

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

It is hereby proposed that Section (one) 1, of Article (seven) VII, of the Constitution of the Oklahoma Historical Society be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the duly qualified members of the Society, at any regular annual election thereof or at any special election which may have been duly authorized and directed by vote of the annual meeting of the Society, the voting on such proposed amendment or amendments to be by a separate ballot but otherwise as prescribed in the election of directors, in Section 2, of Article III, of this Constitution, provided (1), that no proposition to submit any amendment or amendments to the same shall be submitted unless offered and supported by petition of not less than five per cent of the duly qualified members of the Society and, provided further, that due notice of the proposed adoption of such amendment be given in the form of a copy thereof, at least three months in advance of the date of such election.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH B. THOBURN.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society was held in the Historical building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 28, 1932, at 10:00 A. M., Judge Thomas H. Doyle, Vice-President, presiding.

The Secretary called the roll which showed the following members present: Mr. Jasper Sipes, Mrs. Frank Korn, Mr. George H. Evans, Dr. Joseph B. Thoburn, Gen. R. A. Sneed, Judge Thomas H. Doyle, Judge R. L. Williams, Dr. E. E. Dale, Mr. Grant Foreman, Judge Phil D. Brewer, Judge Harry Campbell, Judge Baxter Taylor, Judge Thomas A. Edwards, Mrs. Jessie E. Moore, and Dan W. Peery, the Secretary.

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Judge Brewer, chairman of the committee to have the constitution and by-laws of the Historical Society compiled and printed, made a verbal report of the progress being made and the committee was continued until the next quarterly meeting of the Board.

Mr. Foreman reported that the work of copying the Moravian records, which the Board had authorized him to have done, had not been completed.

Judge Williams read two letters from P. H. Tobin, with reference to early day construction of the M. K. & T. R. R., in Indian Territory, and one from A. H. Coffin, relating to the same subject, presenting the same to the Society for its archives.

Judge Brewer moved that they be accepted and that Judge Williams and the writers of the letters be thanked for their contributions. Motion was seconded and carried.

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Judge Williams moved that the Chair appoint a Budget Committee to meet with the Budget Officer, and prepare a budget for the next biennium, and also present the matter to the next legislature. The motion was seconded by Judge Edwards, which carried.

Before appointment of said committee, Judge Edwards moved that Judge Doyle be appointed a member of this budget committee, and put the question, after having received a second, which motion was unanimously carried.

The Chair appointed Judge Williams, Chairman, with Judge Edwards, General Sneed and Mr. Jasper Sipes to serve on this Committee.

Doctor Thoburn reported the progress of the Committee appointed to arrange for the celebration of the centennial of the Washington Irving tour in Indian Territory and Oklahoma.

Judge Williams moved that the Chair appoint a committee of three to take up with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs the proposition of depositing with the Historical Society the records of the various Indian Tribes in the State, in addition to the records of the Five Civilized Tribes, the Historical Society to receive them as agent and custodian of the United States Government and to hold them as such agent and custodian, subject to the direction of the United States Government, and that this committee be authorized to make a like agreement with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs regarding the records of the other Indian Tribes in the State. Motion was seconded and carried.

Judge Brewer moved that the committee which had been appointed to secure the records of the Five Civilized Tribes be continued under same authority, and that they include in their work the records of the other

tribes of Indians. Motion was seconded and carried.

Judge Edwards gave a verbal report of the work being done by Martha Buntin in gathering the history of the Plains Indians on the west side of the state.

Mr. Foreman gave a report of the work being done by Mrs. Rella Watts and Peter J. Hudson in the Indian Agency at Muskogee.

Judge Brewer moved that the time for which Miss Buntin and Mr. Hudson are employed be continued for an additional ninety days, and that they be paid out of the private funds of the Society under the same terms as now exist; and that Miss Buntin be allowed, from the private funds of the Society, for the gas and oil necessary to make trips to visit the various Indian Agencies, proper receipts being presented. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Foreman presented to the Society the following pictures which he obtained on his recent trip to Washington, D. C.; Seminole Council House; John Chupco, Seminole Principal Chief; Ah-it-to-tubby, Chickasaw Councilor, 1875; Ward Coachman, Second Chief Creek Nation, 1875; William P. Ross, Ex-Chief Cherokee Nation; J. Scales, Cherokee Indian Delegate; Cherokee Orphan Asylum; Indian Trade Store, Okmulgee, Ind. Ter.; Creek Graveyard near Hanna, Okla.; Cherokee Park Hill Seminary; Cherokee Council House; Hickory Ground, Crazy Snake's Camp; Residence of Colonial Checotee; D. O. Fisher, Chickasaw Indian Councilor and the Graduating Class, Cherokee Seminary.

Mr. Foreman also presented to the Society a framed picture of the Cherokee Orphan Asylum, at Salina, Ind. Ter., painted by Royal Roger Eubanks, of Tahlequah, Okla., and presented to the Society by Dr. R. L. Mitchell, of the U. S. Veterans Hospital, of Muskogee, Okla.

Upon motion the picture was received and the Secretary was instructed to express the thanks of the Society to Dr. Mitchell.

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Mr. Foreman read a letter from George Julian Zolnay, the artist who made the statue of Sequoyah in Statuary Hall, at Washington, D. C., giving a brief history of the statue, and presented the letter to the Society, which was accepted with the thanks of the Society therefor.

Mr. Foreman read a report of the work of Mrs. Foreman and himself in having a proper marker put up in the National Cemetery, at Ft. Gibson, for Col. John Nicks, a veteran of the War of 1812, and presented to the Society a short sketch of his life.

On motion Mr. and Mrs. Foreman were thanked for these services and the copy of the sketch of the life of Col. John Nicks accepted for the archives.

The Secretary presented to the Society a framed picture of John H. Seger, the gift of his daughter Bessie Seger, also one of Mr. Seger constructing a reservoir on the Seger Colony Reserve, using Indian labor, and some other smaller pictures.

Judge Brewer moved that these pictures be accepted, and that the Secretary be directed to thank Miss Bessie Seger most courteously for these pictures. Motion was seconded and carried.

Judge Brewer moved that a legend or description be placed on the back of all pictures, so they may be identified. Judge Edwards seconded the motion which carried.

Mr. Thoburn moved that the Society avail itself of the offer of Mr. Foreman and the State Highway Department to have a survey and maps made of the early trails in Oklahoma. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Sipes reported that he attended the meeting of the Oklahoma Press Association at Shawnee, Okla., May 27, 1932, at which time a tablet honoring Mr. Sidney Suggs for his work as a pioneer newspaper man and good roads builder was presented to him, and he in turn presented this tablet to Mr. Sipes to be placed in the Historical building.

Mr. Sipes moved that the Secretary be authorized to receive same, and to thank the Secretary of the Oklahoma Press Association. Upon being seconded by Judge Campbell, the motion carried.

The Secretary read the following list of applicants for annual membership in the Society:

Hugh Chalmers Baird, Agra; Dr. T. N. Batten, Oklahoma City; V. R. Biggers, Wewoka; Lillian Bryant, Edmond; Mrs. Virginia Bryant, Edmond; Mrs. Alice Cook, Oklahoma City; John S. Davenport, Tulsa; Mrs. Ethel F. Dowell, Luther; William L. Dunlap, Oklahoma City; Paul M. Galloway, Sand Springs; Elmer Hale, Jr., McAlester; Tom Hale, McAlester; F. D. McSherry, McAlester; J. B. Milam, Chelsea; Sarah E. Milam, Chelsea; Barclay Morgan, Henryetta; Walter E. Putman, Copan; Charles H. Reinhardt, Magdalena, New Mexico; Col. Winfield Scott, Enid; Col. J. H. Stolper, Muskogee; John E. Tidwell, Muskogee; Fred Tucker, Ardmore; John J. Vater, Enid; Allen Walters, Woodward; Walter Allen Warwick, Tulsa; Clark B. Wasson, Muskogee; and Mrs. Erda York, Atoka.

It was moved that they be received into membership, which motion upon being seconded was carried.

The Secretary read a letter from Aaron C. Parrott, calling attention to the last paragraph of the minutes of the Board meeting, held January 28, 1932, wherein Russell Parrott was given credit for the Parrott loan of museum material, instead of himself.

Judge Brewer moved that the minutes be corrected to give proper credit to Aaron C. Parrott for the loan of the collection, and it was so ordered.

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Mrs. Moore gave a verbal report of the committee to supervise beautifying the grounds surrounding the Historical building.

Upon motion of Judge Brewer the meeting stood adjourned.

THOMAS H. DOYLE, Vice-President,
Presiding.

Dan W. Peery,
Secretary.