

REPORT OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING
WESTERN DIVISION, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

By Lewis R. Garlick, Secretary

May 3, 4, 5, 1954

The Western Division met in conjunction with the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners at Las Vegas, Nevada on May 3, 4, and 5, with approximately 70 fisheries workers in attendance. All the eleven western states were represented. The meeting was conducted by past Chairman, A. F. C. Greene, of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and the program was under the Chairmanship of Dr. H. J. Rayner of the Oregon Game Commission. The Division was privileged to have Fred M. Thompson, President of the Parent Society in attendance, and a breakfast was given in his honor on the morning of May 5.

The new officers installed during the business session on the last day were: Alex J. Calhoun, California Department of Fish and Game, Chairman; Walter M. Allen, Montana Fish and Game Department, Vice Chairman; and Lewis R. Garlick, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon, was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The various committees were as follows:

Program

H. J. Rayner, Chairman
William Siegler
Tom Trelease

Auditing

C. J. Millenbach
M. J. Madsen
William A. Dill

Resolutions

J. C. Simpson
Charles Fuqua
C. J. D. Brown
Leo Shapovalov
Frank Butler

Nominating

Clarence Pautzke
Paul Needham
Phil A. Douglas
Clinton G. Bishop
Ray H. Hess

Time and Place

Walter M. Allen
Jack E. Hemphill
George D. Holton

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The sixth annual meeting of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society was called to order by Chairman A.F.C. Greene at 2:30 P.M., May 5, 1954, in the Kokanee Room of the Las Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr. Greene stated that the members were honored and privileged to have Mr. Fred Thompson, President of the American Fisheries Society, present at the meeting for the second time in the history of the Western Division. He then called on Mr. Thompson to say a few words.

The following is a copy of Mr. Thompson's address:

"Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen. First I want to express my appreciation in being permitted to appear before this group. As most of you suspect, I have a particular fondness for the Western Division having assisted in its formation and establishment from the beginning. The fears and anxiety of the first two or three years have been resolved and the Division now is on solid footing.

"Only a few of you here know, or care, what happened to start the Division movement. It was a few members of the Society from the west who felt that a Western Division of the society would better meet the Society requirements of the western members. The provisional meeting was held in Salt Lake City in 1948 and it was at this meeting that the Western Division was actually formed, although it was nearly two years before the Parent body formally approved by constitutional amendment. Since the establishment of the western division the Society has been petitioned and has established the Eastern Division and the Southeastern division.

"The formation of divisions is brought to your attention primarily to point up the initial fears of decreased membership and possible cession from the parent society. I am happy to report that both fears were baseless.

"The formation of two additional divisions tied by constitution and by-laws amendments speaks for itself in the solidarity of the society. The membership has been steadily on the increase even though the annual loss of members is more than 100. At the executive meeting in Chicago on March 3, 1954 the total membership was 1567, but this number was barely holding its own.

"It cannot be stressed too strongly the need for new members. I would like to see the Western division members submit a record number of new applications as well as bring back some of the old members who have fallen by the way. There are many sources for new members, commercial fisheries workers, commercial fishermen, every fisheries biologist of the state and Federal government, and sportsmen clubs as sustaining members. It is needless to say there has been little in the past that would entice such members.

"I have great faith in the program chairman and his committee for our American Fisheries Society meeting in September. They feel, as I do, that something should be offered to potential members hitherto untouched. Commercial fisheries workers are invited.

"The finance of the Society looks better now than it has for years, with a working balance of \$5,527.98 as of March 1 and a standing reserve in bonds of \$10,427.00. It is expected that the 1953 volume of the transactions will be published this year also, which will reduce the working balance to a few hundred dollars. The Editor is exerting all effort to step up the distribution, to get them in the hands of the members earlier.

"The library is a source of income which is mostly clear profit. At the present time there are over \$17,000.00 worth of transactions at Colorado Springs along with a quantity of reprints. Most of these should be moved. It is valuable information being stored, not circulated. Effort is being made to get this material into the hands of the members and any one else who is interested enough to pay the standing costs. New members should be advised of the available copies and encouraged to buy them. State Conservation departments should fill out their library.

"In closing I want to express my appreciation to all members of the Western Division for their solid support. It is of great comfort in carrying out the job as president to have so many good friends and workers upon which I can depend."

After thanking Mr. Thompson, Mr. Greenz delivered the following address:

"At this point in the business procedure I note that the Chairman is to give an address on a timely subject of his choice. Somehow I can't seem to force myself to allow this opportunity to pass, even though we are somewhat limited for time.

"I think it particularly pertinent to remind you that the American Fisheries Society is America's oldest organization dedicated to fisheries work, and ours was the first Division authorized by the parent society and continues to be one of the most active. However, we can't rest on these fine laurels. Our activities and our future

depends on keeping our membership up and our meetings well-attended. Since this is the case, and since one of our stated objectives is to disseminate all the available information on the development and application of all branches of fisheries science and practice, I am wondering if we are not overlooking a good source of new members by not canvassing the various sportsmen's organizations of our respective States.

"A check of our by-laws indicates no reason why members have to be limited to persons employed by the various Fish and Game Departments of the member States and Provinces and the Constitution of the parent Society states that any person interested in the Society and in the furtherance of its purposes and objectives is eligible for membership. In addition to swelling our membership we will be doing ourselves a double service by developing an informed public who can go far in assisting our programs by giving us the support we sometimes sorely lack. Undoubtedly some of you will take issue with me on this score, but I think it is worthy of serious consideration. Those of you who do are no doubt thinking of some of the "crackpots" with whom you have to contend in certain sportsmen's organizations, but don't these people ordinarily base their opinions on misinformation or misinterpretation of the facts? What if they should come to one of these meetings with chips on their shoulders or a harangue on their lips. A group such as this should be able to put them straight in a hurry because representatives from States other than their own can speak to them straight from the shoulder with no fear of reprisal. In most instances this won't occur, but when it does I'm sure we can make another believer in our cause who can go back home and work with renewed vigor in his club because of his realization that at least he has seen the light. It seems to me that encouraging their membership would be a calculated risk that would more than pay off. Anyway, I throw it out for your thought and reaction.

"Before you leave I hope we can also get your reaction on the new method of presentation of papers which is being tried this year for the first time as a result of a resolution coming from our last meeting. You will note that copies of the papers are being made available to you before they are actually given, thus giving you an opportunity to think about the subject matter. The papers will then be given in abstract form as a means of saving time and allowing for more time for discussion from the floor.

"I would like to suggest also that any members desiring to give papers in the future submit their desire with some idea of the nature of the subject to the program chairman of future years at an earlier date than has been the case in the past so that a program can be built around them if possible, and so that a better idea of the time required for our technical sessions can be better determined.

The program chairman has a big job. Your assistance will not only be an aid to him but will help make the program a success and will do a lot toward assuring discussion of subjects that are of immediate concern to you.

"Since the banquet at this meeting will be on the last night I hope we can plan on all of you being at the business sessions. As active members you should add your voice to the affairs of the Division. Your officers now and in the future want the business transacted to represent the will of the entire membership."

Mr. Pautake moved that the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with. Seconded by Mr. Alex Calhoun. Motion carried.

Mr. Greene then asked for reports from the various committees. Time and Place Committee: Mr. Walter Allen, Chairman, stated that, as far as is now known, the meeting will be held in Wyoming next year, but the time and place haven't been definitely established as yet.

Mr. Greene stated that this depends on whether Mr. Bagley is elected President of the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners, and if he is, everyone would be very welcome in Wyoming. The meeting would be held at Moran, where a new hotel is now under construction. Auditing Committee: Mr. Madsen, Chairman, stated that it is with great pleasure that he presents the following report:

Balance brought forth from 1953.....	\$85.63
Due for 1954.....	41.00
Total.....	126.63

Mr. Lou Garlick carried on the operation for \$9.08 which leaves a balance of \$117.55. Mr. Madsen stated that Mr. Garlick should be complimented on the good job he has done, but it is quite obvious that we can't always carry on the business of this group on such a small amount as \$9.08. We should all be thinking and considering the donation of a little bit larger fee sometime in the future. There will undoubtedly be considerable expense for stationery, postage, etc., and \$117.55 isn't going to go too far. No discussion.

Mr. Bill Peck moved that the Audit Report of the Committee be accepted. Seconded by Dick Wagner. Motion carried.

At this time Mr. Greene announced the fishing trip being sponsored by the Nevada Federated Sportsmen on Thursday, May 6, and explained the route.

Resolutions Committee: Mr. James Simpson, Chairman, presented the following resolutions to the Society:

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS, Technical articles on sport fishery problems and investigations are presently being published in a large number of journals and bulletins, and

WHEREAS, the information contained in these articles is of great importance and use to fisheries workers everywhere, and

WHEREAS, Abstracts of such articles are not now published in any complete and readily available form, and

WHEREAS, No state department is able to undertake the task of preparing such abstracts, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is logically best equipped for this task; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service be requested to initiate under the Branch of Federal Aid or Dingell-Johnson administration the preparation of abstracts of published articles pertinent to sport fisheries research and management in the various states and in foreign countries according to the strip sheet method used in "Commercial Fisheries Abstracts", not published by the Service.

Mr. Calhoun stated that California had even considered taking on a job like this, but it didn't seem profitable for a state to do such a thing. There has been a feeling in the coasted states that the Fish and Wildlife Service should take over this job, and it was felt that this resolution would bring it to a head. It is one way to indicate our desires to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mr. Walter Allen asked if the money is available.

Mr. Simpson stated that if the Service accepts the job, there is Dingell-Johnson money available through the funds taken out for administrative purposes.

Mr. Greene asked if this would replace the annual fisheries activity report that is now circulated.

Mr. Simpson answered in the negative, and stated that it would reach out and survey all articles on fisheries. If there is information listed in the abstract that you are interested in, you will know where to go for it.

Mr. Greene then explained the commercial fisheries abstract.

Mr. Wagner asked about the combined cost of the commercial fisheries abstract and the Review. Current problems and reports are usually in the Review. It would certainly help a lot of men to be able to get them both under a Dingell-Johnson set-up.

Mr. Peck stated that the commercial fisheries abstracts are a normal function of the Service, and that there is a regular appropriation set aside for it. As far as the Resolution that has been presented, that would be a function of the Branch of Federal Aid, and according to law the Service is permitted to take up to eight percent each year for administrative purposes. If this Resolution is passed, it will necessarily require additional personnel which would come from the administrative funds that are available to handle the costs of Dingell-Johnson activities. By raising the percentage, it would merely cut down states' allocation by a small amount.

Mr. Garlick stated that there is a point of order to consider as to whether the Society has the authority to actually pass such a resolution, or whether it should be passed on to the parent body for a resolution.

Mr. Greene stated that the constitution requires that the Division submit a Resolution to the parent society for their consideration and final passage. It must be decided whether the Division will present the proposed resolution to the parent body for their consideration and final passage. It is not proper for us to indicate that our secretary write our Congressmen, Department of the Interior or the Service. This is a prerogative of the parent society.

Mr. Simpson indicated that this was stated in the resolution.

There being no further discussion, the resolution was put up for a vote and passed.

Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS, fish populations of the western states are dependent upon continuous supplies of water, and

WHEREAS, the western states all have to some degree appropriation law as opposed to common law to govern distribution of water, and

WHEREAS, this type of law permits all water in a stream to be appropriated, and

WHEREAS, fish production is not always recognized as a beneficial use of water, and

WHEREAS, the fishery resource is of great economic and social value to the States:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that legislation should be sought and sponsored in all Western States that will definitely recognize fish production as a beneficial use of water and will make it possible to maintain minimum flows in the streams for that purpose, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislation should be sought to enable the states to utilize a specified amount of any new storage developed for the maintenance of fish life downstream.

Mr. Simpson stated that this resolution applies to many of us. To date, water governing agencies have not seen fit to allow state departments of fish and game to appropriate or reserve water for fish use. In some states they may.

Mr. Garlick was of the opinion that everyone is in agreement with the nature of the contents of the resolution, but in order for the resolution to be effective it should be addressed to some agency.

Mr. Simpson assumed that it would have to be directed to the Directors of the various departments.

Mr. Allen felt that it should be directed to the Columbia Basin Compact Committee.

Mr. Garlick felt that the resolution should be elaborated upon, and Mr. Greene asked for any modifications.

Mr. Allen stated that if it was sent to the parent body, it would probably be redrafted in the fall.

Mr. Garlick suggested adding "BE IT RESOLVED further that this resolution be submitted to all appropriate agencies and authorities." A committee would be appointed to get it out to the various organizations.

Mr. Pantzke stated that the state agencies concerned almost have to take their own problems and push them through. He then asked if this was simply to give the states a little confidence and some backing.

Mr. Dill felt that it was proper to have a general type of resolution amended as per Mr. Garlick's suggestion.

Mr. Greene asked for a vote on the resolution as read and amended.

Mr. Dill moved to accept Resolution No. 2 as read and amended by Mr. Lou Garlick. Seconded by Walter Allen. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 3
(Development of Upper Colorado River
Storage Project)

WHEREAS, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his proclamation enlarging the Dinosaur National Monument, published in the Federal Register of July 20, 1938, specifically stipulated that "the administration of the monument shall be subject to the Reclamation withdrawal of October 17, 1904*** in connection with the Green River Project," and

WHEREAS, the construction and development of the Upper Colorado Storage Project is imperative to the progress and economic prosperity of the Upper Basin State, and

WHEREAS, the post project fisheries and recreational values of the Upper Colorado River Project will be far greater than the undeveloped river now possesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society go on record as approving the report of the Secretary of the Interior, recommending the development of the Upper Colorado River Storage Project, including the construction of the Echo Park Dam, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Budget Director, and to appropriate Congressional Committee.

Mr. Simpson stated that this resolution, which was presented by Utah, arrived too late to be discussed by the committee, but was presented for the consideration of the Society.

Dr. Needham stated that this dam has been most bitterly opposed by conservation people in California, not because of fisheries reasons principally, but because it will blank out a primeval virgin area. The people in California feel that it would be better not to build the dam.

Mr. Madsen stated that the Commission of the State of Utah has gone on record as favoring the dam on this basis: The records show that the area known as Dinosaur National Park is used very little, and furthermore when the dam is built, not all of Dinosaur National Monument will be inundated. There are other primeval areas encompassing dinosaur deposits in other parts of the country that are even superior to this that may take its place. The second point is that the area

affords nothing in the way of fisheries at the present time. Should a dam be built, there is a good likelihood that what is occurring at Lake Mead would occur in this area. There was no fisheries of any consequence prior to Lake Mead. Echo Park would be the same thing. Anything whatsoever, whether large or small, would be 100% over what is now existing. The Utah Commission is looking at the economic value. That area is in very serious need of hydro-electric power of which this has a potential of creating great amounts. From an agricultural standpoint, there is the possibility of new areas being developed. By placing vast gains of construction of this dam against the loss of an area that may be re-established in another area, they have felt that they should go on record as highly favoring the construction of this dam and not oppose its development. They do hold in reserve one thought. While this particular dam may serve a very definitely good purpose, there may be other dams within the system that may not have those particular features. There is a possibility of a door being opened here of which things of more consequence would come. They have notified Congress that they are in favor of the construction.

Dr. Needham was of the opinion that the thing that should be thought about in a resolution of this kind is that we don't give the impression that we are favoring some of these projects. I would hate to see a resolution go through that would show that we, as a fisheries organization, were aiding and abetting some plans that might later back-fire and hurt things we are interested in saving.

Mr. Madsen was of the opinion that it might open the door a little way and set a precedent. In this case, it doesn't make any difference but it might make a vast difference in some other place.

Dr. Needham stated that he had heard that it might flood out unexplored dinosaur beds.

Mr. Madsen informed the members that if they would visit the area, they would find that there is a lot of the area that is never used.

Mr. Wagner asked if Echo Park wasn't one of a package of three.

Mr. Madsen replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Garlick stated that this issue and its objectives are both controversial and political. No doubt there will be some people in the conservation field who will take a certain side and others might take another side. Whatever action is finally taken, it will not be resolved by any action taken by us. We might be setting a dangerous precedent by taking such action. Mr. Garlick then moved to table Resolution No. 3. Seconded by Alex Calhoun. Motion carried.

Mr. Simpson stated that some complaints have been received relative to papers submitted at the meetings for the transactions. The president touched on this subject. The complaints are these: That the editing committee has been arbitrary. They may or may not publish the papers. In many cases, they have rewritten parts of the papers and changed the wording so that in the end the findings may be altered. In view of the complaints and the rather strong feeling of several members of the Western Division, I would like to propose to the group that the Committee be permitted to draft a resolution and submit it through the Executive Board to the parent body for their consideration, making known our feelings here in the Western Division.

Dr. Needham stated that we have had trouble right along to the very point of this resolution. We have to keep in mind that the papers we prepare have to meet the editorial standards of the parent body. This is absolutely necessary. In one case, one of my papers was so changed. Another thing we should remember is that our national editorial committee of the parent body has to spend at least one month throughout the year on editing papers. There is an element of criticism from either standpoint. We have to submit papers that are up to the standards of the editorial committee. I think it is important that we keep that in mind. Such a resolution would help us in better understanding our problems, but I don't think we should be too tough on the editorial committee since it takes at least a month a year for editing. As President Thompson told you, we can expect our transactions by June or July.

Mr. Garlick was of the opinion that a resolution should not go out from the Western Division to the parent body without being passed on as to its contents.

Mr. Needham suggested memorializing the parent body through the Executive Board urging their consideration of these problems. The time is coming when we are going to have a paid editor. It takes too much time for one man.

Dr. Needham moved that we memorialize the parent body.

Mr. Garlick stated that this is a rather delicate matter. There could be many ramifications. Perhaps the executive committee or a committee appointed for this purpose might take up this matter with the parent body to bring out our common problems. We may not be aware of certain problems. We don't want to make for dissention within the Society which might happen if we memorialize rather than take it up in an arbitrary fashion. Let's try to iron it out.

Dr. Needham suggested that instead of taking a vote at

the meeting, the Executive Board investigate the possibility of hiring a paid editor and report back to the parent body.

Dr. Needham moved that the executive committee meet with the parent Society at their next meeting to discuss the matter of the presentation of papers and their consideration by the editorial board, and further that a paid editor be considered as a future officer of the parent Society. Seconded by Mr. Garlick. Motion carried.

Mr. Garlick stated that the Executive Committee consists of all officers plus the past chairman.

Resolution No. 4

WHEREAS, the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society has been assembled in Las Vegas, Nevada, at its 6th annual meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Fish and Game Commission has been the host agency, and

WHEREAS, they have put forth a great deal of effort to make the conference a success, and in view of the many courtesies and the hospitality extended to all assembled,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Division does hereby express its appreciation and gratitude to the Nevada Fish and Game Commission for a most successful convention, and be it further resolved that the secretary submit a copy of this resolution to the Nevada Fish and Game Commission.

Mr. Simpson moved to adopt Resolution No. 4. Seconded by Mr. Pautzke.

Mr. Thompson brought up the fact that other organizations helped with the convention.

Mr. Garlick suggested incorporation in the resolutions the other organizations to include the Nevada Federated Sportsmen and the Nevada Fish and Game Commission.

Nominating Committee:

Proposed slate of new officers for coming year.
Chairman - Alex J. Calhoun of California.
Vice-Chairman - Walter Allen of Montana.
Secretary-Treasurer - Lou Garlick, Fish and Wildlife
Service, Portland, Oregon.
Nominations were requested from the floor.

Dr. Needham moved that the nominations be closed. Seconded by Mr. Wagner. Motion carried.

Mr. Calhoun took the chair as the new chairman, and asked for any new business.

Mr. Greene thanked all the people who had served on various committees.

Mr. Pautzke stated that in knowing the same thing took place in Long Beach in 1953, if the business meeting couldn't be worked in earlier in the meeting while everyone is still in attendance. Many members are missing the main ideas of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society, the discussion and business that goes to make up this Division.

Mr. Garlick stated that the same thought had struck him, since up until the business meeting there had been a good assemblage of people. We have to find some way of getting more people at our meetings. We have to be an organization otherwise we will lose our identity. There are two things that have to be considered. There is a certain amount of business that has to be taken care of during the course of the meeting, so we can't have the business meeting the first day. We should sandwich it in about the middle of the session. I would like to suggest that we recommend to the program committee next year that they give this matter consideration.

Mr. Greene stated that the program was pretty much established by the Western Association. We had difficulty in getting time for special sessions. We more or less had to go along with that time was left over from the general sessions. It made it a little difficult to incorporate technical papers into the program. In future years we should consider a different method of giving papers. I would like to have your reaction before the next meeting so we would know how to proceed and consider also the type of meeting you would like to have. We used to meet on separate days, and then meet in conjunction with the Western Association. If you prefer that method of meeting, perhaps we can still do it. It has been discussed at the International meetings, and the point has been brought out that we are dependant upon our Directors to get to these meetings. We should keep all these things in mind.

Dr. Needham was of the opinion that if the Society can get the same place on the program that was assigned at this meeting, we would have ample time. We have to meet concurrently with the Western Association. I further think that there is a great deal to be gained by all of us meeting down here. It does us good to have our bosses around to hear the discussions. I suggested to Seth Gordon that it might be brought up with the Board of Directors of the

Western Association. This is the best conference we have had, and I think Frank Groves did a magnificent job. We came out very nicely as far as time allocated to us for the discussion of fisheries problems. This meeting should be set as a standard pattern.

Mr. Thompson stated that he was going to speak as a member of the Western Division not as President of the Society. I think Dr. Needham is right. I want to remind the fisheries workers of one thing they have heard for years, and that is the point of being a little bit mercenary. If we can arrange programs like we have here and get the Directors and the game boys to listen to our program, it would do the Society a lot of good. If they realize you have a problem, they will be on your side. I think the program this time was good. We got as much time as the game men and upland game men. The program was divided into three sessions - game, birds and fish. I just wanted to pass on to you that we shouldn't get too uppity in wanting to get off by ourselves. We should get more men in to hear our problems.

Mr. Pautake stated that the discussion has drifted away from the main point - that we hold the meeting earlier in the period. I'm not kicking about the time allotted the fisheries men at this time. We wanted a period earlier in the session for the meeting.

Mr. Calhoun asked for suggestions on having the business session earlier so that people will not have left.

Mr. Thompson thought it would be a good idea as it might be possible to have some of the administrators present, but they are holding their meeting at the same time.

Mr. Calhoun stated that it would put the election of officers in the middle of the program.

Mr. Garlick stated that the new slate of officers could be elected at that time, but the old slate could continue on until the conclusion of the meeting.

Mr. Calhoun stated that at some meetings, the business session is held in the event, and this seems to work out extremely well.

Mr. Greene stated that the program should be guided accordingly in their deliberations.

Mr. Allen suggested that the program committee discuss this matter with the Western Association.

Mr. Garlick stated that the only difference in the meeting this year from the meeting held last year was that there was

one less session on technical papers for fisheries. I think this matter is something the program committee has to work out.

Mr. Thompson stated that he had seen the time that the Western Association would meet and never have a fisheries paper in the program. The first time was in Santa Fe when we had half a day. That was the start of trying to get fisheries papers in the meeting of the Western group. I think we are very lucky in going as far as we have.

Dr. Needham suggested memorializing the Board of Directors of the Western Association, although this might be too formal. We could point out how pleased we are with the time allotted and take up the matter of an earlier business meeting. We could ask them to set this as a standard pattern if you like it.

Mr. Greene suggested that, rather than memorializing the Western Association, the program committee be advised of the wishes of the membership and work with whoever is in charge of the program committee of the Western Association. The matter could probably be worked out among the committees.

There was no opposition to this type of meeting.

Mr. Calhoun stated that the format of the meeting had been changed from highly formalized papers that were given. This matter should be discussed at this time to see whether you people want to continue in this form.

Mr. Dill suggested asking the members how many read the papers after they got them.

Mr. Greene stated that this was hardly a fair question as the program chairman did not have the papers available in enough time.

Mr. Dill felt that most of the members would have been too busy and not had time to read the papers.

Mr. Garlick asked if he should read the part of the minutes relating to this matter.

Mr. Calhoun stated that before the meeting adjourned he was going to do something the chairman shouldn't do. I feel very strongly about the symposium type meeting rather than a formal paper which a series of individuals read, and which is published later.

Mr. Thompson stated that any member of the Society has the privilege of having a paper considered for publication whether he

gives it or not. That might have some bearing. The symposium type of program is hard to edit and get anything published on. If it were done that way, it should be done with the idea that it wouldn't be published. I wanted to bring this up so as not to discourage those who have a paper they would like published.

Mr. Calhoun was of the opinion that the meeting would benefit and papers could still be published. It would lead to a more interesting type of meeting in which everyone participates.

Mr. Garlick stated that last year we had symposium type of generally informal papers, yet we did have papers that were submitted.

Mr. Dill was in favor of the symposium type of meeting, and stated that there are many fellows whose only opportunity to attend the meeting is because they present a paper which is one good reason for allowing a fraction of the meeting for papers. I would vote for three-quarters symposium and one-quarter technical papers.

Mr. Simpson stated that he couldn't help but feel that the business meetings have drag, and that he was a firm believer in the symposium type of meeting. Technical sessions are a little bit prone to drag. The symposium type meeting stimulates interest. We should leave technical papers for publications.

Dr. Needham reminded the members that one of the functions of the Society is to give younger men a chance to get up and be heard. Very often the symposium type of program is limited to skilled individuals. The symposium type of meeting is more stimulating. Dr. Needham then told of his experience at the meeting in Milwaukee.

Mr. Calhoun stated that we cannot and should not cut out individual papers, but they should be brief and form only a part of the meeting. The program committee this time was far too tightly guided by a resolution passed at the last meeting prescribing the form that the program had to take. I believe that we are no longer bound by it if no action is taken here. On the basis of what has been said here today, the program committee can go ahead and work out the program for next year to the best of their own judgement.

Mr. Garlick read the section of the minutes relating to this matter, and stated that we are open to any type of procedure we want to follow.

Mr. Paul Douglas stated that Mr. Greene should be given a hearty vote of thanks for the way he conducted the meeting.

Mr. Calhoun extended thanks to the other officers who worked with Mr. Greene.

Mr. Wagner moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Garlick stated that according to the by-laws the secretary must be authorized to expend funds. It may be necessary to hire some secretarial assistance. The by-laws provide that a secretary cannot be hired unless it is voted on at a meeting. I wanted to bring this thought out in the event that I might ask some of the states for assistance.

Mr. Calhoun appointed Bill Peck as the new program chairman, members of the committee to be chosen by Mr. Peck.

Mr. Thompson stated that the meeting of the parent body will be in Seattle in September. This committee could probably have a meeting at that time.

Mr. Garlick stated that it would be well to impress the parent body with the activities of the Western Division and that it take as active a part as far as possible in that meeting.

Mr. Dill asked if there is any report from the Division in the transactions.

Mr. Thompson stated that it was up to Mr. Greene to provide about ten pages for the transactions. Reports from the Divisions have been sparse. All details of the meetings of the Divisions should be covered in the transactions. In this way the other Divisions know what is going on.

Mr. Garlick seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting previously made by Mr. Wagner. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis R. Garlick
Secretary