

Oct. 23, 1956

MEMO TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF CURATORS,
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY;

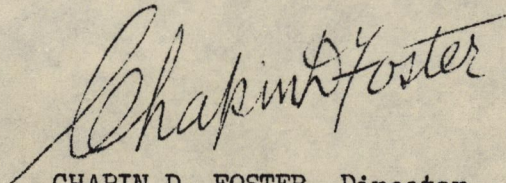
Mailing of the Minutes of the last meeting has been delayed for two reasons. With the rush connected with preparations of the Budget and Museum Month, the Minutes of necessity had to be held up.

Cooperation from the News-Tribune during Museum Month has been so outstanding that it was felt all members of the Board ought to know just what we have received from the Tribune, so a complete file is enclosed, with the exception of a couple of small stories. I doubt if another city can show finer support for Museum Month.

I have written letters to the Editor of the Tribune, also members of the staff involved in the different phases of the publicity.

The various "days" have been very successful. The new exhibit sections on the fifth floor are the best we have in the building to date.

We have a Rotary Club program on the 25th, with Judge Hill as the principal speaker.


CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Director.

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CURATORS
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

AUGUST 4, 1956

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The regular meeting of the Board of Curators of the Washington State Historical Society was held August 4 in the Library of the Society's building, with the following present: Reno Odlin, President; Roe E. Shaub and Herman J. Deutsch, vice-presidents; Dr. A. S. Cory, Robert Hitchman, Thos. A. Swayze, D. H. White, Howard A. Hanson, Joshua Green, Mrs. Eva Anderson, Dr. Leon K. Jones, Harold Barto, Mrs. Della Gould Emmons, Mrs. Ruth E. Peeler, Mrs. Thos. P. Gose, Mrs. Byron D. Scott, Joel E. Ferris, L. A. Kibbe, Click Relander, Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, John M. McClelland, Jr., Mrs. Pearl Wanamaker, Guy T. Pierce, treasurer, and Chapin D. Foster, director.

By motion, reading of the Minutes was dispensed with, inasmuch as members of the Board had previously received copies of the Minutes.

The report of the Treasurer was read and approved. It will be found as a part of these Minutes.

The report of the Director covered the activities of the Society since the previous meeting. He noted the fact that out-of-state visitors had increased greatly this summer, with no less than 22 states represented on the register the previous Sunday. He stated that interest in an informal conference of local historical societies and museums in the state was such that all that remains is the selection of a suitable date. He anticipated that it would probably be held in September or October.

Dedication of a historical site at Federal Way was mentioned, the Director being the principal speaker on that occasion. Two log cabins have been moved to the site and a replica of the San Juan Blockhouse erected. Organization of the Chelan County Historical Society has been completed and the work of raising funds for the erection of a museum at Cashmere is under way.

The Director spoke of the work of the Council for Greater Tacoma in erecting bill boards in various parts of the state calling attention to the Museum. He was directed to write the Council a letter of appreciation. At current outdoor advertising rates this service, for which the Society pays nothing, would cost several thousand dollars. Attention was called to important changes being made on the fifth floor that will provide for two sections, one for Pacific Rim artifacts and the second for early musical instruments. All of the display cases in the two sections will be new. It is hoped the work can be completed this fall.

Board members were shown an album containing photographs taken 15 years ago, with photographs just taken at the same spot, showing changes that have been made in the building in the past 10 years.

President Odlin called for Committee reports.

Mr. Shaub, chairman of the Museum Committee, reported on changes under way on the fifth floor, and suggested the urgent need of additional museum space. Mrs. Peeler offered to help develop an outstanding exhibit of Washington petrified wood, and President Odlin named her chairman of a special committee for that purpose.

Mr. Swayze, for the Building and Grounds Committee, spoke of the acquisition of dirt from the grounds of the new Central Lutheran Church, at the rear of the building, which would make it possible for cars and trucks to turn around without danger. He reported that the School Board had acted favorably on the Society's request for the acquisition of a strip of land between the building and the Stadium. The School Board had asked for an opinion by the Attorney General, which has been requested, and surveys of the area in question are being made.

Mr. Deutsch moved that chairmen of committees be empowered to recommend to the President additional membership from members of the Society, but not to exceed 50 per cent of the membership of the committee. This motion was carried.

Mr. Hitchman, chairman of the Library Committee, reported progress in the work of cataloguing the Library along standard lines, also the acquisition of an important collection of timber pictures by John Kress, through the cooperation of Norman Thomas, who is connected with the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company. The Director was instructed to write Mr. Thomas a letter of appreciation. The pictures were taken between 1912 and 1940. Included are a large collection of slides, a projector, and some Civil War pictures taken by Matthew Brady, believed to be unpublished.

Mr. Deutsch called attention to the importance of the Library Association meeting to be held at Pullman in late August, also a meeting of the recently organized Council on Regional Historical Research. He moved that the Director and Librarian attend this conference if possible, also members of the Library Committee so far as possible.

The report of the Publications Committee was given by Mr. McClelland, chairman. He outlined the aim of the committee to eventually publish one or two books annually, the first to be the Hussey manuscript on Fort Vancouver. He pointed out that such a venture involves many details covering the manuscript itself, choice of a publisher, and problems of marketing. He said the Committee expects to reach a decision in the very near future.

In the absence of Prof. Gates, Mr. Deutsch called attention to a proposed bill drafted by Robert Nesbitt, state archivist, that would provide for the setting up of a State Archives Committee. He gave this report for the information of the Board and urged to support the measure as far as possible.

No other committees reported.

Mr. Foster reported the receipt of a letter from Okanogan County stating the desire of a group there to organize a county historical society and erect a museum on the site of Fort Okanogan, this property belonging to the Society. He stated that additional information had been requested, so decision was put over to a later meeting.

President Odlin discussed the need for an additional wing, continuing the remarks of Mr. Shaub earlier in the meeting. He felt that a very strong presentation should be made to the coming legislature and stated that plans would be prepared to that end. It was pointed out that blueprints for an additional wing have already been prepared.

Mr. Shaub, chairman of a special Budget Committee, reported that work on the 1957-59 budget was under way and that the new budget would have to be in the hands of the Budget Department by Sept. 1.

The Director presented tentative plans for the first annual observance of International Museum Month, set for October. He stated that he will send out a memorandum to all museums in the state, urging them to join in observance of the month. He will request the Governor to issue a proclamation, to be followed by similar proclamations in cities where museums are located. Newspaper, television, radio and service club cooperation has been assured, he said. Plans in the building call for an art exhibit featuring Washington history, members of the Daughters of Pioneers to be honor guests one Sunday, the Pierce County Pioneer Association guests another Sunday and the fifth floor to be opened the last week of the month. Library and other special exhibits would be planned during the month. He felt that a great deal of favorable attention could be directed toward the Society and its work through the month.

Mr. Relander reported on the development of a transportation exhibit at Pasco and the dedication of Fort Simcoe August 12th, inviting the members of the Board to attend if possible.

The proposal by Dr. Leon K. Jones for certain amendments to the By-Laws, which had been postponed to the August 4th Board meeting, was called up for discussion. President Odlin had appointed a committee to consider and recommend on the proposal, consisting of Board members Jones, Gates, Hitchman and Hanson. The Committee agreed on the form of amendments to be submitted to clarify the existing by-laws. Dr. Jones withdrew his proposal and notice was given of the committee's proposal. On motion, duly seconded, the Board approved the Committee report, resulting in the adoption of the following amendments to the By-Laws:

" AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE I - Membership.

Amend Sec. 1, by adding at the end: "Memberships shall be subject to acceptance by the Board of Curators, or the Executive Committee."

Amend Sec. 2, by striking the last sentence, which reads: "Their applications shall be made to the Director, accompanied with the annual dues for the year then ensuing."

Further Amend Sec. 2, by adding after the first sentence: "Active members shall have the right to take part in and to vote in the deliberations of the Society."

Strike Sec. 3 and insert the following: "Sec. 3, Sustaining memberships shall be composed of reputable persons having an interest in the objects of the Society and seeking to assist in a greater degree in promoting its usefulness. Each member shall have the right to take part in and to vote in the deliberations of the Society."

Strike Sec. 4 and insert the following: "Sec. 4, Organization memberships shall be composed of historical societies, museums, libraries, or educational institutions in the State of Washington, which make application for affiliation with the Society. Each such affiliate shall be entitled to one delegate with the right to take part in and to vote in the deliberations of the Society, and make a report to the Society of the affiliate's activities."

Change Sec. 5 and Sec. 6 to read: "Sec. 6" and "Sec. 7", respectively.

Amend Sec. 6 (formerly Sec. 5) as follows: Strike the words "Such members shall be entitled to all the privileges of Active members", and insert, in lieu thereof, "Each such member shall have the right to take part in and to vote in the deliberations of the Society."

Add a new Sec. 5 to read: "Sec. 5, Corporate memberships shall be composed of corporations, industrial organizations, firms or partnerships interested in the objects of the Society and seeking to assist its usefulness. Each such member shall be entitled to one delegate with the right to take part in and to vote in the deliberations of the Society."

AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE II - Fees and Annual Dues.

Amend Sec. 1 to read as follows: "Annual dues shall be as follows:

<u>Active</u> Members	4.00
<u>Sustaining</u> Members	25.00
<u>Organization</u> Members, except	
Historical Societies and Museums	4.00
<u>Corporate</u> Members	100.00

Annual dues shall be on a calendar basis, payable in advance. No member in arrears for annual dues shall be entitled to vote or take part in the deliberations of the meetings of the Society."

Amend Sec. 4 by adding: "Applications for membership shall be made to the Director, accompanied with current dues."

Mr. Deutsch urged the naming of a committee to study the work-load of various members of the Society staff. President Odlin stated that he would name such a committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to accept the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Odlin to luncheon at their home overlooking Commencement Bay. Prior to adjournment it was moved and seconded that Mr. Odlin and Mrs. Odlin be extended a vote of thanks for their hospitality. It might be added that the day was perfect and the social gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Odlin was perfect in every detail. A number of the Board members were accompanied by their wives, or husbands as the case might be, with about 40 enjoying the Odlin hospitality.

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CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Secretary-Director.

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OPERATING REPORT
1955-57 BIENNIUM
4th QUARTER, 4/1-6/30/1956

Number members: LIFE 84; ANNL.(Pd.'56) 343; ASSOC. 21.....	Total - 448
Number visitors:	" 12,700

I - STATE FUNDS:

159-1	Acct. 1-2	Salaries and wages	7,064.25	\$ 7,064.25	
159-2	" 3	Transportation	214.74		
	4	Subsistence and lodg.	65.82		
	5	Office supplies	58.30		
	6	Telephone & teleg.	128.93		
	7	Postage, frt., express	140.90		
	8	Work by state printer	59.90		
	9	Other genl. expense	122.28		
	10	Empl. rtrmt. and ins.	353.89		
	15	Light, heat, water	754.64		
	18	Janitor and hshld. exp.	31.96		
	20	Library	1.03		
	22	General maintenance	172.50	2,104.89	
159-4	Acct. 42A	Desks, chairs, etc.	-		
	42B	Mechanical eqpt.	622.17		
	43G	Other hshld. furn, eqpt.	420.00		
	46I	Other plant mch & eqpt.	-	1,042.17	\$ 10,211.31

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

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>	Dues	645.50		
	Sales: Maps, post cds., C/Cola	211.93		
	" Books	120.46		
	Postage refunds	115.00		
	PNW History Conference	781.68		
	Gifts and memorials	<u>157.38</u>	\$ 2,031.95	

EXPENDITURES:

	P.N.W. Quarterly	312.00		
	Post cards, Coca Cola, etc.	155.23		
	Sales tax	36.81		
	Books	24.40		
	Annual meeting	10.74		
	P.N.W. History Conference	783.15		
	Postage	115.00		
	Miscellaneous	<u>351.57</u>	1,788.90	\$ 243.05

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III - TREASURER'S REPORT (See Page 6)

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TREASURER'S REPORT
4th QUARTER, 4/1-6/30/56

Income on Investments:

Dividends 1st Bank Stock Corp	128.00	\$
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Other Income:

Tacoma Transit Co.	25.00	
Interest on Savings Accts.	<u>251.01</u>	404.01

Investments:

Acct. #56473	Pacific 1st Federal Svgs. & Loan	1,433.52
" 34775	" " " "	9,270.30
" 12295	American Svgs. & Loan	3,500.24
Canadian Natl. Ry. Bonds, par value		8,000.00
U. S. War Bonds, Series F		1,400.00
160 shares First Bank Corp., approx. value		6,000.00
Trust receipt Tacoma Transit Stock		

Cash Account:

Balance on deposit, 3/31/56	843.17
Receipts 3/31/56 to 6/30/56	\$ 2,031.95
Disbursements " " "	<u>1,788.90</u>
	<u>243.05</u>
Balance on deposit 6/30/56	\$ 1,806.22

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G. T. PIERCE, Treasurer,
WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.