

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL AUSCJ MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on August 14, 1978, in Phoenix, AZ, by acting chairman Royal Franklin.

Present were George Mirijanian, William Lynch, Oscar Manney, Lindsey Phillips, Woody Harris, John Larkins, Ray Alexis, Martin Morrison, Bryce Perry, Bob Sutter, Mike Zacate, Ed Westing, Barry Spiegel, George Tiers, Bod Dudley, Harold Winston, Helen Warren, Bert Spelling, George Cunningham, Burt Hochberg, Carol Hochberg, David Argall, John Barrett, Fred Townsend, Doris Thackrey, Tim Redman, Richard Fauber, Stephen Christopher, Norm Peacor, Richard Verber, Denis Barry, Bob Erkes, Frank Skoff, Roland Benoit, Isaac Kashdan and Joan C. Winston.

Copies of last year's minutes were distributed and it was agreed to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

The Treasurer's Report was read by George Mirijanian. Net worth was \$234.01. Motion by Larkins seconded by Perry to accept report carried.

Merit Awards: Difficulty in obtaining facilities caused last-minute preparation of the journalist's display, which was done by George Mirijanian.

Royal Franklin withdrew his Colorado magazine from competition, saying he wanted it on display just to acquaint other journalists with it.

Problems involved in current method of selecting winners were discussed. Since people do not have access to all magazines and cannot make an informed judgment, should mail ballots be counted? Entries aren't even known when ballots are received. A way to include non-U.S. Open participants is needed. Choosing a committee by mail ballot to do the judging was suggested.

A motion by Argall, seconded by Larkins not to count mail ballots for this year's awards carried.

Motion by Phillips seconded by Larkins was amended by Alexis and Sutter: Establish a committee of five, including the CL&R editor as a permanent member, to set deadline dates for entries and make awards for next year. This carried.

It was suggested that the new committee make this year's awards,

with members not voting in categories where they have entries.

A straw vote was taken to determine method of making this year's awards: 1) All members present vote for awards (5 in favor). 2) Interim committee be established to make awards (13 in favor). 3) Newly formed committee for next year's awards also make this year's awards (2 in favor).

Nominees for interim committee: Hochberg, Dudley, Franklin, Warren and Larkins. Motion by Perry, seconded by Larkins to establish interim committee of five above nominees to make this year's awards. They will name chairperson, establish criteria and post results later today. This carried.

President's report by outgoing president Stephen Dann was read by Franklin. Motion by Argall seconded by Tiers to accept president's report carried.

Elections for 1978-79 officers: President, John Larkins 15, Stephen Dann 3. Vice President, Franklin declined nomination. Helen Warren elected by acclamation. Secretary-Treasurer, Homer Jones elected by acclamation.

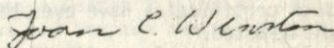
Selection of editor: Motion by Phillips seconded by Warren that the president shall have authority to appoint the editor carried 18-0.

Old & New Business: Burt Hochberg said that it was not necessary for AUSCJ to buy ads in CL&R, that he would print news from the Association. Larkins will send him report on awards and best cartoon.

Motion by Zacate, seconded by Phillips that the Awards Committee be selected by the officers and the CL&R editor, who is a permanent member, after they have solicited and received nominations. This was carried 10-5. A June 30 deadline was suggested.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alexis and seconded by Spiegel and was carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan C. Winston
Secretary pro tempore