

Policies, Public Relations & Personnel Committee

January 14, 1988 - 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Shade, Mr. Mueller, and Mr. Seidl attended the meeting in the City Librarian's office.

Mrs. Martin called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

The first item was combining the Goals and Evaluation Committee with the Policies, Public Relations, and Personnel Committee. At the December 1987 Board of Trustees meeting, Mr. Sorensen asked this committee to review the Board of Trustees by-laws and make recommendations concerning any proposed by-law changes.

After discussion, the committee recommended that Article 4, Committees, be changed as follows:

Current

Article 4. COMMITTEES

The following standing committees shall be appointed by the President to serve for one year and shall consist of a chairman and three other members:

Committee on Finance and Properties
Committee on Personnel and Public Relations

The duties of each of these committees shall be such as are associated with its name and related policies or shall be committed to it by action of the President with the advice and consent of the Board.

In addition there shall be a standing committee denominated the Goals and Evaluation Committee consisting of the Chairman of the Finance and Properties Committee and the Personnel and Public Relations Committee and three other members with the chairman selected by the President. The duties of this committee are to formulate Library goals and to evaluate the City Librarian and to recommend to the Board on such goals or evaluation.

Special committees for the study and investigation of special problems may be appointed by the President, such committees to serve until completion of the work for which they were established.

Proposed (with the changes underlined)

Article 4. COMMITTEES

The following standing committees shall be appointed by the President to serve for one year and shall consist of a chairman and three other members:

Committee on Finance and Properties
Committee on Personnel, Policy and Public Relations

The duties of each of these committees shall be such as are associated with its name and related policies or shall be committed to it by action of the President with the advice and consent of the Board.

The duties of the Personnel, Policy and Public Relations committee will also include the evaluation of the City Librarian, the formulation of library goals, and recommending to the Board of such goals and/or evaluation.

Special committees for the study and investigation of special problems may be appointed by the President, such committees to serve until completion of the work for which they were established.

The committee also recommended that the by-laws be changed to replace the term "directors" with the new term "trustees" as required by Illinois library law.

Mr. Seidl reported that Owen Balding has filed suit of eleven million dollars against the library and Mr. Jerald Merrick. The City of Decatur legal staff is handling the suit for the library.

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.