Goodwin and Emily (Cleveland) Perkins. His mother was a cousin of Grover Cleveland. His father was a Congregational minister.

In 1896 he organized the Young Men's Republican Club and in the course of the year became secretary to Mark Hanna. While still associated with Mr. Hanna, Mr. Perkins borrowed \$18,000 to buy the Tacoma News. A short time later he showed his faith in Tacoma by borrowing money to buy the Tacoma Ledger, owning both newspapers until he sold them to the Tacoma Tribune. Early in 1900 he acquired the Everett Herald and later newspapers in Bellingham, Aberdeen and Olympia, retaining ownership of the Bellingham and Olympia papers up to the time of his death. These newspapers are rated as among the best in the Northwest. He also had interest in newspapers in Spokane and Montana at one time.

In October, 1896, Mr. Perkins was married to Miss Otilie Walther, daughter of a prominent St. Paul, Minn., physician. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, two of whom are now living, - Mrs. Byron D. Scott of Tacoma and Mrs. Stuart Frazier of Seattle. Five grandchildren and two great grandchildren also survive.

The state of Washington has had very few, if any, more enthusiastic or loyal supporters than Mr. Perkins. Through more than half a century he has occupied a position of prominence in the state which enabled him to render Washington outstanding service. Not seeking office at any time his independent means permitted him to support only measures which he felt were for the best interest of the state.

Being a statewide organization, this Society is particularly cognizant of the services of a man of statewide vision. The Board feels that Mr. Perkins falls into such a category. It wants Mrs. Perkins and members of the family to know that the passing of Mr. Perkins leaves a vacancy in Washington citizenship that will not be filled, and to her and to them the Board of Curators expresses its deep sympathy. This Memorial is to be made a part of the Minutes of the Society.

Signed: RENO ODLIN, President

Signed: CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Director.

Adopted by the Board of Curators  
at its meeting December 10, 1955.  
Copies to be sent to Mrs. Perkins,  
Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Frazier.



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF CURATORS  
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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APRIL 7, 1956.

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The regular meeting of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society was held April 7 in the Library of the Society's Building, with the following members present: Reno Odlin, President; Roe Shaub, Vice-President; Curators Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, Robert Hitchman, Dr. Leon K. Jones, D. H. White, Howard Burnham, Chas. M. Gates, Rev. W. L. Davis, Milton Gold (for Mrs. Wanamaker), Herman J. Deutsch, John M. McClelland, Jr., Dr. Arthur S. Cory, Mrs. Ruth E. Peeler, Thos. B. Swayze, Joshua Green, J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., Click Relander, Treasurer Guy T. Pierce, and Chapin D. Foster, Director.

Upon motion by Dr. Cory, reading of the Minutes was dispensed with, inasmuch as members had previously received copies of said Minutes.

The report of the Treasurer was read by Mr. Pierce and adopted. The Report will be found as a part of these Minutes.

It was suggested by Dr. Cory that it would be wise to transfer funds from one savings and loan association in order to bring the balance below \$10,000. Mr. Pierce stated that this would be done.

The Director then gave his report, calling attention to results beginning to come in from the Membership mail campaign. He stated that a number of changes had been made in the building, particularly on the second floor, with others in progress on the fifth floor. Attendance, he said, continues to increase, particularly with school groups. The number of groups this year will probably exceed 600 during the year, a substantial increase over the previous year.

The Director stated that by mail the previous day, Judge Donald A. McDonald had tendered his resignation from the Board, his letter stating that this action was due to the condition of his health and press of business. As a sidelight on interest in the building from outsiders, a letter appearing in the Tacoma News-Tribune a few days previous to the meeting was read and will be found in these Minutes.

The report of the Director included a statement that during the week he had received a call from Mrs. Fonfara, who had charge of costumes for the Centennial Pageant. She had been sued by a Los Angeles costume company. Mr. Foster said the company had written the Governor's office the previous year relative to an account and the matter had been handled by the Attorney General's office. Mr. Foster stated that all Centennial bills had been paid, that efforts to reach Mrs. Fonfara at the time the Governor's office had been contacted had failed, and that no statement of this account had ever been received. The Board directed the President and Director to handle the situation. (Note: Owing to History Conference details, these Minutes have been written a month later and no statement of this account has yet been received, although an obligation of some kind might have been incurred by Mrs. Fonfara.)



An announcement of the forthcoming Pacific Northwest History Conference was made by Prof. Gates. who outlined the program in some detail.

Mr. McClelland, chairman, reported for the Publications Committee, stating that the Committee's first publication would be of the manuscript on Fort Vancouver by Dr. John A. Hussey of the National Park Service. He said the manuscript is in good shape for publication, that some revisions would be made by Dr. Hussey, that permission had been received from the National Park Service to publish the book and that it would be well illustrated.

Mr. McClelland also reported on the Awards program for the Society. His report will be found as a part of these Minutes, adopted by the Board.

Mr. Hitchman reported for the Library Committee, calling attention to important gifts by Mrs. B. E. Buckmaster, the University and former U. S. Senator Harry P. Cain. Library equipment has been added, he said, and more additions are contemplated.

Mr. Swayze suggested that letters be sent to all attorneys suggesting that documents of historical interest be given to the Society, also the suggestion that opportunities to include the Society when bequests are considered be kept in mind.

Mr. Shaub, as chairman of the Museum Committee, reported a study of the agreement with the old Ferry Museum which indicated very clearly that material turned over to the Society at the time of the consolidation should remain in Tacoma. Mr. Shaub also reported working out details of an agreement with the All Rock Hounds Club covering the Rock and Mineral Exhibit.

Mr. Weyerhaeuser reported that the membership campaign was well under way, with letters having been sent to Teachers and Librarians of the state, as well as former members of the Society, and that the first letters were going out to lists made up from names sent in by members of the Board and members of the Society. At the time of the meeting it was too early to make any report of results from this last list, but at the time of making up these Minutes the response seemed to be above what might be expected.

Mr. Green suggested that when the letter campaign had been completed Board members be given a report on the names sent in by them, with the thought that the Curators might send a personal letter.

Mr. McClelland suggested that in the planned letters to corporations the letters be addressed to individual-heads of the organization. Mr. Green added the suggestion that corporations might prefer to give stock rather than cash and that this alternate might be kept in mind.

For the Building and Grounds Committee Mr. Swayze, chairman, brought up the question of acquiring, from the School District, land above the Stadium and adjoining the Society's property by donation. It was moved and carried that a letter be prepared and sent to the School Board setting forth the idea of a donation of a small strip of land in case the Stadium is to be permanently abandoned. The President directed Mr. Swayze to prepare such a letter.



Mr. McClelland reported on the proposed Awards Program, copies of which had been mailed to members of the Board. A paragraph covering newspaper awards had been added to this report, which was adopted. The program will be found as a part of these Minutes. Details of implementation to be worked out.

Prof. Gates reported that he is working on an Archives Program, in consultation with Mr. Nesbit, the State Archivist.

For the Nominations Committee, Dr. Cory asked that suggestions would be appreciated, to be acted upon when vacancies occur. He pointed out that the Committee, in building up a statewide representation, has a number of factors to consider in making recommendations.

Mr. Weyerhaeuser suggested that consideration be given to Mrs. Byron D. Scott, daughter of the late S. A. Perkins, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge McDonald. The suggestion was acted upon immediately by the Nominations Committee and its recommendation that Mrs. Scott be elected was approved unanimously.

Mr. Deutsch moved that letters of appreciation be written Judge McDonald and Mrs. G. E. Anderson of Aberdeen, who had resigned prior to the preparation of the Ballot.

Mr. Deutsch called attention to the fact that a committee had been named to define the duties of the Society personnel. The President stated that he would check up on the matter.

The question of the use of Schon prints having been raised by the Director as a result of a letter respecting their use, Mr. Burnham suggested that the Publications Committee draw up regulations covering the matter.

Discussion of changes in the By-Laws was, by motion, put over until the August meeting.

Election of officers, as provided under the By-Laws, was completed as follows:

Treasurer - Guy T. Pierce  
Assistant Treasurer - J. Kaye Ewart  
Director - Chapin D. Foster

President Odlin reported that Norman F. Thomas, who is doing research work in Tacoma, had informed him of a collection of photographs which he believed would be of considerable interest to the Society. It was moved and carried that the matter be referred to the Library Committee.

Mr. Odlin reported that he had been contacted with reference to preservation of the identity of Historical Road No. 1, which seemed to be in danger of losing its identity. Mr. Swayze was asked to investigate the matter.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.