

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS. The Board met on May 1 in Durham for its only meeting since the one on March 20. It was decided on that day to conduct the membership ballot in September, to accept tentatively the invitation from Winston-Salem to hold the 1955 conference in that city, and to approve all the items on the State Legislative Council program for 1955. The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 9.

COMMITTEES. *The Scholarship Loan Fund Committee* has forwarded its revision of the Loan Fund regulations and procedures to the Executive Board for approval. Mr. Thomas Simkins has replaced Dr. Akers as Chairman of the Committee. *The Recruiting Committee* has completed a draft of a recruiting folder which will be presented to the Executive Board at its next meeting. *The Membership Committee* has mailed letters to librarians who are prospective members of NCLA, and 67 new members have joined. Mrs. Barbara E. Heafner has succeeded Mary Frances Kennon as Chairman since Miss Kennon has left North Carolina for Baltimore.

SECTIONS. The Officers and Committee Chairmen of the *Public Libraries Section* met in Winston-Salem, July 24, to plan for Section activities. The Development Committee of this Section held a meeting in Greensboro August 26 to discuss the 1955 State Aid for Libraries request. *The Trustee Section* is now mailing a quarterly newsletter to all public library trustees in the state. The first issue included a very attractive Trustees Manual. *The Junior Members Round Table* has started an active campaign for recruiting new members by writing to each library to ask that a "census be taken" of eligible staff members and that they be encouraged to join JMRT.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. The President attended the annual conference in Minneapolis, June 21-26, as your representative. The membership ratified the Chapters Article of the By-Laws and the Executive Board has now received the directions for applying for chapter status. Present geographic chapters remain chapters until the Midwinter Conference of 1956, but they must reapply for status before that time if they wish to do so. The procedure is as follows: 1. The membership of present chapters must vote as to whether they wish to apply for chapter status; 2. ALA members within the area must vote as to whether they will apply (at least 10% must cast votes); 3. If approval is given by these votes, the constitution of the geographic chapter is sent to the ALA Constitution and By-Laws Committee for study and approval; and 4. The Application with the constitution is presented to the ALA Council for acceptance. The Executive Board on October 9 will decide what action should be taken on this question and will notify the Membership as soon as possible.

MISCELLANEOUS. The President, writing for the Executive Board, congratulated Mr. Quincy Mumford upon his appointment as Librarian of Congress. A wire was sent to the Alabama Library Association on May 1 expressing good wishes to the Association on its fiftieth anniversary.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY. The Executive Board commends the Editorial Board of *North Carolina Libraries* for its contribution to the celebration of our anniversary through this special issue, as well as the others of the 1954 volume.

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