

(Post -convention steering committee, Fourth ~~2~~ annual Pacific Northwest History Conference, Spokane, May 6-7, 1955, Davenport Hotel.

[Presiding: Joel ^{E.}Ferris, Spokane.

In attendance: Dr. Herman J. Deutsch, ^{WSC}Pullman; George Frykman, ^{WSC}Pullman; Dr. Charles Gates, University of Washington; Howard Burnham, Vancouver, Wash.; Dr. William Greever, Moscow, Idaho; Chapin Foster, Tacoma; Dr. Dorothy Johansen, Reed College, Portland, Oregon; Dr. ~~Edward~~ Siegfried B. Rolland, Moscow, Idaho; Willard Ireland, Victoria, B.C.; Robert Hitchman, Seattle; Click Relander, Yakima.

[Chairman ~~proposed~~ asked if it appeared the desire of the group to change the type of committee operations and by-laws ^{to one having} a more formal procedure. General ^{discussion} ~~discussion~~, No conclusion but concensus ~~indeed~~ indicated ~~that~~ informal operation had worked well for three years.

Mailing list discussed. Ferris reported that mailing list had been received from K. Ross ^{E.}Tool at Helena, Montana, host city in 1954 ^(combined) and that this had been ~~combined~~ with local list which in turn would be surrendered to the 1956 host city leaving the ~~added~~ matter of weeding out those who had removed from the ~~combined~~ territory embraced within the conference and keeping it up to date. ^{on a year to year basis} ^{Informative} ^{Potential} Information discussion as to future host cities disclosed that British Columbia and Oregon ~~could~~ entertained hope of serving as hosts at appropro time .

[Ireland proposed that the aims and objectives of the Conferences should be considered and that boards of the respective bodies (states) represented therein formally recognize the existence of the conference ~~this was~~ So moved by Dr. Deutsch, seconded and carried

[Rolland proposed , by motion, that each group , (component state)

be represented on the steering committee, ~~and this was~~ ^{unanimously} passed.

Foster presented the formal invitation of the parent sponsor, the Washington State Historical Society, to hold the 1955 conference at Tacoma ~~and the~~ ^{accented} invitation was ~~passed~~ upon motion of Frykman ~~and~~ ^{and} second of Dr. Johansen.

Steering committee members present from Oregon ~~did~~ disclosed that Oregon would appreciate the conference in 1959.

Deutsch proposed ~~the~~ ^{concluding} putting on record of the features of the ~~concluding~~ conference ~~just concluded~~ through invitation to Mrs. Florence D. Reed of Eastern Washington State Historical Society and Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert of Spokane Public Library, ~~to~~ ^{to} write ~~memoirs~~ ^{memoirs notes} experience ~~memoirs~~ These, it was suggested, would ~~be~~ ^{be} of benefit ⁱⁿ to subsequent conference planning.

Ireland led discussion of 1-problem of ~~location of conferences~~ ^{conference}, 2, problem of programs, as ~~they related~~ ^{relate} to travel, season and other considerations, ~~and as~~ ^{this also included} programs related to increasing expansion of membership covering wider fields of occupation and interest.

Deutsch proposed putting on record the ~~policy~~ ^{tendency}, apparently ~~established~~ ^{now}, ~~of~~ ^{the} inviting principal speakers from distant points, ~~such as was~~ ^{program chairman} followed by invitation of Dr. Edward Stewart to James T. Babb, librarian, Yale University, ^{was cited}

Hitchman made a matter of record the addition of the American ~~Forest~~ ^{Forest} History Foundation in the Pacific Northwest, into the conference ~~membership~~ ^{participation}.

Deutsch proposed that Gates and ~~Edward~~ ^{Howard} Hitchman serve as co-~~program~~ chairman for the 1956 ^{program} conference, ~~and~~ ^{the} ensuing discussion brought out that the College of Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran College would ^{be considered} ^{participate} participate as hosts with the ~~Washington~~ ^{the} Washington State Historical Society. Gates and ~~Hitchman~~ ^{Hitchman} were authorized to complete their program committee ~~and~~ ^{and} Foster was designated as the 1956 convention chairman.

~~And~~ for ^{the} a matter of record, the committee took recognition
of the well proportioned program, ^{and} group sessions *embodied in the*
1955 ~~conference sessions~~ *Gatherings*

Hitchman proposed that the committee express ^{deep and} ~~its~~ real appreciation
to Mr. Ferris, ~~and~~ members of his committee and the sponsoring groups
for the ~~the~~ successful management, ~~and~~ conduct and smooth-running
functions of the 1955 ~~conference~~ *expiring meet. conference*

Local sponsors were designated as:

[Eastern ^Washington State Historical Society, Joel E. Ferris,
conference chairman; Mrs. Florence D. Reed; Eastern Washington College
of Education, Dr. Edward I. Stewart; Gonzaga University, the Rev.
W.J. Davis, S.J.; ~~Spokane~~ ^{and} Spokane Public Library, Mrs. Elizabeth
Gilbert; ~~Whitworth~~ ^{Whitworth} College, Dr. R. Fenton Duvall, whereupon the
committee adjourned.

Davenport Hotel, May 7, ~~1955~~ 10 p.m., 1955.

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