

COUNCIL ON REGIONAL
HISTORICAL RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

CHARTER

WHEREAS, the history of the Pacific Northwest is of great importance to the understanding of local, regional, and national life; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of active researchers and writers to discover sources, new research techniques, theories, and to learn of research in progress, and to exchange ideas and experiences have been hitherto severely handicapped by the lack of a special organization devoted to aiding such efforts,

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that interested members of the current Pacific Northwest History Conference constitute themselves a COUNCIL ON REGIONAL HISTORICAL RESEARCH IN PROGRESS for these purposes: First, for encouragement of research and the study of research and writing in progress; Second, for discovery of new research methods and materials; Third, for publication of reports on work in progress; Fourth, for promotion of critical standards for research and writing; and Fifth, for a search for new media for publication of regional and local historical writings.

The Council on Regional Historical Research in Progress will cooperate fully with the Pacific Northwest History Conference and will participate in the program of the annual conference, but the Council shall be an independent body, carrying on its work on an all-year basis and holding such other meetings as shall be desirable for carrying out its main purposes.

The membership of the Council on Regional Historical Research in Progress shall consist of all persons interested in the serious promotion of regional and local historical research and writing who shall have signified such interest in writing and by payment of the registration fee of the Pacific Northwest History Conference for 1956, or for any subsequent year, and by payment of such dues as the Council sees fit to exact by majority vote in open meeting.

The Executive Committee of the Council shall be responsible for the development of programs, for the sponsorship and inquiry concerning research and writing, for publicity, for the calling of meetings and determining their agenda, and for the reporting by sub-committees which it or the Council in general meeting shall establish for carrying out the special purposes of the Council. There shall be seven members of the Executive Committee, each serving three year terms. The first committee members shall serve terms of varying length in order that a staggered pattern might be established: two members will serve one year, two members will serve two years, and three members will serve three years. A chairman shall be elected by the members of the Executive Committee for a one-year term. A secretary-treasurer shall be elected by the committee on a one-year

term basis. The chairman and secretary-treasurer shall be the executive officers of the entire council and shall act in that capacity when directed to do so by the Council or its Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall report its projects, business, and financial condition to the membership at the annual meeting. The place and time of the annual meeting shall be established by the membership at large. Election of members to the executive Committee shall be accomplished at the annual meeting. A nominating committee, appointed by the chairman from members not on the Executive Committee, shall nominate a slate of candidates, nominating at least twice as many candidates as there are positions open.

The Executive Committee shall be empowered to establish sub-committees designed to carry out the special purposes of the Council upon action taken by the membership in open meeting or upon its own action. Each sub-committee shall have one member of the executive Committee on its roster, but all other members shall be from the membership at large and the chairman of the sub-committees shall come from the membership at large only.

By-Laws

1. There shall be three regular, or standing, sub-committees, whose members shall be nominated by the Chairman of the Executive Committee and elected by majority vote of the Executive Committee. The members shall serve one-year terms, subject to annual renewal. The sub-committees shall be as follows:

- Number 1. Reports of Historical Research in Progress
- Number 2. Publicity on Holdings and Acquisitions
- Number 3. Publication Media and Research Techniques

2. Other standing or special committees shall be created by the Executive Committee or by the Council in open meeting as the need arises, but the Executive Committee shall not delegate responsibility for the program at the annual meeting to any sub-committee.

Additional Resolutions

1. RESOLVED, that the Council request that the Pacific Northwest History Conference, through its Steering Committee, recognize the Council on Regional Historical Research in Progress as a cooperating agency by granting it time and space at the annual conference for its program and business meeting.
2. RESOLVED, that the Council request that the Pacific Northwest History Conference, recognize the Council on Regional Historical Research in Progress as an independent agency, although as a cooperating agency of the conference it shall abide by the actions of the conference.

3. RESOLVED, that the Council request that the Washington State Historical Society (through the Steering Committee, Pacific Northwest History Conference) furnish financial support for publication of special reports and proceedings of the Council and that other historical societies and similar organizations in the Pacific Northwest be invited to contribute financial support to its work.
4. RESOLVED, that the Council seek to establish a newsletter for dissemination of information about the work of the Council and research news.
5. RESOLVED, that the editors of the journals of the Pacific Northwest historical societies be informed of the formation of the Council and be requested to consider publication of news and reports of the Council.

The charter, resolutions, and by-laws were approved at the organizational meeting, May 5, 1956.

The Steering Committee, Pacific Northwest History Conference, granted recognition of the Council and approval of its status as defined in the Charter, May 5, 1956.

The Executive Committee (elected May 5, 1956)

Term expiring 1957

Dorothy Bevis, Seattle
George A. Frykman, Pullman, Chairman

Term expiring 1958

Robert Hitchman, Seattle
Siegfried Rolland, Moscow, Secretary-Treasurer

Term expiring 1959

Thomas Vaughan, Portland
Maryan Reynolds, Olympia
Willard Ireland, Victoria, B. C.