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CBHL SECRETARIAT MEETS IN CLEVELAND

MINUTES OF THE CBHL BOARD MEETING, October 15, 1973

The Board of the Council of Botanical and Horticultural Libraries met at the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland on Monday, October 15, 1973. Meeting with Board members Edith Crockett, President, (Columbia), Henry Norweb (Holden Arboretum), Kathryn Daniels (Hunt Institute), John Reed (New York Botanical Garden), 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.

A number of general topics involving CBHL were discussed but the primary importance was continued planning for the annual meeting to be held at the Cleveland Garden Center, April 17 - April 20, 1974.

Board members learned with regret of the impending resignation of Howard Swift, Associate Director of the Cleveland Garden Center and enthusiastic CBHL member, but were impressed by the plans of the local committee, Mr. Isaacson, Mrs. Nash, and Mr. Norweb, for the Spring meeting.

Mr. Isaacson presented a proposed schedule for the forthcoming meeting which was considered in some detail. The 1974 Program will feature, with the exception of a talk on children's books, non-book materials. Council sessions will be divided between the Garden Center and the Holden Arboretum. There will be free time to visit outstanding libraries and other cultural attractions (the Cleveland Symphony, Art Museum) in the Garden Center area. Detailed plans for the conference will be announced in the January Newsletter with a separate mailing of registration forms and additional information from the Garden Center after the first of the year.

In other CBHL business, John Reed, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$2,339.73. Personal memberships total 43 with 25 institutional memberships - a number of renewals are still outstanding. Incorporation proceedings, at a total cost of \$829.22 are now complete. The Council can now accept donations as a tax exempt institution. The Federal ID number is M-73-DO-1042. Mr. Reed asked the Board's approval, which was granted, to employ Attorney Lee to assist in filing the Council's first income tax return.

Rules were set up in regard to the competition for a distinctive logo for CBHL. Competition is open to everyone. Entries, in one color, are to be on an 8½ x 11 sheet of paper. Entries may use the initials C.B.H.L. or may be entirely symbolic. Entry may show the logo used in combination

with a proposed letterhead stationery. Entries are to be sent to the Cleveland Garden Center, 11030 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106 by March 1st, 1974 and will be displayed at the Annual Meeting. Decision on the winning entry is to be announced on April 20, 1974 at which time an award of \$50.00 will be made.

Mr. Isaacson summarized the results of the survey circulated by Howard Swift after the Toronto Meeting which solicited the opinions of the membership on annual meetings. The results were taken into account in planning for 1974.

- 25 members said they would not object to an increase in registration fees: 4 hoped to keep them at the same level.
- 24 members approved the present length of the annual meeting (2½ days): 4 wanted a longer meeting, 1 a shorter one.
- By a slim majority (16 to 13) members would like meetings to start earlier than the present 9:30 a.m.
- Almost all members prefer a mix of planned and free evenings (25 mixed, 3 planned, 1 free).
- 29 different topics were suggested as possibilities for future meetings: Slides collections and Audio Visual topics were mentioned most frequently (4 times each).
- Specific complaints by the membership included: business meetings too brief, accommodations too scattered, too much busing.

Mrs. Daniels commented on some of the difficulties, the Hunt and other libraries have been having with the Duplicate Exchange Lists. Mr. Reed agreed to prepare a statement of policy on these lists, emphasizing the responsibilities of both seller and buyer, for the CBHL Newsletter. This topic will probably be discussed at the April Meeting.

Mrs. Crockett discussed a questionnaire which Bob Long has prepared on member library policy on plant society archives. The Board felt he should continue with this project.

There was some discussion of the membership folder and publicity for the Council. It was decided that members of the board will send their suggestions on a new membership folder to Mrs. Dickinson who will edit them and submit them for further approval, possibly at the March meeting.

The next meeting of the Board, with Mr. Isaacson and Mrs. Nash will be at 10:00 a.m., March 4, 1974 at the Cleveland Garden Center.

Marjorie Dickinson
Secretary, Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries
October 31, 1973

HOWARD SWIFT TO FLORIDA

As of mid-February, 1974, Mr. Howard W. Swift, Associate Director of the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, will be retiring and moving to Miami, Florida. CBHL members thank him for his work with the organization and wish him well for the future. Mr. Swift will be spending some time at the Fairchild Tropical Garden.

AHS LIBRARY COMMITTEE

C. W. Eliot Paine, director of the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, has accepted the volunteer position as Chairman of the Library Committee of the American Horticultural Society. CBHL members, John Reed, director of the New York Botanical Garden and Mrs. Elizabeth G. Norweb, librarian of the Holden Arboretum, will also be on this committee. The main task of the committee will be to establish a library at AHS's new quarters at River Farm.

PREVIEW OF CLEVELAND CONFERENCE

The sixth annual conference of CBHL will be held Thursday, April 18th through Saturday, April 20th, 1974 at The Garden Center of Greater Cleveland. Dates of the conference were selected to coincide with The Garden Center's spring show which this year will have a Beatrix Potter motif. The Garden Center of Greater Cleveland is conveniently located at University Circle, Cleveland's cultural center. Such institutions as The Cleveland Museum of Art, The Museum of Natural History, The Western Reserve Historical Society, and Severance Hall, the home of the Cleveland Orchestra, all surround The Garden Center.

Besides the delegates' choice of museums to visit, other highlights of the conference include a Cleveland Orchestra concert; trips to The Holden Arboretum; to Gwinn, a beautiful old estate on Lake Erie and an optional visit to the Cleveland Public Library, one of America's largest and most prestigious public libraries.

The theme of the 1974 conference is the use of non-book and audio-visual materials in member libraries. Other programs will cover such wide ranging subjects as children's gardening and nature books, and nationality and ethnic collections. Hotel arrangements have been made at a nearby Howard Johnson motel to minimize the need for busing. The full schedule and registration materials will be mailed to CBHL members about February 1.

DUPLICATE LIST INSTRUCTIONS

One of the services offered by the Conference on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries to its membership is that of a clearinghouse and distribution organization for the duplication and circulation of members' lists of duplicates for sale or exchange, and of lists of desiderata. Members are asked to send their lists to John Reed at the New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York 10458. The approved procedure follows:

1. Type the list on white 8½" x 11" paper exactly as you want the list to appear. Your original list should be "camera ready" copy.
2. The following things must be indicated on the list itself or on an accompanying sheet: where the list is from, to whom responses should be directed, and conditions of sale, exchange or gift.
3. CBHL (John Reed's office) will have the list duplicated and mailed to the membership at no charge for postage or duplicating.
4. All correspondence should be between buyer and seller. No negotiating correspondence concerning the sales should be directed to CBHL.

Any CBHL members may submit duplicate lists or desiderata lists to CBHL (John Reed's office). Further problems of the responsibilities of duplicate lists will probably be discussed and dealt with at the April Conference in Cleveland.

REPRINT SUGGESTIONS, ANYONE?

Maarten Jan Israel, of A. Asher and Company, says that his firm is very interested in receiving any suggestions from botanical and horticultural librarians for needed reprints of out-of-print or otherwise unavailable works. Any of you who have been beguiled by your local rare book librarian and thereby lost your working copy of some botanical classic would do well to take your suggestions to Mr. Israel, A. Asher and Company, B.V., Keizersgracht 526, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

GRANTS WE HAVE KNOWN

As had been expected, the National Science Foundation Grant for the continuation of the Hunt Institute's bibliography project, Bibliographia Huntiana, was not renewed. Work on the project has continued, although at a slower pace. Various ways of bringing about an earlier publication date are being investigated.

CBHL AT BMNH?

During a recent trip to London, Kathryn Daniels, of the Hunt Botanical Library, had a casual discussion with Miss Phyllis Edwards, librarian of the Botany Department of the British Museum of Natural History. It appears that there is an organization of British botanical librarians roughly similar to CBHL. A trans-Atlantic alliance might result in some lively conference trips.

HUNT INSTITUTE PLANS TRAVELING SHOW

Hunt Institute is currently working on their Spring '74 art show, which will deal with artists at Kew. The show should be available for traveling in the fall. Anyone interested in borrowing this show should contact Dr. Gilbert Daniels and Mr. John Brindle, Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213.

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Next deadline for material February 18. Send all information to Jim Reed.

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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:
The Council of Botanical and
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Make sure your institution is well represented in the CBHL logo Contest.

The first and only prize of \$50.00 will be awarded on April 20, 1974, on the basis of those entries received at the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland by March 1, 1974. The contest is open to anyone. Check the minutes of the October 15, 1973 CBHL Board meeting in this issue, or the notice in the last Newsletter for rules and further information.

Send your winning entries in by March 1, 1974 to the following address: Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, 11030 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44106.

A CRAZE OF COLLECTORS

The South African Association of Botanists reports the following:

"It should be recorded that on this trip (The Post S2A3 Congress Tour, July, 1973) it was settled that the collective name for a group of botanists is a 'press' of botanists..."

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