

Post-convention steering committee, Fourth 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. Siegfried B. Rolland, Moscow, Idaho; Willard Ireland, Victoria, B.C.; Robert Hitchman, Seattle; Click Relander, Yakima.

Chairman asked if it appeared the desire of the group to change the type of committee operations and bylaws to one possessing a more formal procedure. General discussion. No conclusion, but consensus indicated informal operations had worked well for three years.

Mailing list discussed. Ferris reported that mailing list had been received from K. Ross Toole, Helena, Montana, host city in 1954.

This had been combined with local list which in turn would be surrendered to the 1956 host city leaving the matter of weeding out those who had removed from the region embraced within the conference and keeping the list up to date, on a year-to-year- basis.

Informative discussion as to potential future host cities disclosed that British Columbia and Oregon entertained hope of serving as hosts at appropriate 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. So moved by Deutsch, seconded and carried.

Rolland proposed by motion that each group, (component state) be represented on the steering committee. Unanimously passed.

Foster presented the formal invitation of the parent-sponsor, the Washington State Historical Society, to hold the 1956 conference at

Tacoma. Invitation was accepted upon motion of Krykman and second of Dr. Johansen.

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

Deutsch proposed putting on record of the features of the concluding conference through invitations to Mrs. Florence D. Reed of Eastern Washington State Historical Society and Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert of Spokane Public Library, to write experience memos. These, it was suggested, would be of benefit in subsequent conference planning.

Ireland led discussion of 1-Problem of conference location; 2, problem of programs as relate to travel, season and other considerations. This also included programs related to increasing expansion of membership covering wider fields of occupation and interest.

Deutsch proposed putting on record the tendency, apparently now established, of inviting principal speakers from distant points. The invitation of Dr. Edward Stewart, program chairman, to James T. Babb, librarian of ^AYale University, was cited.

Hitchman made a matter of record the addition of the American Forest History Foundation in the Pacific Northwest into the conference participation.

Deutsch proposed that Gates and Hitchman serve as co-chairmen for the 1956 conference program. Ensuing discussion brought out that the College of Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran College would be considered as participating hosts with the Washington State Historical Society. Gates and Hitchman were authorized to complete their program committee. Foster was designated as the 1956 convention chairman.

For a matter of record, the committee took recognition of the well proportioned program and group sessions embodied in the 1955 gathering.

Hitchman proposed that the committee express deep and real appreciation to Mr. Ferris, members of his committee and the sponsoring groups

for the successful management, conduct and smooth-running functions of the expiring 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; Spokane Public Library, Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert, librarian; and Whitworth College, Dr. R. Fenton Duvall, whereupon the committee adjourned.

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

Original: To Mr. Joel E. Ferris, Spokane.

Copy: To Chapin Foster, Tacoma.

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