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COUNCIL ON BOTANICAL AND HORTICULTURAL LIBRARIES, INC.

MINUTES OF THE CBHL BOARD MEETING, MARCH 4, 1974

The Board of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries met at the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland on Monday, March 4, 1974. Meeting with Board members Edith Crockett, President (Columbia), John Reed (The New York Botanical Garden), Henry Norweb (Holden Arboretum) and Marjorie Dickinson (Kingwood Center) were Richard Isaacson, librarian of the Garden Center, and Mrs. R. Preston Nash, Jr., Chairman of the Garden Center's Library Committee. Bernadette Callery of the Hunt Institute also attended representing Kathryn Daniels who was unable to be present.

The Sixth Annual Meeting to be held at the Garden Center, April 18 - April 20, was of first importance at the meeting and the future role of CBHL came up for considerable discussion.

Mrs. Crockett opened the meeting by congratulating the Cleveland host committee, Mrs. Nash, Mr. Norweb, and Mr. Isaacson, for the excellent job done on the program planning, hospitality and format of the brochure for the upcoming annual meeting. Mr. Isaacson announced that all meeting registrations should be postmarked by April 1st.

Mrs. Crockett presented the report of the nominating committee (Ruth Schallert, chairman) for the position of junior member of the CBHL Board.

Nominees are:

Elisabeth Woodburn, Booknoll Farm, Hopewell, New Jersey 08525

Ian McPhail, The Morton Arboretum, Route 53, Lisle, Ill. 60532

Ballots for the election will be included in the March Newsletter. They must be returned to the secretary and postmarked by April 6th. Results will be announced at the April meeting.

John Reed, CBHL Treasurer, announced a balance of \$2851.59 in the organization's treasury. Letters will go out soon regarding 1974 membership renewals.

A number of outstanding entries have been received for the CBHL logo contest. Members will have an opportunity to vote for their choice at the annual meeting.

Ms. Callery expressed the wish of the Newsletter Committee to receive more news items - announcements of special activities, exhibits, outstanding accessions, staff news, desiderata, etc., etc. from Council members. Members of the Board expressed considerable satisfaction with the Newsletter as a means of communication among members of CBHL.

The Board discussed a proposal included in a letter to Mrs. Crockett from Charles van Ravenswaay, Director of Winterthur Museum. Mr. Ravenswaay is particularly interested in the bibliographic organization of early American nursery catalogs and in the compilation of a union list of holdings. After considerable discussion, there was general agreement that proposals such as this should be publicized in the Newsletter and discussed at Annual and Board Meetings. CBHL should function as a clearing house to approve proposals. After approval, members of the Council might assist in presenting request for grants to the National Science Foundation or other agencies.

Mr. Reed brought up a request he received from Richard Howard, president, of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta regarding a request for a speaker on libraries for one program at the A.B.G.A. meeting planned for this fall in Boston. Mr. Norweb suggested that it might be well to have a representative of CBHL discuss the diversity of horticultural and botanical libraries and the existence of CBHL.

There was considerable discussion of the role CBHL might play as a clearing house for information on botanical and horticultural libraries. Mrs. Crockett had a recent letter from an Indianapolis group asking for guidance and both Mr. Isaacson and Mrs. Dickinson stated that they receive a number of such requests.

In response to this need the Board drew up a questionnaire to be circulated at the April meeting to identify librarians who would be available to act as consultants to groups and institutions seeking information. It is planned that the CBHL secretary will keep a list of consultants names on file and inquiries will be answered with a list of possible consultants. All arrangements regarding fees, travel, etc., will be between the individual and the organization requesting assistance.

Mr. Isaacson offered to draw up a questionnaire for an institutional directory of CBHL Libraries. It is hoped that this will be useful in answering questions regarding classification schemes in use, subject headings used, strengths of particular collections, etc.

Mrs. Dickinson presented a revision of the out-of-date membership brochure. A number of suggestions were made by the committee and Ms. Callery agreed to incorporate the suggestions and do final editing. The brochure, including the new logo, will be printed after the April meeting.

Board members and host librarians will be present on April 17th in the hospitality suite at Howard Johnson's motor lodge to meet council members arriving for the annual meeting.

Marjorie Dickinson  
Secretary, Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries  
March 7, 1974.

American Rose Annual

The Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation, Swarthmore, PA. announces the availability of a set of the American Rose Annual, complete from 1921 to 1967, excluding 1942 and 1960. Two copies of the annuals for 1923 and 1957 are available. CBHL members interested in obtaining all or part of this set should submit their offers to:

Ms. Loretta Hodyss, Horticulturist  
Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation  
Swarthmore College  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania 19081

Publication Wanted

The library of Kingwood Center is seeking a copy of the following publication:  
Studies in Penstemon No. 3, published by the American Penstemon Society, 1963, (edited by Ralph W. Bennett.)

Please direct correspondence to:

Marjorie Dickinson, Librarian  
Kingwood Center  
900 Park Avenue West  
P.O. Box 966  
Mansfield, Ohio 44901

Drawings from Reeves Collection (BMNH) Published

Miss Phyllis Edwards, of the Department of Botany at the British Museum (Natural History) sends us an announcement of a publication of the BMNH which should be available by late March or early April of this year. The work is Chinese Natural History Drawings Selected From the Reeves Collection in the British Museum (Natural History) with accompanying text by Miss Edwards and P.J.P. Whitehead. The volume includes twenty color plates, faithfully reproduced by the collotype process. A number of these plates are of botanical subjects.

The Reeves Collection at the BMNH is primarily the result of John Reeves' (1774-1856) work of Commissioning Chinese artists to depict the animals and plants of the region while serving an Inspector of Teas at the Honorable East India Company's Factory in Canton.

The cost of the work will be £135 for orders received before 1 April 1974 and will be £150 for orders received thereafter.

Acquisitions List Available

Any CBHL member wishing to receive the bi-monthly acquisitions list of materials newly cataloged by the Missouri Botanical Garden Library may do so by sending \$5.00 payable to the Missouri Botanical Garden, 2315 Tower Grove Avenue, St. Louis. Missouri 63110, Attention, Joan Marcus, Head Cataloger.

Lecture Tour Planned

Mr. Paul R. Miles, Horticulturist for the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty, is planning a short lecture tour in the United States in the spring of 1975. Topics on which Mr. Miles can speak include:

1. European Gardens.
2. Gardens of the National Trust.
3. North American Gardens as seen by an Englishman.
4. Some Gardens of the British Isles (including Scotland and Ireland).
5. Spanish and Portuguese Gardens.
6. The Garden History Society.

Any CBHL member institution wishing to participate in this lecture series is invited to contact Mr. Miles in care of the National Trust. The full address is:

Clock House One  
Rookery Park  
Yoxford, Saxmundham  
Suffolk IP17 3LQ, England

Register Early for Cleveland

Registration forms and fees for the annual meeting in Cleveland, April 17-20, must be returned to the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, 11030 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106, by April 1, 1974. Information on the number of people attending the conference is extremely important.

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The Nominating Committee proposed the following members for the position of Second Vice-President of the CBHL Board of Directors.

Please vote for one only:

\_\_\_\_\_ Ian McPhail

\_\_\_\_\_ Elisabeth Woodburn

Send ballots to Marjorie Dickinson, CBHL Secretary, Kingwood Center, P.O. Box 966, Mansfield, Ohio 44901. - All ballots must be received by April 15.

Spring Art Show at Hunt Botanical Library

The Spring art show at the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh, PA., is entitled "Artists from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew." This show will be on display from April 1 to September 20, 1974

Mary Pomeroy Exhibit at Missouri Botanical Garden

An exhibit of some forty paintings of Ecuadorian plants by Mary Barnas Pomeroy will be on display at the Missouri Botanical Garden during the months of April and May, 1974.

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Next deadline for material May 6. Send all information to Bernadette Callery.

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MEMBERSHIP

The Council is open to botanical and horticultural libraries of both public and private institutions. Institutional support and membership is encouraged. Individual membership is available to librarians, interested persons from the botanical and horticultural professions, and friends.

Annual dues are \$25.00 for institutional members and \$10.00 for individual members.

Checks should be payable to:  
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