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NEWSLETTER

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COUNCIL ON BOTANICAL AND HORTICULTURAL LIBRARIES, INC.

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1973

INN ON THE PARK, TORONTO, CANADA

Mrs. Ruth Schallert, Chairman of the Secretariat, called the meeting to order at 2 PM. This constituted the first formal meeting of the Secretariat and Membership since the incorporation. Present from the Secretariat were: Ruth Schallert, Smithsonian Institution, Henry Norweb, The Holden Arboretum, Edith Crockett, Columbia University, John Reed, The New York Botanical Garden. Mrs. Schallert noted that due to the incorporation the Secretariat would have five members.

Mrs. Schallert suggested that the membership accept the published minutes of the meetings as approved in lieu of a reading. A motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote. Mrs. Schallert then suggested that the dues for membership be put on a calendar year basis. Membership is now at 54 individual members and 36 institutional members.

Mr. John Reed, Treasurer, reported that the legal fees for incorporation had come to \$700.00 which was to be paid to Mr. Arthur Lee. After payment of all expenses to date the Council has a treasury with about \$1,000.00 balance. It was moved by Wendy Hillier that a separate accounting be kept for the meetings which are held annually. This was seconded by James Reed and passed by the membership after a clarification called for by Elisabeth Woodburn.

Mrs. Schallert suggested that the registration taken at the meetings be used in lieu of a formal roll call. This was accepted by the membership. Mrs. Schallert called for a detailed report on the incorporation proceedings from Mr. John Reed. He reported that a minute book has been established. The Council is now incorporated in the State of New York. The Council retains the same basic organization as before. There are five officers: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. It was pointed out that one of the benefits of this action was that the Council could now apply for grants and receive funds. The Council now has a seal of incorporation; uses an account at the Bankers Trust Company; has an open membership including overseas members; and, a dues structure of \$10.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for institutions. Mr. Reed explained that a number for tax exemption was to be filed with the IRS and then a request could be made for grants and dues.

Howard Swift suggested that a letterhead, seal or logo, and, a membership card should be developed. He volunteered to help in this area of Council development. Mr. Reed reported that the Nominating Committee which was formed to select a person for a 3 year term on the Secretariat, nominated Kathryn Daniels of the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. For Secretary the committee has nominated James Reed and Marjorie Dickinson. The results of the election: Kathryn Daniels was approved as the new three year member of the Secretariat and Marjorie Dickinson was elected as Secretary.

A discussion of the additions to the BPH and the possibility of a Union Catalogue of Council holdings followed for some time. Bernadette Callery pointed out that the BPH grant was up for renewal in June, 1973.

This would enable the project to push toward completion of the intensive research and recording of all botanical works published between 1730 and 1840.

The problem of preserving and ordering the archives of local horticultural clubs and societies was taken up. The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society now serves as the repository for the Delaware Valley Group and the American Rock Garden Society. This is the effort of Julie Morris. A similar effort is underway at the New York Botanical Garden where the archives of the New York Mycological Society, the Society for Economic Botany, The Torrey Botanical Club, the Garden Clubs of Connecticut and the Wildflower Preservation Society are maintained. Barbara Emerson suggested that the Council should determine what institutional members now serve as repositories and which are willing to do so. She also suggested that the American Horticultural Society might be queried as to whether it had plans for storing the archives of such societies and local groups. The council will contact the AHS in regard to this matter. Edith Crockett suggested that the botanical societies should also be canvassed.

The topic of cooperative acquisitions was brought up. It was pointed out that many of the publishers would not give discounts without a minimum number of copies being ordered. Elisabeth Woodburn suggested that there was no saving in ordering quantity because of the paper work and overhead which dealers themselves experience in ordering single copies for their customers. Dorothy Hansell suggested that book wholesalers be contacted. She said that she would investigate the rates of wholesalers and communicate the findings to the Secretariat.

The 1974 meeting was set for the Cleveland Garden Center tentatively for April 18, 19, 20 or April 25, 26, 27. Enola Teeter suggested April 24, 25, 26, 1975 as the date for the meeting at Longwood Gardens. It was agreed that the treatment of non-book materials would be the theme of the 1974 meeting.

The membership was asked to forward their ideas to the Secretariat on how cooperation between botanical and horticultural libraries could be extended to plant societies and their membership.

The meeting was adjourned by President Shcallert.

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING HELD SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1973

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The meeting was called to order by President Schallert. Mrs. Teeter distributed a bibliography on microforms which was received with great enthusiasm. Mrs. Teeter suggested that the 1976 meeting might be a joint one shared between the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and Longwood Gardens. This was taken under advisement by the Secretariat. If the 1976 meeting were to be a shared one between these two institutions then the Council may accept the suggestion of Jim Reed that the 1975 meeting be held at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

A new editorial committee was formed for the Newsletter. The members of this committee are Julie Morris, Bernadette Callery and Jim Reed. Elisabeth Woodburn urged the Newsletter to take note of the Garden History Society. The Editor called for want lists, bibliographical notes and notices of job openings. Elisabeth Woodburn urged that institutions use the Newsletter to notify others of stolen volumes.

A report was given on the Association of Systematic Collections formation and the first circulated report of that group.

The Union List of Current Serials for members of the Council was the next topic.

Mr. Albert Strickland shared some of his experience with the preparation and costs of compiling such lists. The membership decided to share current lists with one another and to continue investigative discussions of the feasibility of such a project.

Edith Crockett mentioned that the Oriole Press of New York City was looking for suggestions of reprint titles. The head of the firm, Mr. Russell, had contacted several members of the Council asking for suggestions. The Secretariat will be happy to pass along any suggested titles to Mr. Russell.

Wendy Hillier had two suggestions for those who will be organizing future meetings of the Council: 1.) cancellations not received 10 days before the meeting cannot be refunded; and, 2.) suggestions on goals for the group and suggested topics for future meetings should be sent to Howard Swift or Richard Isaacson. Suggestions for the non-book program to be held at the next meeting should be forwarded to Enola Teeter.

Mrs. Schallert closed the meeting with special thanks on behalf of the Membership of the Council to Wendy Hillier, and the gracious members of the Toronto Civic Centre.

Charles R. Long
Interim Secretary

CBHL LOGO CONTEST

Be the first person in your library to design the prize-winning logo for the newly incorporated Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, commonly known as CBHL.

The first and only prize is \$50.00 (Fifty dollars) guaranteed money paid from the sticky fingers of the CBHL treasurer.

Entry designs for logo must be suitable for letterhead stationery, membership cards, banner of the newsletter and other official emblematic uses. The design should be reducible to about one inch square and should use only one color.

All entry designs will be displayed at the next annual meeting in Cleveland, April 17-20. Designs must be on 8-1/2" by 11" pieces of paper. Please include your name and address on the back of your entry.

The logo contest is open to anyone. Applicants may send as many entries as they feel are worth the postage. All entries must be received by March 1, 1974. The winner will be announced April 20 at the Cleveland meeting.

Send your winning entries to Richard Isaasson, Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, 11030 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

APRIL 1974 ANNUAL MEETING IN CLEVELAND

Mark your calendars now. The 1974 annual meeting of CBHL will be held at the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland and the Holden Arboretum April 17-20. A resume of the program will appear in the next newsletter. Registration packets with detailed information will be sent out separately. Thus far, the program appears very sociable as well as highly educational. Start breaking in your walking shoes now.

CBHL ARCHIVAL MATERIAL TO NYBG

Would anyone having archival material concerning CBHL please send it to the New York Botanic Garden where the records of the organization are being collected. Please send it in care of John Reed. For the benefit of those whose files may be rather muddled, the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. used to be called the Conference on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries.

GHS

Julia Davis writes that a Garden History Society is to be formed in 1974 and that those interested in receiving forthcoming material on this may let J. F. Davis, Research Department, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185 have their addresses. A request that a notice to this effect be posted in the CBHL member's libraries would certainly be helpful.

HBL's STRANDELL COLLECTION OF LINNAEANA OPEN

June 1-3, 1973 was the weekend symposium which officially opened the Strandell Collection of Linnaeana at the Hunt Botanical Library. Purchased in 1968 from Dr. Birger Strandell, a descendant of Linnaeus, the collection now numbers about 2,800 books, 2,100 pamphlets and 4,700 processed clippings. It contains the works of Linnaeus and his students in numerous editions and variant copies as well as many related works. A working author-entry catalogue is available to assist any qualified person wishing to use the collection.

FALL ART SHOW OPENS AT THE HUNT INSTITUTE

Hunt Institute's fall art show, Plant Illustrations from the Smithsonian Institute, will be available to the public eye until February 28, 1974. The Smithsonian artists included in this show are Frederick A. Walpole and Dr. Edward S. Ayensu. Dr. Ayensu, current chairman of the Department of Botany at the U.S. National Museum of Natural History, is represented by a number of color photographs of tropical botanical subjects. The watercolor drawings and paintings of Frederick A. Walpole, a turn-of-the-century artist for the Smithsonian, make up the other half of the show. His drawings include such things as color classification charts and groups of succulents, conifers and poisonous plants.

GARDEN CENTER NEWS

Gardenwise and Calendarwise around Cleveland has recently been published as a guide for northeast Ohio gardeners by the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland. It includes an introduction to climate, soil and growing conditions of the Cleveland area; what to do month by month in your garden; a blooming calendar with the blooming dates of bulbs, perennials, trees and shrubs; a listing of local gardens to visit; and a listing of local sources of plants. The price of this 48 page, softbound publication is \$1.75 and can be ordered from the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, 11030 East Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY PHS - ARGS - LIBRARY AGREEMENT

Exactly one year ago the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society began a cooperative library arrangement with the American Rock Gardening Society. The original agreement read in part "In return for an agreed upon amount of financial support from ARGS, PHS will undertake to acquire and maintain a complete collection of books on rock gardening. ARGS members will have the privilege of borrowing any of these books. PHS will mail the books for the cost of postage. PHS will copy at cost material found in reference books, catalogues and periodicals that ordinarily do not circulate. A bibliography of books, catalogues and periodicals will be made available to ARGS members and can be updated in the Bulletin"...

The PHS library is pleased to report that 600 books were mailed to ARGS members this past year. No books were lost during this time and the borrowers paid all the postage charges. The library maintains second

and third copies of the most popular books and only circulates the more rare titles if there is at least one "back up" copy that does not circulate. ARGS has agreed to split the cost of this project with PHS. ARGS and PHS are now investigating the possibility of the Society's Library becoming the archivist for ARGS.

CHINA REVISITED

The Library of the New York Botanical Garden notes a resumption of exchanges with the Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of China in Perking. Recent exchanges have included recent issues of Scientia Sinica and two volumes of Iconographia Cormophytorum Sinicorum.

TAPING HISTORY

The NYBG has about 500 pages of transcripts in the recently launched oral history program. Interviews have been made with Dr. Henry A. Gleason, Dr. Ralph R. Stewart, Dr. William Robbins, Dr. Harold Rickett and Elizabeth Hall. These tapes and transcripts are being gathered as materials towards a history of the institution.

FOR SALE

The Library of the New York Botanical Garden has a limited number of paperbound reprints of early botanical works for sale. These reprints were given to the Garden by the estate of Dr. Elmer Drew Merrill.

Clayton, John Flora Virginica. 1762. \$5.00

Walter, T. Flora Caroliniana. \$6.50

Gronovius, J.F. Flora Virginica. 1739. \$5.00

Blume, K.L. Catalogus von's Lands Plantentium
Te Buitenzorg. 1823. \$4.00

Rafinesque, C. Flora Telluriana. \$7.50

Autikon Botanikon. \$7.00

New Flora of North America. 1836

Atlantic Journal and Friend of
Knowledge. 1832-33. \$3.00

Those interested should write to Miss Meryl Miasek, Library of the New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York 10458. Please enclose .50 cents for postage and handling.

NEWS FROM NEW YORK

Mrs. Suzanne Broque became Librarian of the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Yonkers, New York on September 4, 1973. Suzanne was a Library Intern at the Library of the New York Botanical Garden and received her MLS from Queens College School of Library Science in June 1973. Miss Joan DeFato is leaving Boyce Thompson in mid-September to become Librarian of the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum in Arcadia California.

In June Bob Long of the New York Botanical Garden spent two weeks visiting libraries in the west and attended the American Library Association in Las Vegas. Bob spoke to the California Bookbinders in San Francisco about the conservation program at the NYBG Library.

The renovation of the Library of the New York Botanical Garden will be completed about January 1, 1974. A total of 9,000 sq. ft. of new area is being added to the library on the first floor of the Harriett Barnes Pratt Library Wing.

NEW IN THE LIBRARY

Frances C. Dowd, a graduate of Abbot Academy, Wellesley College and the School of Library Science of Columbia University is the new Librarian for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. She comes to MHS from Mugar Library at Boston University.

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Next deadline for material December 17. Send all information to Bernadette Callery.

Duplicate book lists and other materials to be copied and mailed to membership should be sent to Mr. John Reed, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York, 10458.

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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 horticultural and botanical professionals, and friends. Overseas memberships are welcomed.

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

Checks should be made payable to:
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NEWS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

The CBHL Board met at the Hunt Botanical Library in Pittsburg June 18, 1973. Secretariat members Edith Crockett, Henry Norweb, Kathryn Daniels and Marjorie Dickinson were present.

A number of topics involving present and future activities of the organization were discussed. Some new committees were set up and tentative appointments made.

It was decided that the last issue of the CBHL Newsletter before the annual meeting will contain the ballot for the current election so that all members will be able to vote. Ruth Schallert, outgoing member of the Secretariat, is automatically the chairman of this year's nominating committee. Elizabeth McClintock and Dr. L. Laking will be asked to serve with her on the committee which must nominate two persons for the position of Junior member of the Secretariat for the 1974 election.

Since previous host libraries have been reimbursed for expenses incurred for the annual meeting it was decided to consult with the Civic Garden Centre library regarding expenses for the Toronto meeting. Mrs. Crockett will contact Mrs. Hillier.

Tentative appointments of Richard Isaacson, Cleveland Garden Center, Chairman, Muriel Crossman and Ruth Schallert to a committee to further investigate cooperative acquisition by member libraries were made.

Barbara Emerson, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, proposed Chairman, Patricia Hall, the Arnold Arboretum, and James Reed of the Missouri Botanical Garden, will be asked to serve on a committee on depository libraries for plant societies.

There was some discussion of forthcoming annual meetings: Cleveland 74, St. Louis 75 and Philadelphia 76.