

Board of Directors Meeting

Senator Hotel
May 21, 1949

The meeting was called to order by President Loren R. White. The following officers and directors were present:

L. R. White, President; Bjarne Ericksen, Jr. Past President; V. G. O'Neil, Public Relations Director; R. M. Smith, Civil Service Director; Floyd Query, Laws and Legislation Director; Leroy Boldt, Director, District No. 1; Dave Cameron, Director, District No. 2; J. W. Vaughn, Director, District No. 3; Cecil L. Wagner, Director, District No. 5.

Also present were Forrest V. Stewart, Executive Secretary; Jean Brimacombe, Administrative Secretary; and Lois Manning, Stenographer.

P. M. Brandt, Vice President; S. Paul Jones, Director, District No. 4; L. A. McCroskrie, Director, District No. 6; and F. Leo Smith, Legal Counsel, arrived during the early part of the meeting.

Motion was made that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and that the minutes be accepted as printed in the last quarterly issue of the official magazine on page 15. Motion carried.

Reports of Officers and Directors:

President White reported he was very happy over the progress the Association has made during his term in office, particularly since the last Board of Directors meeting. During the months of January through April, 697 new members were signed up, none of whom were charter members or veterans. However, no new chapters have been formed, but that was due to the legislative session lasting for practically a four month period. Because of the legislative session there has been delay in securing an assistant to the staff, which would be the number one subject on unfinished business at the meeting. He said he felt the Association had come a long way, but had a long way to go yet; that it was moving fast in the way of securing new members and that state employees are becoming more

conscious of the Association and its efforts to do things for the employees and the State of Oregon.

Mr. White said it was interesting to note that the membership increase the first four months of this year exceeded that of the first four months in 1948. Financially the Association is in pretty fair condition. He said he felt that at the time the pay plan goes into effect, if the effort was made it would help in securing new members and that this year should be a banner year in securing new members. Groups where the membership is low should be visited with particular effort being spent on departments where no chapters existed. Somebody should spend a large portion of his time in the field securing new members.

The Secretary's report was read by Miss Brimacombe. Motion was made to adopt the report and motion carried.

V. G. O'Neil, Public Relations Director:

Mr. O'Neil said he was primarily concerned over the lack of interest between legislative sessions; that things would get quite hot before a session, interest in membership increased and everyone was on the ball, then after the session was over there was a drop in interest and everyone wonders how they are to get the members out. There should be some continuing proposition before the members at all times—one that has been pointed out for the association is to take on interest in some state activity with the aim of gaining public goodwill for state employees. Some people sneer and jibe at state employees, saying they have soft jobs and all they do is try to get something from the state and the public. The Association should break down that attitude, by publicly undertaking the sponsorship of some state activity which would meet with a sympathetic response from all people. From a local standpoint, interest could be in local affairs such as the Pendleton Round-Up, the Cherry Festival (by entry of a float), the Rose

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