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Thursday, April 28, 1977. The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois

Marion T. Hall, Director of the Morton Arboretum, welcomed CBHL members. He thanked the Canadians present for bringing the day's weather which was cold and rainy and presented a brief survey of the history and present position of the Arboretum.

Joy Morton, son of J. Sterling Morton, the founder of Arbor Day, established the Arboretum in 1922. He was advised in this undertaking by C. S. Sargent of the Arnold Arboretum. Currently, the Morton Arboretum comprises 1500 acres and enjoys a "considerable and marvelous endowment." Visitations to the arboretum each year run from 400,000 to 600,000.

Ian MacPhail, president of the Council and librarian of the Morton Arboretum, then opened the business meeting by introducing members of the board, Richard Isaacson, Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, Barbara Emerson, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and Marjorie Dickinson, secretary, from Kingwood Center. John Reed, treasurer, New York Botanical Garden, was unable to be present.

Mr. MacPhail introduced Phyllis Edwards of the British Museum (Natural History) who attended the annual meeting as a guest of the Council.

The minutes of the eighth annual meeting as published in the CBHL Newsletter were approved and reports were called for from board members.

Mrs. Dickinson stated that the minutes of the eighth annual meeting and those of a board meeting held on September 7, 1976 were published in the CBHL Newsletter. She noted that former president Henry Norweb and Mrs. Norweb were unable to attend this year's meeting because of a conflict with activities at the Holden Arboretum and had expressed their regrets in a note. She also stated that she has available a paper by Beverly Seaton of Ohio State University entitled "The Garden Autobiography: Notes Toward Defining One Category of Garden Literature" which was to be presented to the Popular Culture Association in Baltimore this April.

In the absence of John Reed, Mr. MacPhail presented the treasurer's report which is appended to these minutes. As of December 31, 1976 CBHL had a financial balance of \$5,227.81. This total is somewhat misleading since it does not include the expenses of Phyllis Edwards' trip and the half share of Bob Long's expenses for the land-grant meeting in Colorado. Even so, the president pointed out that CBHL has a lot of money and needs to spend some of it.

Mr. MacPhail then mentioned a note from Charlene Garry of the Basilisk Press expressing her regrets about not being able to attend the annual meeting. Ms. Garry plans to be in this country in the autumn and will be available for lectures. Her address is 32 Englands Lane, Hampstead, London NW3 4UE.

Barbara Emerson presented the report on the membership. CBHL now has 79 individual members and 43 institutional members. In addition, complimentary memberships were authorized at the last annual meeting for four institutions (Chelsea Physic Garden, Cambridge Botanic Garden, British Museum (Natural History), and the Royal Botanic Garden, Kew). It was decided to renew these memberships for one year. After this period, it is hoped the institutions will decide to join CBHL on a regular basis.

Ms. Emerson stated that the best approach to membership recruitment is a self-help one and asked for help from the membership in contacting potential new members and in following up on such contacts. She plans to send CBHL brochures to all members for distribution and to do an article for HortSci about the organization.

A number of other approaches to recruitment of new members were discussed at some length by the membership. Suggestions included: advertisements in book trade and library publications; complimentary subscriptions, and the sending of sample newsletters and duplicate lists to potential members.

The president reported that Ina Vrugtman of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Hamilton, was elected as the new member of the board. Members of the nominating committee were Kathryn Daniels, Cornelia Tyler and Wilma Wierwill. Nominees were Mrs. Vrugtman and James Reed. This announcement was followed by a short discussion of the voting privileges of institutional and personal members. The current membership brochure states that "Institutional members may designate two persons as representatives from their organization. These representatives both may vote at annual meetings Individual members are also welcomed. They, of course, may vote at annual meetings"

The president then called for reports of the standing committees.

Bernadette Callery stated that publication of the CBHL Newsletter has continued. She thanked the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society for publishing it in the past year and announced that Diane Schwartz of the New York Botanical Garden has joined the editorial committee.

Richard Isaacson announced that the Committee on the Union List of Serials, (B. Callery, L. Dickinson, J. MacLean, R. Schallert, R. Isaacson, chairman), has produced a list of union lists which include holdings of CBHL members. The committee met in Washington in January. They decided that purchase of these union lists and storage in a central location would not be advisable because they would not be used by the membership and, therefore, the cost would not be justified.

Isaacson noted that he and Ruth Schallert had been members of this committee since the Toronto meeting in 1973. He expressed the hope that the report would meet the needs of members: stated that it would undoubtedly need revision; thanked Jayne MacLean for doing the final editing and noted that he and Ruth would probably become (1) belligerent or (2) sink under any convenient table if the project was mentioned to them again.

Mr. MacPhail discharged this (long) standing committee on the Union List of Serials with the sincere thanks of CBHL and the committee report "CBHL Union List of Serials" was distributed to the membership. (A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.) At the second business meeting, it was announced that the Missouri Botanical Garden should be added to the lists of institutions whose holdings are indexed in New Serial Titles and The Union List of Serials.

The next committee to report was that on the Union List of Seed Catalogs, Cornelia Tyler, chairman.

Ms. Tyler and others reported on the work done by some librarians in checking holdings of pre-1920 catalogues in their areas. A summary of findings include the following:

Isaacson: Located a collection of Shaker seed catalogs held by the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland.

Arros: Only one early catalog located in Montreal.

Baschnagel: A number of small collections of catalogs located in the Rochester area.

I. Vrugtman: A survey made in the Hamilton, Ontario area.

Mary Lou Wolfe reported on the survey made by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Seventy-eight inquiries were sent out of which 40 were returned. The survey uncovered many small holdings of less than one hundred catalogs. These holdings were listed in various ways, some were still tied in W.P.A. bundles from the 1930's. Ms. Wolfe distributed sample forms on cards which volunteers at P.H.S. are using to list their own holdings (form appended to minutes).

In response to a question, Ms. Tyler stated that on the basis of her sampling, Cornell has many holdings not on the preliminary NAL checklist. She has checked 22 of the many boxes holding catalogs at Cornell.

Jayne MacLean understands that the National Agricultural Library hopes to go ahead with the publication of what they have compiled and include input received from other institutions. They hope to receive financial aid for editing for publication and want to publish through the NAL so the checklist will be eligible for free distribution.

MacLean and MacPhail agreed that a CBHL-NAL joint meeting on the checklist would be advisable.

Bob Long suggested that in such a meeting the Council should encourage NAL to publish the list of their holdings so that members may use it as a basis for checking their own files.

John Beecher of the University of Illinois commented that he felt the project extremely worthwhile. After the NAL list is published he would like to submit a proposal for a grant at Illinois in order to use graduate students to work on the project.

Elisabeth Woodburn pointed out that the commercial value of seed catalogs has risen from nothing to many hundreds of dollars in some cases. She feels that material might be "lost" from scholarly collections as value increases if it is not catalogued.

A motion was proposed and adopted that representatives of the council meet with representatives of the NAL to ascertain their plans for the publication of the NAL checklist and to explain the position and plans of CBHL. A summary of the discussion is to appear in the CBHL Newsletter.

Friday, April 29, 1977. Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Illinois

Barbara Pesch, Director of Education at the Chicago Botanic Garden, greeted CBHL members.

Bob Long opened the business meeting by reporting on the meeting of Science Land-Grant librarians at Fort Collins, Colorado on November 18th and 19th, 1976.

Solange Gignac announced that plans are underway for the 1978 CBHL meeting to be held in Denver, June 7 - 10 at the Brown Palace Hotel. Tentative features of next year's program include a day-long trip in Rocky Mountain National Park and a talk by Anne Zwinger, the author of Land Above the Trees.

In response to Mr. MacPhail's plea for potential sites for the 1979 meeting, June Rogier of the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in St. Paul offered a tentative invitation.

The Council then turned to a discussion of possible future topics for CBHL meetings. Heather Miller suggested grants and other sources of financial aid as of considerable interest to most members. Lenore Dickinson suggested consideration of regional data bases and regional cooperation. Elisabeth Woodburn thought that the role of the local garden center in developing regional centers of information with holdings of local publications might be explored. She also suggested a program on methods of approach to the development of collections.

Heather Miller also suggested since the Council is approaching its 10th anniversary that it might be well for an annual meeting to be held in Boston - the site of the first one, - or perhaps on the 15th anniversary.

The next topic discussed was that of cooperation with British and other European libraries.

Phyllis Edwards announced that she has been asked to edit a book on sources of botanical information by a British publisher. She intends for it to include information on access to unpublished material, data centers, etc., as well as published botanical literature. She would like to include information on major botanical collections in this country and will be contacting institutions for information.

Ina Vrugtman suggested that Henry Norweb's London talk might be sent to potential overseas members. Barbara Emerson suggested that it might be reworked with the addition of some recent material.

The Council then launched into a discussion of methods of recruiting European librarians and the advisability of this action.

Freek Vrugtman feels we should encourage cooperation among the European librarians who have no organization comparable to CBHL. The name of Willem Margadant of the Bio-Historical Institute, Utrecht, Netherlands was proposed as a possible European contact for the Council.

Kathryn Daniels does not see CBHL as a proselytizing group and does not feel it appropriate to the purpose of the organization to try to form a European group. She suggested that CBHL concentrate on increasing North American and Hawaiian memberships for the 10th anniversary of the organization.

Ms. Edwards said as an English member she found the duplicate lists very interesting.

The idea of special membership status for overseas members was brought up but generally rejected. It seemed to be the consensus that personal memberships by foreign librarians should be encouraged.

Turning to a continuation of the discussion of seed catalogs, it was agreed that members would continue to work on individual projects. Information gathered is to be sent to Cornelia Tyler and will be published in the Newsletter. Mary Lou Wolfe will also report on the PHS pilot project in the Newsletter.

Mr. MacPhail then called for new business.

Bob Long discussed the bibliographies produced and distributed by the Council of Planning Librarians and proposed that CBHL consider a similar service.

A motion was made and adopted that a committee of Bob Long and Alan Barney be appointed to investigate as they see fit the possibility of CBHL produced biblio-

ographies. They may set up an actual pilot project. CBHL funds may be used for postage.

Mr. MacPhail then recognized Bernadette Callery who proposed and offered to compile a directory of CBHL members. Mr. MacPhail thanked Bernadette and asked her to proceed with the project. Meryl Miasek, NYBG, also offered to help with the directory. They may use CBHL funds for postage.

Ruth Schallert announced that she has Contributions of the National Herbarium available for distribution upon request. CBHL members who have surplus copies of the Contributions may send them to Ruth.

Bob Long made the following announcements concerning The New York Botanical Garden. Frank Anderson is working on a history of herbals to be published by Columbia University in the autumn. Restoration of the Conservatory at the Garden is two-thirds complete. Members are invited to come and see it. At the Cary Arboretum, the research building is well under way. A 24,000 volume library is planned, 6000 volumes are in the collection now.

Enola Teeter commented on Longwood's successful sharing of an OCLC terminal with a larger library.

Mr. MacPhail then introduced Richard Isaacson, the new president of CBHL. Richard thanked Ian for his well organized and scholarly approach to the CBHL presidency, introduced the new member of the Council, Ina Vrugtman, and adjourned the business meeting.

Marjorie S. Dickinson, Secretary, C.B.H.L.

POSITION WANTED

RESUME OF: BETH TADDONIO

JOB WANTED: My career objective is to work in a Horticultural library on the technician level. My career interests also include work as a botanical recorder or related work in an arboretum or botanic garden.

EDUCATION: Associate degree in Library Technology, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, O., 1977; Two-year Landscape and Nursery Program, Michigan State University, E. Lansing, MI, 1975; Enrolled in Horticulture Program in Toledo Public School System, Toledo, O., 1972-1973. Resume sent upon request.

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PERSONAL DATA: Age: 21; Health: excellent; Willing to relocate.

BASILISK PRESS LECTURE TOUR

Charlene Garry of the Basilisk Press will be touring the United States from September 25 through November 7. She has an illustrated talk on the production of the Press' most recent publication, Ferdinand Bauer's Australian Flower Paintings, as well as material for lectures on the making of the Basilisk books and botanical

illustration in general. Anyone wishing to arrange for a lecture should contact Ms. Garry at the Basilisk Press Ltd., 32 Englands Lane, Hampstead, London NW3 4UE, England.

AGRICULTURAL LITERATURE PROCEEDINGS PUBLISHED

The proceedings of the three-day symposium entitled, "Agricultural Literature: Proud Heritage - Future Promise," edited by Alan Fusonie and Leila Moran, have been published with an index by the Graduate School Press, U. S. Department of Agriculture. The work includes papers by CBHL members Alan Fusonie, Elisabeth Woodburn, Charles van Ravenswaay, and Richard Farley. The 371 page 66 illustration work is available from the Graduate School Press, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Room 1410, South Building, Washington, D. C. 20250, in paperback for \$9.95 and in hardback for \$13.50.

FLORA OF THE USSR AVAILABLE

Free on request from the Department of Botany, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. 20560, Attention: James J. White, are a very limited number of the following volumes of the Flora of the USSR: II, III, XI, XII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, XIX, XX, XXIV.

CANADIAN CONSERVATION PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Canadian Conservation Institute's Technical Bulletin and Journal are available free upon request in either the French or English edition. For these useful publications on the conservation of museum and library materials, write to Canadian Conservation Institute, National Museums of Canada, 1030 Innes Road, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0M8.

NEWS FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY

A SLIDE TAPE PROGRAM ON BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS: How to use Biological Abstracts, written by Eva S. Jonas, is a slide-cassette program now available from the Cabot Science Library, Harvard University. It consists of a script, 60 slides and a 20 minute tape with cue pulses of 1000 Hz for automatic advancement of slides on automatic equipment (e.g., Singer Caramate). It describes the format and indices of Biological Abstracts and Bioresearch Index and basic research techniques. The program can also be presented by using a cassette player and a manual slide projector. The script designates appropriate time intervals between slides for manual advance. The program has been used for self and group instruction at Harvard University and in a science and technology reference course at Simmons School of Library Science. Orders, accompanied by a check for \$100.00, should be made to Cabot Science Library, in care of Eva S. Jonas, Cabot Science Library, One Oxford Street, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Emergency Guidelines for Harvard Libraries: Requests for copies of Emergency Guidelines for Harvard Libraries, produced by the Harvard University Library Subcommittee on Emergency Procedures should be addressed to: Mrs. Doris Freitag, Andover Harvard Theological Library, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138.

NEWS FROM THE BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

The three-garden complex at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden which includes the Ryoanji Temple Stone Garden, a replica of the 500-year-old Zen meditation garden in Kyoto, Japan, the Roji Garden or Dewy Path, and the Tallman Dwarf Plant Garden is now open to the public on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays (including Monday holidays) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. until the end of October.

A Herb Symposium in honor of the 40th Anniversary of the Herb Garden was held at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden June 10 and 11. The two-day symposium was co-sponsored by the Herb Society of America, New York Chapter. There were speakers, tours of the herb gardens, demonstrations, exhibits, and most enjoyably a herb luncheon and herb tea tasting.

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden conducts guided tours of the grounds and greenhouses every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. No reservation is required. Tours begin at Magnolia Plaza in front of the Garden's Administrative Building. Summer tours will emphasize the Herb Garden, Fragrance Garden for the Blind, Japanese Garden and highlights of the Garden's tree and shrub collection. This service is free to the public. Support is provided by grants from the New York State Council on the Arts and ACTION, a federal agency.

CBHL BIBLIOGRAPHY SERIES

At the ninth annual meeting the membership of CBHL appointed Alan Barney and Bob Long as a committee to investigate and develop a CBHL Bibliography Series. Work on this project is underway. Bibliographies on desert plants and their cultivation, and vegetable cookery are under consideration by the editors. We need other authors! Those members of CBHL who have bibliographies completed or in progress, which are suitable for this series, please contact Alan Barney or Bob Long.

NEWS FROM THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDENNEW PUBLICATIONS

Extinction is Forever: Threatened and Endangered Species of Plants in the Americas and Their Significance in Ecosystems Today and in the Future, Edited by Ghilleen T. Prance and Thomas S. Elias, 1977, 437 p., \$20.00. Orders should be sent to Publications, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York 10458.

Endangered Plant Species of the World and Their Endangered Habitats: A Selected Bibliography by C. R. Long and M. A. Miasek, 1977, 17 p., \$1.50. Orders should be sent to Council of Planning Librarians, P. O. Box 229, Monticello, Illinois 61856.

A large collection of foreign language and etymological dictionaries and works in linguistics has been donated to the New York Botanical Garden by Mr. Rupert Barneby, long-time Garden staffer and expert on the classification of Astragalus, Dalia and Cassia. Part of this collection will be added to the reference collection of the Garden's library and the remainder will be sold. Proceeds from the sale will be used for rare book purchasing.

Over 100 members of the Special Libraries Association toured the Cary Arboretum on June 9, 1977. The research building well along toward completion will have a library with a capacity of 20,000 volumes. The collections now number over 6,000 items and are housed temporarily in the education building. Mr. Fred Strum, Cary Arboretum librarian, hosted the SLA members who were gathered in New York for their annual meeting.

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