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## THE RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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THE MID-WINTER BUSINESS MEETING OF RILA

RILA held a Mid-Winter Business session in the Meeting Room of Providence Public Library, Saturday, January 15th, 1972. Attendance did not go over 35 people and therefore did not represent a quorum of members. Therefore, one important item of business could not be presented -- namely, the Ad Hoc Committee's presentation of the Constitution.

Mrs. Helen Kelly presented the Library Education Committee's report on the University of Rhode Island Extension Division's new Library Techniques Certificate Program. Mr. Healey also spoke on the program. The RILA Executive Board has endorsed this program.

Mr. Charles Crosby presented a report on cable TV which is coming to Rhode Island. He is organizing an all day program on CATV for February 8, at Providence Public Library. This meeting will consider library applications of CATV and will be in preparation for franchise hearings to be held February 24th. He presented a set of guidelines for regulation.

At the close of his presentation, the meeting adjourned for a coffee break and the Executive Board met to consider and pass unanimously their endorsement of these guidelines.

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There are no items for the Career Opportunities column.	

## STAFF:

- Mrs. Derryl Johnson, Providence Public Library, Editor.
- Mrs. Edna Lager, North Kingston Public Library, reporter.
- Mrs. Helen DeJong, Medical Society Library, reporter.
- Mrs. Elsie Straight, Academy of the Sacred Heart in Portsmouth, artist.

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The meeting then continued. Mr. Olsen presented the legislative program. Of particular concern was H2204A, an act to freeze public school library standards, which is now in HEW committee. It was the sense of the meeting that the Association should move to influence the defeat of this bill. The Executive Board will approach the School Library Association about actions.

The problems involved in attempts to extend the Marshall Bill on pornographic literature to libraries (H1607) was discussed. It was agreed that vigilance by the Executive Board, the legislative committee, and the intellectual freedom committee was very necessary.

Chester Klosek raised the question of whether public librarians should be certified in R.I. Miss Meir stated that public library standards is one way of covering this problem and that R.I. public library standards are currently being revised and updated. Mr. Alexander pointed out that

he would rather see available monies used for books and programs rather than a certification hierarchy.

It was hoped that by making the new constitution the last order of business, a quorum would develop. As it did not, and there was no possibility of the group making a decision or empowering the Executive Board to conduct a vote by mail, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

#### REGARDING: Mid-Winter Business Meeting of RILA

I enjoyed the meeting Saturday, January 15, 1972, with its opportunity to consider the purely business facets of our organization without the confusion of the fun and games attendant on our spring and fall conferences. It's a pity that there weren't more members to listen to the legislative problems, plans for a CATV conference, report of the Library Education Committee, and to discuss the certification question. Hopefully, there will be more business meetings with better attendance.

I did feel that the Ad-Hoc Committee was short-changed. We adjourned well before the advertised hour of 5 p.m. when lack of a quorum made discussion of and voting on the proposed revision of the constitution impossible. But the Ad Hoc Committee was formed to consider all sorts of plans for revitalizing our association and making it more active, and the members have worked long and hard. I think several in the audience would have liked to have heard more about the results of their labor. I trust that time will be given at the Spring Conference for a complete report of the Committee's work and a recognition of its members.

Helen E. DeJong

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The 8 Trustee Committee members of RILA will meet for a Luncheon-Conference on Monday, March 20th, at 1p.m., in the State House Senate Lounge. The meeting will be to plan for the May Trustee Workshop, and review the RILA legislative program.

## ON THE AD HOC COMM.:

A comment by one of RILA's past presidents states that librarians are "superb on-the-butt critics". This comment caused Charles Crosby, during his term as President of RILA, to form a 20 member Ad Hoc Committee which was to study the Association and to make suggestions for change. Members of the committee were of all ages, from all parts of Rhode Island, and represented every conceivable type of library.

Because of this committee, which was formed last winter, we as members of the Association should be aware of all the changes recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee.

Based on the Committee's suggestions, the following have already gone into effect:

1. The RILA Bulletin has changed its frequency of publication from 4 to 10 times per year and changed its format from formal quarterly to news-bulletin style.

2. the minutes of the RILA Executive Board be made available to the membership as soon after each Board meeting as possible through publication of those minutes in the next Bulletin.
3. that more than 2 meetings a year are necessary with a membership as large as ours (nearly 800) -- a third meeting, at least, be added to devote itself exclusively to RILA business.
4. applicants for the RILA scholarship be selected according to established criteria.

The following ideas and suggestion of the Ad Hoc Committee have been presented to the Executive Board where they are still under consideration:

1. charge for RILA Bulletins when requested by non-subscribers.
2. in choosing committee leadership, look for strong,

interested chairmen who have had previous experience in that committee.

3. lobby for the things librarians want and need in state legislation.
4. have conference-planning include exhibitors in addition to all other conference planning necessary. The Vice President, who has been assigned to solicit exhibitors in the past, may, of course, continue to work with the conference planners, but should not be restricted to this single task.
5. a historian or RILA record-keeper be appointed to organize the many things filed away by past officers and to make a lucid record of RILA's past for posterity
6. a current, working profile of RILA members as to interests and abilities in order to spread the work load over a broader group within the Association.
7. "mini" conferences or programs be conducted as interest or demand warrant

during the year over and above the fall and spring meetings -- to be conducted for special interest

groups in RILA, by these or other special interest groups of RILA. An example of this would be a reference workshop for librarians new to the state in order to provide information on tools peculiar to R.I., and to provide an opportunity to make friends with colleagues of similar interests.

8. have the ALA Councilor report periodically either orally or in writing to the Executive Board and to the membership at large.
9. a more active recruitment of membership, perhaps through a periodic list of new library staff acquired at all R.I. libraries made by the personnel director or the equivalent at each library and sent to the committee in charge of membership.

AD HOC (cont.).....

Major changes in the constitution proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee are:

1. an opportunity to vote by mail for candidates of office (Article IV, new Section 3)
2. change in the handling of vacancies in office (IV, 3 or the new 4)
3. the elimination of the two members-at-large from the Executive Board (V, 1)
4. re-formation of the committees from the existing 10 to a working base of 3, with chairmen of these committees being full members of the Executive Board (V, 1; all of Article IX).
5. specification of a wide representation of types of libraries and library employees on the committees (IX, new 3)

Compiled by  
Derryl Johnson,  
Chairman, Ad  
Hoc Committee

NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!

NORTHERN.....

Mrs. Wanda Moskwa is the new assistant to Mrs. Spilka, in the Northern Regional Office.

Mrs. Shirley Truszkowski is the new Northern Region's secretary.

Mrs. Pothier is now doing reference work for the region.

The Polish Community has given a donation of money for augmentation of the Polish collection at Pawtucket Public Library. The money is from the proceeds of the community arts and crafts booth at the tri-centennial celebration.

Pawtucket Public Library plans to advertise for an Assistant Director.

Ann Parent will continue as communications services director at Pawtucket Public Library.

Mrs. Sally Evans assumes coordinator of adult services position at Pawtucket Public Library.

## PROVIDENCE.....

Miss Patricia Manfredi has been appointed a clerk on the Providence Public Library bookmobile .

Mrs. Lois Neal has been appointed as a clerk in PPL's Order Dept .

Miss Karen Matthews, an MLS graduate of Rutgers, has been appointed as a librarian in PPL's Periodicals Dept .

Miss Linda Westervelt, an intern, has been appointed to PPL's Reference Dept .

Mrs. Polly Pierce, an intern, has been appointed to PPL's Art and Music Dept .

Mrs. Lucille Sibulkin is now head of technical services at RIC .

## SOUTHERN....

Clark Memorial Library is taking a survey of the town of Richmond to discover what kind of library service the townspeople really want .

## ISLAND.....

Newport, Middletown and Portsmouth will be launching a 5 month trial use of a bookmobile for their tri-community area beginning January 31, 1972 .

Newport will be resuming Monday hours, 1-9, beginning Jan. 31, 1972 .

Miss Cairns and Miss Cunniff from Barrington, and Capt. Henry from Newport, will be delegates to the Outreach Conference, Jan. 30 - Feb. 4. The Conference will be held in Jamestown .

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The Rhode Island School Libraries Association

held a meeting at LaSalle Academy in Providence on January 27th. This was a workshop meeting to show how Title II funds are being utilized at the secondary level .

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Mrs. Dorothy Dexter assumes the position of coordinator of technical services, at Pawtucket Public Library .



## RILA SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

1. The applicant must have or be seeking acceptance at a graduate library school as a full time student. A letter of award will be sent to the student contingent upon proof of acceptance by a graduate library school.
2. There must be a statement of need.
3. Only a Rhode Island resident, or a student of the Graduate Library School at the University of Rhode Island will be eligible for the award.
4. A personal interview is required by all residents of Rhode Island. An interview is desirable for out-of-state-applicants.
5. Scholarships will be awarded only if there is a qualified applicant.
6. Upon failure to maintain matriculation, the balance of the scholarship will be withheld by R.I.L.A.
7. In the event that the scholarship cannot be awarded to the individual chosen by the Committee, the scholarship may be awarded to a suitable alternate.
8. All applications must be received by the Committee no later than March 30th.

### Ad Hoc Committee members:

Mrs. Carol Anderhaggen  
 Mr. Paul Ax  
 Mr. Paul Bazin  
 Miss Gina Boisclair  
 Miss Martha Bullard  
 Mrs. Sue Collins  
 Mr. Charles Crosby  
 Mrs. Elin Crowley  
 Miss Carol Cunniff  
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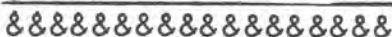
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It is a well laid-out, profusely illustrated title of interest to general readers and dabblers in the fields of archaeology or anthropology. This will certainly cause a stir among some schools of thought as the

Newport Tower and a fort in Ninigret are discussed as early Portuguese structures. Dr. da Silva also includes a definition and description of the Wampanoag Indians, translating Wampanoag as "White People".

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The Portuguese Pilgrims and Deighton Rock by Dr. Manuel Luciano da Silva (pub. in Bristol, R.I., and edited by Nelson D. Martins.)

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