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### MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

January 26, 1978

President Pro Tempore W. D. Finney called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Historical Building.

Executive Director Jack Wettengel called the roll. Those present were Mrs. George L. Bowman, Q. B. Boydstun, Dr. Odie B. Faulk, W. D. Finney, Dr. LeRoy H. Fischer, Bob Foresman, Col. C. Forest Himes, H. Milt Phillips, Earl Boyd Pierce, Jordan B. Reaves, Genevieve Seger and H. Merle Woods. Those asking to be excused were O. B. Campbell; Jack T. Conn; Joe E. Curtis; Harry L. Deupree, M.D.; Mrs. Mark R. Everett; E. Moses Frye; Nolen J. Fuqua; Denzil D. Garrison; Dr. A. M. Gibson; John E. Kirkpatrick; Mrs. Charles R. Nesbitt; and Britton D. Tabot. Miss Seger moved to excuse the absent members; Mrs. Bowman seconded and the motion passed without dissent.

Mr. Finney announced that notification was mailed January 9 to all members of the Society of the unusual situation of having four directors whose terms would expire in January 1978, but who were willing to serve another term, and one nominee to fill the vacancy left by the death of Dr. James Morrison in October, 1977, whose term also expired, thus resulting in no contest for the five seats. A valid petition for the nomination of Mrs. L. E. Hodge, Jr., Hammon, had been received by the Executive Director prior to January 1, 1978, as required by the constitution. Mr. Pierce moved and Mr. Woods seconded a motion that Mrs. Hodge fill the vacancy of Dr. Morrison. The approval vote was unanimous.

In accordance with Article IV, Section 3, of the constitution which states, "If no additional nominations are received, thus resulting in no contest, the Executive Director at the meeting of the Board of Directors where such ballots otherwise would be canvassed shall cast one vote and declare the five nominees elected." Executive Director Wettengel then cast one vote declaring the five nominees elected. Mr. Pierce moved that the action of the Executive Director be approved. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Colonel Himes moved that as soon as a revised constitution is printed a copy be sent to all members of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Mrs. Bowman seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Dr. Faulk suggested that the constitution be printed or inserted in a future issue of *The Chroni-*

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*cles of Oklahoma*. Colonel Himes requested that members joining the Society after such issue of *The Chronicles* is published be forwarded a copy of the constitution as a part of their membership.

The election of officers was held, with Mr. Pierce moving that Mr. Finney be nominated as President, seconded by Mr. Reaves. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Boydston moved, seconded by Mr. Reaves, that nominating cease and that Mr. Finney be legally voted President by acclamation. Those voting in favor were Bowman, Boydston, Faulk, Fischer, Foresman, Himes, Phillips, Pierce, Reaves, Seger and Woods. Mr. Finney abstained.

Mr. Pierce and Mr. Phillips moved, seconded by Mr. Phillips, that Mr. Conn be nominated and elected by acclamation as First Vice President. All present voted in favor.

Mr. Reaves and Mr. Phillips moved, Miss Seger seconded, that Mr. Boydston be nominated and elected by acclamation as Second Vice President. Those voting in favor were Bowman, Faulk, Finney, Fischer, Foresman, Himes, Phillips, Pierce, Reaves, Seger and Woods. Mr. Boydston abstained.

Miss Seger and Mr. Pierce moved, seconded by Mr. Woods, that Mrs. Bowman be nominated and elected by acclamation as Treasurer. Those voting in favor were Boydston, Faulk, Finney, Fischer, Foresman, Himes, Phillips, Pierce, Reaves, Seger and Woods. Mrs. Bowman abstained.

Mr. Phillips moved and Dr. Fischer seconded that Mr. Wettengel be appointed Secretary by acclamation. All voted in favor.

Mr. Wettengel reported that eighty-nine persons had made application for membership in the Society and three annual members had applied for life membership. These three were Linda L. Edmondson, Muskogee; Donna M. Goodell, Boston, Massachusetts; and Patricia W. Lockwood, Alexandria, Virginia. Miss Seger moved and Dr. Faulk seconded to accept the new members. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Mrs. Bowman reviewed the cash receipts and disbursements of the Society's Cash Revolving Fund 200. Mr. Phillips moved and Dr. Fischer seconded a motion to accept the report of the Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wettengel presented the quarterly report for the Indian Archives Division. He said the Archivist of the United States was ready to sign an agreement by which the archives will be accessioned as part of the National Archives and remain in the Historical Building.

Dr. Faulk, chairman of the Publications Committee, reported that *Railroads in Oklahoma* had been well received; that the Winter 1977-1978 issue of *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, would feature Old Central on the Oklahoma State University campus which is being renovated as a historic site.

He said that *The Ranch and Range in Oklahoma* would be the next issue in The Oklahoma Series, to be released in the Spring.

Money is on hand, according to Dr. Faulk, to match federal funds for a historic preservation newsletter scheduled for publication in the spring.

Dr. Faulk spoke of the reorganization of the Publications Division in which Dr. Kenny Franks' position would be changed from Editor to Director of Publications and that of Ms. Martha L. Mobley from Administrative Technician to Associate Editor. Dr. Faulk noted that the motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Dr. Deupree, and passed unanimously, to upgrade these positions had been omitted in the minutes of the October 27, 1977, meeting and requested that these minutes reflect the omission.

A request had been received by Dr. Franks from the University of Oklahoma Press for permission to reprint certain titles of The Oklahoma Series, according to Dr. Faulk. He said the Society should receive at least a fifty percent profit from sales of the reprints. Mr. Pierce moved that the Executive Director be authorized to confer with the Press regarding reprinting. The motion was seconded by Colonel Himes and all voted in favor.

Discussion followed concerning publication requests received by the Publications Committee from the Indian Archives Division and the Historic Preservation Division. Archives Director Martha Blaine asked to publish one book a year in the Series in Anthropology and Historic Preservation. Director Howard L. Meredith had presented a request for the publication of a preservation newsletter entitled, *Outlook*, which will receive federal funds. Dr. Faulk advised that the American Association of State and Local History had presented to the Society a National Award of Merit for its Oklahoma Series. He also said that letters had been mailed to the seven members of the Board of Reference asking their assistance in judging the worth of articles submitted to the Publication Division.

Dr. Fischer moved, seconded by Dr. Faulk, to accept all gifts presented to the Museum Division during the past quarter. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Fischer reported that the Museum staff members had been responsible for the supervisory work and much of the labor for the renovation that had taken place during the past two quarters in the Administrative, Finance, Publications and Archives sections of the Historical Building. However, the attention of the museum staff now will again be directed to the installation of nine additional exhibit topics in the East Gallery; development of an interpretive exhibit centered around the tipi in the South Gallery; and the preparation of exhibits concerning the Five Civilized Tribes and the Plains Indians in the West Gallery.

Mr. Boydston reported on the meeting of the Honey Springs Battlefield

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Park Commission held December 4, 1977. The commission members visited the park area and decided that studies should be made to determine the location of the mass grave site.

According to Mr. Boydston, Mr. Earle Metcalf, Historic Sites Director, reported having had a favorable response from owners of 80 acres of land in the Honey Springs area for acquisition by the Society and that attempts were being made to procure another eighty acres. Mr. Boydston said the commission recommended that the Oklahoma Historical Society employ an architect to design the Old Station House.

Mr. Foresman reported on the varied programs which the Education Division presented to schools and visitors to the Museum during the past quarter. Miss Seger made several suggestions for bringing the Oklahoma history concept to younger grade school students by means of Statehood Day celebrations, art classes, large murals, historical quilts, collections of items used by grandparents or great-grandparents, etc. The committee hoped to work toward a master plan, Mr. Foresman said, and noted that the state's seventy-fifth anniversary would be observed in four years and perhaps the entire Board would consider various projects which could be developed for the year 1982, rather than one committee.

Mr. Woods commented on the Education Division sponsored Oklahoma Folk Lore Society, which was to have an organizational meeting January 27, 1978. Attention was also called to Mr. Campbell's newly published book on folklore of the Cherokee Nation.

Mr. Finney expressed the hope of cooperation between the Society, the Oklahoma Education Association and educational groups around the state to bring about a greater awareness of the history of the state to young people.

Mr. Wettengel reported that over 3,000 persons had used the facilities of the Society's library during the quarter. Mr. Phillips moved, Mr. Woods seconded, and the members voted unanimously to accept the library's gift list.

Mr. Robert L. Damm, director of the Society's self-study program, *Project: AWARE*, was introduced to the Board by Mr. Wettengel. He presented each member with a copy of the objectives and procedures to be followed in the project.

Mr. Finney announced that a check for \$300 had been received from the Oklahoma City Community Foundation as interest income from the Muriel H. Wright Endowment Fund; that a thank-you card had been received from Mrs. James Morrison; that *Mistletoe Leaves*, the Society's monthly newsletter, had received an award from the American Association of State and Local History; that a Certificate of Commendation would be pre-

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sented at the annual meeting to Dave Price for his gift of \$10,000 to the Museum of the Western Prairie; that Indian Archivist Blaine and her husband Garland J. Blaine had written an article entitled, "Pa-re-su A-ri-ra-ke: the Hunters that were Massacred," a Pawnee account of the last major battle in 1873 between Indian tribes, appearing in the Fall, 1977 issue of *Nebraska History*.

Mr. Finney referred to an article appearing in the November 27, 1977, issue of "Orbit Magazine," *The Daily Oklahoman*, regarding the work Mr. Reaves had done with the Society's Gatling gun. Mr. Reaves said that when the restoration is complete and ready for display a brochure on the gun will be available.

Mr. Finney reported that Mr. Phillips had been honored by the Central Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce for his work in forming the group ten years ago.

Mr. Finney read a letter of resignation from Mr. Phillips for health reasons, and noted that he had been a member of the Board since 1950. The remaining members of the Board moved, seconded, and approved unanimously to accept Mr. Phillips' resignation and to install him as a Board Member Emeritus for life.

President Finney declared a vacancy on the Board and said that the vacancy would be filled at the next meeting of the Board.

Meeting adjourned.

Jack Wettengel  
*Executive Director*

W. D. Finney  
*President*

## GIFT LIST

The Oklahoma Historical Society wishes to acknowledge the following people who donated gifts during the fourth quarter of 1977.

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