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Thursday, May 6, 1976. Ballroom, Hotel duPont, Wilmington

Mrs. Kathryn P. Daniels, president, called the first business meeting to order and asked for reports.

Mrs. Marjorie S. Dickinson, secretary, stated that the minutes of the 7th Annual Meeting and Board Meetings held during the past year were published in the CBHL Newsletter. The published minutes were approved by the membership.

John Reed, treasurer, reported that in 1975, CBHL had 71 personal and 35 institutional members. The 1976 memberships to date total 55 personal and 30 institutional. Renewal notices were sent out in May and membership lists will be printed and distributed to the membership in June.

Notable new institutional members of CBHL include the National Agricultural Library, E. E. Rasmusen Library of the University of Alaska, the Montreal Botanical Garden and the Royal Botanical Garden of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Mr. Richard Isaacson, second vice-president and membership chairman, stated that he had mailed 53 letters to persons and institutions listed in various directories. There has been no response. Personal contact is still the best way of finding new members for CBHL.

Mr. Reed announced a current balance of \$5,145.20 in the treasury, but pointed out that the figure is somewhat misleading as bills for 1976 havenot yet been presented. His complete financial statement for 1975 is appended to these minutes. (Copies of this statement are available upon request from the Secretary.) Mr. Reed also announced, following the recommendation of the New York Botanical Garden auditors, that the organization's books were open for examination by the membership at the meeting.

Ms. Bernadette Callery, chairman of the Newsletter Committee, made her usual plea for more material for publication. She particularly suggested that notes and queries would be welcome. During the pre-conference tour, English librarians suggested that a listing of publications available from institutional members of CBHL would be most helpful.

Mr. R. Henry Norweb, Jr., chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that Carla Lange and Barbara Emerson had been nominated for 2nd vice-president. He announced that Ms. Emerson had been elected.

Mr. Issacson, chairman of the Committee on the Union List of Serials, which had been in a holding pattern since last year's annual meeting, reported that there seemed to be some interest in reviving the Committee. He asked for a response from the membership which was immediately forthcoming.

Mrs. Daniels pointed out: that union lists are incredibly time consuming and expensive to compile; that there are many extant which include CBHL members; that it is important not to redo work which has already been done.

Mrs. Ruth Schallert commented on the inaccuracies in many union lists. She stated that she was working on a holdings list of her institution, and suggested that the Committee of which she is a member might work on a format of what should be included in a holdings list.

Other CBHL members involved in listing their holdings include Ina Vrugtman, Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton, for the National Science Library at Ottawa, and Diane Schwartz, New York Botanical Garden, for the computer listing of the New York Medical Libraries.

John Reed suggested a union list of union lists which include members might be simpler to compile and more helpful.

Dr. Daniels thought it might be possible for CBHL to purchase existing union lists including CBHL members and keep them in a central location. Diane Schwartz pointed out that such a centralized location would have to include acquisition and reference service. Other problems mentioned by the membership included: updating the collection (Laura Parker); regional lists often out of date (Mildred Donahue); collation of such lists not simple (G. Daniels).

Mrs. Woodburn suggested that perhaps CBHL could set up a model entry format for periodicals and seed catalogs. Dr. Daniels commented that larger institutions are often committed to a certain form of entry but that the idea is splendid.

Ruth Schallert launched a short discussion of the problems of serial entry, especially of the trend toward title page entry.

Mrs. Teeter proposed a motion "that the present Committee on the Union List of Serials be empowered to expand its membership at the Committee's discretion and study the problem of uniform entry for serials". The motion was seconded by Lenore Dickinson and approved by a show of hands.

Mrs. Daniels then read a letter from John C. Mitchell, president. Board of Trustees and William G. Gambill, director of the Denver Botanic Gardens, inviting CBHL to Denver for its 1978 meeting. The invitation was accepted by enthusiastic acclamation.

Turning to old business, Mrs. Daniels commented on the large amount of money in the organization's treasury. Speaking for Keith Roe, she suggested funding may be necessary for the Union List of Seed Catalogs. Other proposals will be welcomed by the organization.

Mrs. Woodburn told the group of Mr. Norweb's excellent address on CBHL history which he presented at the London meeting, and suggested that it should be read to the membership and included in the official minutes of the organization.

The remainder of the business meeting was devoted to an enthusiastic discussion of the pre-conference London tour. Mrs. Daniels commented on how ably Elizabeth Woodburn chaired one of the meetings, and thanked Henry Norweb for his outstanding presentation. Mr. Isaacson thanked Mrs. Daniels for her large part in organizing the tour. Other comments included, Woodburn: Possibility of sponsoring talks or travels of some of the British participants, particularly Blanche Henrey, Phyllis Edwards, and J. H. Harvey. R. Isaacson: British librarians do not have a group comparable to CBHL. e.g. British participants in the conference often did not know each other or each other's collections. In response to the discussion, Mrs. Daniels appointed Elizabeth Woodburn, John Reed, and Ian MacPhail to a committee to investigate bringing participants to the Chicago meeting.

Dr. Daniels pointed out that duplicate lists are an inducement to European libraries to join CBHL. Back stocks of publications are often available from British (and American) institutions which should be included in CBHL duplicate lists. It was decided to present a year's complimentary membership in CBHL to the following institutions which were such gracious hosts to CBHL members while in England.

British Museum (Natural History),	to the Botany Library and the General Library.
Royal Horticultural Society	Cambridge Botanic Garden
Chelsea Physic Garden	The Linnean Society
Royal Botanic Garden, Kew	Oxford Botanic Garden

Mrs. Daniels will send letters of appreciation to the individuals most directly concerned with these institutions announcing the gift memberships.

The first business meeting was adjourned.

After a fine luncheon in the ballroom of the Hotel duPont, CBHL members traveled to Longwood Gardens for the afternoon and evening. Mr. Everitt Miller and Dr. Darrel Apps led part of the group on tours of the beautiful grounds and overwhelming conservatories. Others attended a Longwood seminar, "Garden Cemeteries" presented by Judith Zuk. Everyone visited the Longwood Library and heard Enola Jane Teeter informally discuss its operation.

In the evening, Longwood hosted a reception and dinner which was followed by Dr. Russell Seibert's talk on "The History of Pierce's Park".

Friday, May 7, 1976. Ballroom, Hotel duPont, Wilmington.

Mrs. Daniels called the meeting to order. In response to popular demand, Mr. Norweb read his paper originally presented at the British Museum (Natural History) on April 26, 1976. The complete text, which was written as an introduction to and history of CBHL for an English audience, is appended to these minutes. (Copies of Mr. Norweb's talk are available from the CBHL Secretary upon request.)

Ms. Cornelia Tyler of the Seed Catalog Committee then presented the Committee's report. She stated that the National Agricultural Library has produced on computer printout a four volume list of its seed catalog holdings up to 1921. The list is arranged by state, then alphabetically by firm name. The check list has been sent to six major horticultural libraries, i.e., Bailey Hortorium at Cornell, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, the New York State Experiment Station at Geneva, the Smithsonian (Botany), and the Arnold Arboretum. The NAL asked these libraries to check their holdings against the list by June 30, 1976. Whereupon it planned to collate information received from these regional cooperators to produce a Union list of Seed Catalogs. It was hoped then to interest a book publisher in printing the edited list.

Mrs. Jayne T. MacLean, representing the National Agricultural Library and librarian at the U.S. National Arboretum, summarized the NAL position as "let's accomplish the possible" and pointed out that the checklist was done by NAL librarians who donated their time to the project.

CBHL members' criticisms centered around the incompleteness of the effort, the impossibility of checking major holdings by June 30, and apparent lack of input from the original meeting at Winterthur whose participants included R. Farley, L. Moran, R. Schallert, E. Woodburn, and C. Van Ravenswaay.

Positive suggestions regarding the union seed list proposed by the membership were also forthcoming. D. Schwartz: Divide country into regions with a basic resource center to coordinate collections; try to enlist volunteer support for the project; carry out a pilot project using CBHL funds to submit when seeking grants. K. Daniels: Local historical societies and other institutions could be contacted to see if they have material which should be included. I. Vrugtman: Are Canadian firms and Canadian holdings to be included? Some European collections are very important for U.S. introductions. B. Callery: CBHL members could poll local areas getting names of institutions with material and the number of shoeboxes they have. J. Morris and B. Emerson: The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society has its collection organized and could do a pilot project of the Delaware Valley. E. Marshall: The group needs to keep in mind how the material is to be used. G. Daniels reminded the group that requests for information should be kept as simple as possible. Dr. Daniels summarized the discussion by stating that the NAL List is a fine example of a checklist of one library's holdings and a first step toward a union list. A second step by CBHL would be to determine who else has holdings and then thirdly, find what these holdings are. The discussion of seed catalogs was then suspended to be taken up again Saturday morning.

Mr. Richard Isaacson, chairman of the newly revitalized Committee on the Union List of Serials, reported that B. Callery, L. Dickinson, and J. MacLean have joined himself and Ruth Schallert on the Committee which plans to have a questionnaire out in July and promises a directory of union lists which include CBHL members by next May.

John Reed then introduced a discussion concerning the possibility of CBHL paying traveling expenses of committee members so that it might be possible for committees to meet more often, perhaps with the Secretariat at Board meetings. M. Dickinson pointed out that up to this time, travel expenses for the Secretariat have been borne by the institutions they represent. Laura Parker expressed her wish that CBHL funds be used for special projects rather than travel expenses. M. Dickinson concurred. Mr. Reed moved that: "The Board of Directors be authorized to expend a reasonable amount of funds to facilitate the work of the active committees". The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Ms. Callery presented a plea for the formation of a committee to work on the problem of collecting the ephemeral material of plant societies. In response to a query, Mr. Norweb and Dr. Daniels assured CBHL members that they would not be stepping on American Horticultural Society corporate toes by attempting to collect such material.

Julie Morris commented the PHS has been very pleased with its relationship with the American Rock Garden Society and the Bonsai Society whose libraries it now handles. PHS and the Societies have cooperated to build the collections which are being used by both plant society and PHS members. Though extensive mailings of books to members is done, no book has ever been lost. However, since the introduction of the new post office machines, some may well become instant two-volume works. Mrs. Vrugtman added that the arrangement of the Royal Botanical Garden Library with four plant societies has also worked well.

It was suggested by Dr. Daniels that the problems involved in keeping archival and printed material are different. He also suggested that CBHL might serve as a clearing house for bringing library and plant societies together. No committee was formed at that time.

Mrs. Daniels, who was unable to be present for the Saturday meeting, then expressed her appreciation to the group for their cooperation during her year as president and introduced Ian MacPhail, her successor as president of the Board. Mr. MacPhail thanked Mrs. Daniels for her leadership during the past year, especially for her promotion of the pre-conference London tour. He then adjourned the second business meeting.

After another splendid luncheon at the Hotel duPont, CBHL members boarded a bus for downtown Philadelphia. They visited the Library Company and heard an excellent history of that venerable institution presented by its distinguished librarian, Edwin Wolf, and then toured a very interesting bicentennial exhibit at the Historical Society which featured numerous manuscripts by signers of the Declaration of Independence and a copy of the Declaration itself.

A reception and dinner at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society gave CBHL members an opportunity to see the new display "From Seed to Flower" and to tour the PHS Library and talk to Julie Morris, Elisabeth Woodburn, Barbara Emerson, and Ernesta Ballard about its operation.

Saturday, May 8, 1976. Acer Room, Longwood Gardens. Mr. MacPhail presiding.

Mr. MacPhail recognized Mrs. MacLean who made these further comments on the NAL seed catalogue project after consulting with NAL librarians. (1) NAL would be willing to extend its deadline for as long as one year for libraries which wish to cooperate in checking their holdings. (2) NAL will probably issue the checklist as a list of its own holdings if there are no cooperators. (3) If institutions, other than the six received the four volume checklist wish to have their holdings included, the NAL would send out individual state lists for checking when requested. Mrs. Leila Moran who is in charge of the project at NAL is the person to be contacted.

Harriette M. Wood of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society Library reported that Muriel Crossman has already done checking of the MHS holdings as a volunteer project.

Mr. MacPhail suggested that the Committee draft a letter to the NAL explaining what CBHL is doing, i.e., (1) pilot project at PHS, (2) polling of regions to see who has material and how much is available by members of CBHL.

Listed below are CBHL members and the areas for which they have agreed to be responsible.

E. Marshall - Southern California; E. Norweb, -R. Issacson, M. Dickinson - Ohio; S. Gignac - Colorado; B. Callery - Pittsburgh area; D. Baschnagel and C. Tyler - Upper New York state; D. Schwartz - New York City area; I. Vrugtman - Ontario; J. Arros - Montreal; L. Parker - Illinois; R. Schallert - Washington area.

This is a tentative list. It is hoped that other individuals and institutions will become involved. It is obvious, too, that areas of responsibility are rather loosely defined and changes may be necessary as the project develops.

Turning to a topic which had been broached earlier, Ina Vrugtman expanded on her suggestion that certain European institutions, especially those which have difficulty with foreign exchange, be placed on the CBHL mailing list. She offered the following proposal "That we choose some European libraries, at the Board's discretion, to be added to the CBHL mailing list for the Newsletter and Duplicate Exchange List". The proposal was approved by the membership. Mr. MacPhail suggested that names of proposed recipients be sent to the Board.

After a short discussion of the previously considered proposal to invite British tour participants to the Chicago meeting, Julia Davis moved "That the Committee previously appointed (MacPhail, Woodburn, Reed) be empowered to make recommendations to the Board on the individuals to be invited and the percentage of funding to be undertaken by CBHL. Decisions are to be reported to the membership through the Newsletter". The motion was approved.

Julia Davis then asked that the Chapter for Landscape Architecture and the Allied Arts of the Society of Architectural Historians have a joint meeting with CBHL. The Chapter has a membership of 89. Ms. Davis estimates that 20 to 25 persons would attend a joint meeting.*

Ian MacPhail then discussed tentative plans for the 1977 meeting, prefacing his remarks with the statement that "everything you have heard about Chicago is not true". The annual meeting will be held at the Morton Arboretum, April 27th through April 30th. Two days will be spent at the Arboretum and one/half day at the Chicago Botanic Garden. The conference theme will be "Conservation and Security" with presented papers from outstanding authorities in the Chicago area.

In a brief discussion of annual meeting programs, Barbara Emerson suggested that panel sessions might be helpful. Ruth Schallert commented on the success of round robins at the Smithsonian when staff members are given a few minutes each to expound on current developments or activities at their institutions. Julia Davis suggested the topic of "new sources of funding for special libraries" would be of interest to almost everyone. Diane Schwartz would be interested in a program on the pros and cons of computer technology possibly as experienced by a group of panelists from the membership.

* Ms. Gignac moved that the Chapter be invited to meet with CBHL at the 1978 Denver meeting. Motion approved.

After a brief interval, Mr. MacPhail introduced Barbara Emerson of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, the new member of the CBHL Board. He then expressed his appreciation for the conference and its "flavor of history" - the grove of trees at Pierce's Park, Edwin Wolf's talk at the Library Company - the Bartram items at the Historical Society - the meeting at PHS, the oldest, (150 years) horticultural society in the country. Mr. MacPhail then expressed his appreciation to all those who contributed to the meeting, Dr. Seibert, Dr. Apps, Mrs. Ballard, Julie Morris, and especially Enola Jane Teeter who bore the brunt of making the arrangements.

The eighth annual meeting was then adjourned.

Marjorie Sutton Dickinson

Secretary, Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries

The Secretary would appreciate any notice of corrections or additions to the minutes.

CBHL Newsletter Publication Schedule

The projected publication schedule for the CBHL Newsletter is as follows:

October 1976 issue: Deadline for material to editor, October 8, 1976.

January 1977 issue: Deadline for material to editor, January 7, 1977.

March 1977 issue: Deadline for material to editor, March 11, 1977.

This schedule is subject to change to best meet the needs of the membership. Check each Newsletter for specific deadlines.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The following are available free on request from the Royal Botanical Gardens, Library, Box 399, Hamilton, Ontario L8N 3H8, Canada.

Canadian Nurserymen Centennial Yearbook, 1987

"The Trilliums of Ontario" revised edition, 1976, by James S. Pringle.
Technical Bulletin No. 5.

LESLIE GREENWOOD - U.S. LECTURE TOUR AND SHOW AT HUNT INSTITUTION

In the spring and summer of 1977, the well-known English water-colorist Leslie Greenwood, will tour the United States and Canada and will speak on the art of botanical illustrations to Flowers of the World, text by Frances Perry, Crown Publishers, 1972, Mr. Greenwood has recently completed the designs for "Flowers of the Year", a limited edition of 12 porcelain plates. These plates will be issued by the Franklin Mint under the auspices of the Royal Horticultural Society.

A retrospective show of Mr. Greenwood's work, including many originals from Flower of the World, will open at the Hunt Institute in the spring of 1977 and will continue through the summer. Many CBHL member institutions have already contacted Mr. Greenwood about lecture arrangements. In the coming year, he will be speaking to many groups, including those assembled at the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, Royal Botanic Garden, Hamilton, Longwood Gardens, Missouri Botanic Garden and the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

Those wishing for further information, please contact Mr. Greenwood at Hutton's Close, Britwell Salome, Watlington, Oxford, OX9 5LH, England.

The Botanical Society of America announces the availability of the following two publications:

1. Abstracts for the botanical papers presented at the annual AIBS Meetings at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, 30 May - 4 June 1976. Available for \$2.00
2. "50 Years of Botany" (1958). Only nine remaining copies. Available for \$10.00 each.

Both publications are available from:

Patricia K. Holmgren
New York Botanical Garden
Bronx, NY 10458

Include payment with order.

BICENTENNIAL PUBLICATION AVAILABLE

From Seed to Flower, Philadelphia 1681-1876, A Horticultural Point of View. Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Philadelphia, 1976. 120 pp., 41 ill., map.

Prepared as the catalogue to accompany the PHS Bicentennial exhibit of 38 rare books showing the role of Philadelphians in horticulture, this compilation is unique. "Scholarly, readable and attractively printed...From Seed to Flower is almost an illustrated outline of the progress of the science in the century from Bartram to the Centennial. The historical introduction, the chronology, the bibliography, even the list of persons who are not in the catalogue form useful stepping-off points for further reading and study. Among many ephemeral Bicentennial publications, Seed to Flower is sure to stand out as having lasting worth and value" is the way Dr. Whitfield, J. Bell, Librarian of the American Philosophical Society characterized the volume.

Paperback (\$5.00) and hardback (numbered edition of 250 with handcolored map, \$10.00 to libraries) copies are available from PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Please add 50¢ for mailing, Pennsylvanians should add 6% for sales tax.

CBHL UNION LIST COMMITTEE REVIVES

Emerging like the phoenix, the Committee on the Union List of Serials announces that questionnaires for its directory of CBHL institutional members will be in the hands of those involved by July 1976. This directory will be a union list of the union lists and other resource directories and computer data bases to which CBHL libraries contribute information on their own holdings.

Member libraries who do not appear in a resource directory or do not contribute to a union list or data base are requested to indicate subject strengths on their collection, particularly in holdings of ephemeral material. Personal members with private holdings are encouraged to report them.

The mailing list for this questionnaire has been weeded in hopes of avoiding duplication within institutions and personal members. If you have not received a questionnaire by mid-July and would like to contribute information, please contact the committee chairman, Richard Isaacson.

AHS PUBLICATIONS ANNOUNCED

Libraries who are queried by public planting agencies about the right plant to use in public areas will find some suggestions in a recent publication of the American Horticultural Society. Environmentally Tolerant Trees, Shrubs and Ground Covers, whose publication was aided by a grant from the Founders' Fund of the Garden Club of America, is a thirty page booklet listing plants which will survive environmental stress and abuse. Plants are grouped alphabetically within plant-type and indicates their Hardiness Zone by a number keyed to the accompanying map. Copies are available for \$2.95, post-paid, from the American Horticultural Society, Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121.

Also available from the American Horticultural Society is the comprehensive index of its official magazines, National Horticultural Magazine, volumes 1-38, 1922-1959 and American Horticultural Magazine, volumes 39-50, 1960-1971. The 109 page index is available for \$10.00 a copy from the Cumulative Index Committee, c/o The American Horticultural Society, Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121.

The American Horticultural Society also announces it has some copies of American Horticultural Magazine for sale. For the availability of specific issues, send a complete citation c/o Serials Bid Coordinator. A complete set of the magazine is available from Xeron University Microfilms.

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Please send all information to Bernadette Callery.

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