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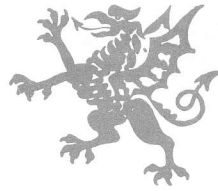
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welcomes you to the 49th Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu
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Sept 27th 1980.

Dear Elma Jones.

Thank you for your letter of the 24th, I'm sure that Eluned will make corrections that might be needed, also don't be afraid to ask her or myself any questions that you may have, now to answer your questions.

- #1. Your zip code has been corrected.
- #2. The correct spelling of, Ervin Davis, is W. Irving Davies.
- #3. The question to the B.O.T. was to ascertain if they agreed of the Hotel rates in Vancouver.
- #4. My report can either be written up or copy attached there-to.
- #5. Regarding the different grants available, that will be left to Mr Paul Stevens discretion.
- #6. The National pays for one mailing, then the sponsoring committee pays for any other mailings they wish to send out.
- #7. Please do not worry about Dr Mandry, ~~if he said~~, if he said he would do certain things he will do them (in his own time)
- #8. Copies of minutes should be on both sides of sheet, and any costs submitted to the treasurer Mr D M Edwards.

Hoping this will help clear up matters for you, wishing you much success in your Gymanfa, and many thanks for your kind words.

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Jack Meadows
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Lake Crystal, MN
Sept. 24, 1980

Dear Mr. Meadows,

Thanks for your note received recently. I've been working on the minutes as time permits--in fact, I have the second draft typed, but am hoping that if Eluned has the time that she will read through them to see if she spots any changes that should be made. I've written her to ask if she would do that, but there's not been time yet for an answer from her. And I do have some questions that I'm hoping you can help me with.

While I think of it, would you change the zip code on my address, it reads 56065, but it should be 56055. It doesn't make a lot of difference, but I guess they do go by zip codes more than I realized because it usually has gone to the other town and is rerouted to L.C before I get it.

My first question is on a correction that Lewis Edwards made on the 1979 A.G.M. minutes--Pg. 3, #5, Ll&2, Ervin Davis evidently was not spelled correctly, and I didn't get the correct spelling. *W. IRVING DAVIES*

On your report for 1979-1980 on 11/7/79 "mailed questionnaire to B.O.T. Hotel Quotes etc." (This is something that I should look in my own correspondence, and I probably would get the answer--but at first I was puzzled about B.O.T. but it's apparently something you've mailed to the Trustees that I've forgotten about) - *To see if they agreed of the rates*

Should your report be placed as a supplement to the minutes, or is it O.K. if I write it up as a part of the minutes? - *Part of the minutes or just attach them?*

My notes are vague about the procedure involved in getting a Challenge Grant ---can you give me some information about this (I think I have the info about the Folk Art Grant correctly) - *This will be left to P. Stevens -*

During one of the meetings there was a reference to the fact that a mailing goes out (I would assume) at the expense of the National Organization--I think it was David Edwards who made reference to that fact, when there was discussion on the difficulty of getting going financially on a National Gymanfa. Are there two mailings that go out at the expense of the National organization, or is just the first that they pay for? - *The sponsory comm pays for one or two the National pays for me!*

As I wrote up the minutes, I didn't find anything where you had said that you'd do something promptly, although I think there were a couple of things that Dr. Mandry said he would do, although he perhaps has notes on them.

These are all the question I have at the moment--but there might be more before I get the final draft typed. Thanks so much for your help.

Sincerely, *Printed on both sides use your own format on how - but copy me to be charged any info about just Eluned and method for multiple copies?*

Greet Mrs Meadows for me. Our local B.H. is this Sunday.
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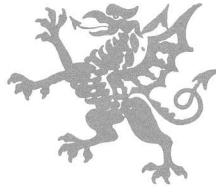
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October 6, 1980

Mr. D. M. Edwards
Citizens Building
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Dear Mr. Edwards,

I hope that you enjoyed the Vancouver Gymanfa as much as I did, and that you returned home safely afterwards. I really liked the Llanelli Choir, and on Sunday evening after they finished singing Morte Christe, I'd have been quite happy if the Gymanfa had finished right there---it was lovely.

I've been working on the minutes of the meetings that I was attempting to record, as time permits, and am wondering if you would mind checking over the excerpts that I'm enclosing. These show what I have recorded of the reports that you gave at two of the meetings. The financial report that you distributed shows most of the figures that you used when you gave the reports at the meetings, but I think there are a couple there that I'd like for you to confirm. I'll put a question mark in the margin where I'd like verification from you.

As you read them over, if you see anything that you would like changed or that should be corrected, I'll appreciate your marking it and when I make the final draft, I hope that everything will be in order.

I'll appreciate it so much if you have the time to help me on this, and I'll enclose an envelope for your reply. Thank you.

Sincerely

Elma V. Jones

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I'm hoping to hear the Welsh Artists in Minneapolis tomorrow night--I believe they're giving several concerts in the Columbus area soon, and also in SD.

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October 30, 1980

Miss Elma V. Jones,
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Cleveland, Dear Elma:

I am awfully sorry that my reply to your letter of the 6th Instant was delayed so long. Unfortunately it came just after I closed my office for a better than two week vacation in Hawaii. For many years now Chris and I take a tour with my Brother Shriners and their wives and it was a beautiful and interesting one this year.

With regards to your notes on the minutes, I have made a few changes and corrections which I think you will understand.

The Vancouver National Gymanfa was outstanding and one of our best. You folks must have worked very hard with your preparations and all your programs were outstanding. Please convey to your committees my heartfelt thanks for your wonderful programs. We had been in Vancouver some years ago but this time our trip was exceptional as we not only had a great Gymanfa but I met my old school buddy from my home town in Aberdare, Wales, Dr. T. Bert Kelly and also his dear wife.

Hope you were able to hear the Welsh Artists and enjoyed them, will watch for them around here.

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Dave Edwards

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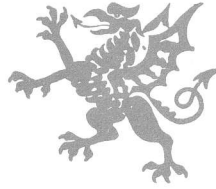
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November 19th 1980.

Elma Jones.
Rt. 2 Box [redacted]
Lake Crystal, Minn. 56055.

Dear Elma.

Thank you very much for a fine report of the minutes, I'm sure between you and Eluned there was no chance of errors or omissions,

I refer you to Article X, Recording Secretary, regarding the mailing of the minutes which I'm sure you are acquainted with.

The address of Russell Davis is: 2950 Border Links Rd: Visalia-Cal. 93277.

Things are perking up very good concerning Utica which I think will be a success, of course it won't be a Vancouver but I'm sure the welcome will be just as warm, and as you might know your room will be complimentary, so once again many thanks for a fine report.

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All the best

Jack Meadows, secretary.

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Miss Elisabeth Griffith
Miss Elma V. Jones
Miss Gwenfyl E. Jones
The Rev. Neal Lloyd
Mrs. Irene Pritchard
Mr. Owen C. Roberts
Miss Eluned M. Thomas, Immediate Past President
Mr. Cyril Watkins
Mr. Iorwerth Watkins
Mr. Norman E. Williams, Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee
Mr. Morris Wrench

*minutes
Aug. 80
8/29/80*

Meeting was called to order by the President.

Elma Jones acted as Recording Secretary at the request of the President.

1. Minutes of the August 31, 1979 meeting had previously been circulated to all the Trustees. Moved (Neal Lloyd), seconded (Donna Davies) and passed to approve the minutes as presented.
2. Gwenfyl Jones reported on the 1980 Vancouver Gymanfa. To that point there were 1200 registrations, 841 tickets sold for the Noson Lawen, 400 for the Luncheon, 300 for the WAY Breakfast and the Concert was a complete sell-out at 1500 tickets.

Miss Jones said that Lord Gordon Parry and Lord Elwyn Jones were guests at the Gymanfa and mentioned that Lord Parry had been in Vancouver three times in the last 18 months on behalf of the Wales Tourist Board. Lord Parry had reported earlier that the Right Honorable Nicholas Edwards had planned to be at Vancouver but the pressure of work prevented the visit, and Lord Elwyn Jones had replaced him.

Miss Jones said that the Costume Display of Thursday evening had been an additional event as the senior citizens of the Vancouver Welsh Society had wanted to do something worthwhile for the Gymanfa. The federal government had given them a handsome grant which had helped greatly.

Miss Jones reported a lack of communication with the WAY Officers since February when Bruce Chr. Johnson had informed her that he would no longer be able to work with WAY. The Vancouver Committee had phoned and written many times but received no response. Miss Jones had written to Penny Brown, the WAY President, and told her that, if the Vancouver Committee had to set up the Breakfast, they would also take the proceeds from it. At that point Gwynn Parri, Mair Monkhouse and Lewis Edwards had decided they would look after the WAY Breakfast.

Miss Jones had a couple of suggestions that might be helpful in the future.

(1) Since the last letter about the Gymanfa goes out from the National office, it might be well to include with it a brief schedule of the events. (2) She said that people were quite concerned about money sent for contributions and tickets and would appreciate an acknowledgment. However, if the Committee had sent out receipts, it would have added another \$1,000 to the cost of postage. She suggested that, if people wanted a receipt, they could either use their canceled check or enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with their order. A tear strip at the bottom of the order form could be stamped showing the amount of money received, and returned to the sender as a receipt.

Miss Jones reported that there had been requests from nine choirs in Wales asking to sing at the Vancouver Gymanfa and her reply had been that the local Committee had decided that it was not possible to finance a choir from Wales. However, later the Committee learned that the Llanelli Male Voice Choir would be touring in Western Canada about the time of the Gymanfa and would be able to go to Vancouver for the cost of bus transportation from Calgary to Vancouver - about 80 members at about \$45 per person. This cost, however, had increased by about \$25 per person and the number of choir members had increased to about 115. Harry Jones, Treasurer of the Vancouver Committee, had been in Wales during the early summer and had taken care of negotiations with the Choir. She said that only about ten members of the Choir were being housed at the Hotel; the remainder were staying in private homes.

Miss Jones apologized for the insert in the program about the organ to be used for the Gymanfa.

She thanked Jack Meadows and Eluned Thomas for all the help they had given to the Committee and expressed appreciation to the WNGGA for the opportunity of working on the Gymanfa. She in turn was given a round of applause.

Jack Meadows said that he had called Penny Brown and, since Penny was not home, had spoken with her mother. He had asked that she have Penny call Gwenfyl Jones to explain why there had been no response to her calls and letters. He said that he had also called Gwynn Parri, Mair Monkhouse and Cynthia Jones. Gwenfyl replied that Penny Brown had not contacted her in Vancouver after Mr. Meadows' call. Elisabeth Griffith commented that, from their experience with WAY during the Philadelphia Gymanfa, she did not believe that the young people took these things at all seriously. Dr. Mandry commented that Dr. Islyn Thomas, the WNGGA Liaison Officer with WAY, was at present in Wales to receive an award.

The Rev. J. Humphreys Jones suggested that the Board thank Gwenfyl Jones for the hard work carried out on the Gymanfa Ganu and he congratulated her on the lovely Welsh she used in her reports and in the Program. Morris Wrench concurred and suggested an extra round of applause for the Costume Display presented the previous evening.

3. Consideration was then given to the report of the Niagara Falls Committee. Gwyneth Crysler was not present because of the sudden and recent death of her husband. She had written a letter to the Trustees, a copy of which was handed to those present. Dr. Mandry then read her letter to the Board. It was felt that Gwyneth Crysler and Lewis Edwards Co-Chairperson^s of the Golden Jubilee Gymanfa, and their committee had done a fine job. Lewis Edwards was not at the Trustees' meeting at the time but attended briefly later to present his report, which follows.

Lewis Edwards reported that, prior to the Niagara Falls Gymanfa, there had been a number of committee meetings; the officers had met frequently and there had been total harmony at all times. The Rev. J. Humphreys Jones had served as Chairman of Religious Activities and also in an advisory capacity.

Mr. Edwards felt that the plaque dedication had been an outstanding event and a very special occasion; the Noson Lawen had been great family entertainment, followed by a Tê Bach with Welsh cakes from many parts of the country. An Awr y Plant had been held on the Saturday afternoon. The Banquet had been an unqualified success and the program excellent. The Sunday morning church service would long be remembered, as would the special guests, the Rt. Hon. George Thomas and Lord Gordon Parry, with their wit and wisdom.

Commenting on the financial report, a copy of which had been given to each of the Trustees present, Mr. Edwards felt that at first glance it appeared disappointing. However, cassette tape sales were continuing and should realize in excess of \$2,000 when sold. Expenses in connection with the plaque should be regarded as an unusual but necessary extraordinary expense. The plaque had been presented by the people of Wales at no cost and the expenses incurred on it should not be considered as a loss since the plaque would be there for the future.

He said that the committee had appreciated the fact that they were allowed to run the Gymanfa at Niagara Falls with minimal interference from the National organization.

Moved (Neal Lloyd), seconded (Eluned Thomas) and passed to accept the report of Lewis Edwards.

A question was raised regarding the amount (\$3,136.27) paid to the Hilton Hotel. Mr. Edwards stated that they had not had the required number of room rentals to receive free rooms for various people. There followed a discussion on the number of rooms rented and placed at the Hotel and there seemed to be some difference in the figures. One Trustee then stated that he felt it was a problem for a sponsoring committee to get complimentary rooms and that it should be a cost of the National organization. It was considered an especially difficult situation in 1979 since everyone was scattered in various hotels.

Mr. Meadows said that he had received a request from J. C. Williams of Pittsburgh who would appreciate receiving a copy of the financial report of Niagara Falls as a guide in Pittsburgh because they were considering inviting the National there. Permission was given to Mr. Lewis Edwards to send the report to J. C. Williams.

Lewis Edwards then left the meeting.

4. The Association's financial report, a copy of which had been handed to each Trustee present, was then presented by the Treasurer, Mr. David Edwards. He said he would have liked to have invested more of the cash on hand in certificates and would do so promptly after returning home so that it would earn maximum interest.

In the absence of Mr. Paul Stevens, Chairman of the Endowment Fund, Mr. Edwards also reviewed the financial report of that Fund.

The President then asked for comments on the financial reports.

It was mentioned that in 1979 it had been resolved to send \$25 to Undeb y Cymry ar Wasgar but it did not appear in the disbursements. Mr. Edwards said he would do so the next year.

Moved (Donna Davies), seconded (Norman Williams) and passed to accept the financial reports as presented.

5. Mr. Meadows then read a letter from Paul Stevens requesting that he be authorized to draft a letter for the purpose of obtaining contributions to the Endowment Fund. In particular, he felt people could be encouraged to make bequests to the Fund. If acceptable to the Board of Trustees, he would draft a letter and circulate it among the Trustees before sending it out.

He had checked further on government grants and found there were two that might be available to the WNGGA - one was a Folk Arts Grant and the other a Challenge Grant. On both of these Grants the Association would be required to raise a certain amount of money for each dollar received from the government. On the Folk Arts Grant a letter of intent would have to be submitted by August 15, 1981, application for Grant by October 1, 1981, and announcement of Grant award or rejection would be made by March 1, 1982. On the Challenge Grant a letter of intent would have to be submitted by November 15, 1980, application for Grant by January 4, 1981, and announcement date of award or rejection would be October 1, 1981.

After discussion it was moved (Jack Meadows), seconded (Irene Pritchard) and passed to accept the report of Paul Stevens.

It was moved (Alice Deisroth), seconded (Irene Pritchard) and passed that Mr. Stevens should apply for a grant, pursuing first the application for the Folk Arts Grant.

It was then moved (Eluned Thomas), seconded (Owen Roberts) and passed that a letter promoting the Endowment Fund be drafted by Mr. Stevens and sent to the Executive Committee for approval.

6. Mr. Jack Meadows presented his Secretary's report, a copy of which is attached to the original of these minutes. He mentioned the efforts he had expended in arranging for future Nationals and that finally in June Utica had agreed to sponsor the 1981 Gymanfa. He thanked Mr. Norman Williams for his help in that regard. He hoped that Pittsburgh and Columbus might be future venues.

Mr. Meadows stated that nearly 4,000 new hymnals had been sold.

He said that the Association had 1,102 life members in the U.S.; 95 in Canada and 7 in the U.K. The complete mailing list was 3,357.

He had checked into the possibility of obtaining a U.S. mailing permit but had found that it would not be feasible as all mailings would have to bear the same return address and be mailed from that same city.

Moved (Donna Davies), seconded (Alice Deisroth) and passed to accept the report of the Secretary.

7. Mr. Norman Williams extended an invitation on behalf of the St. David's Society of Utica for the WNGGA to meet in Utica in 1981. He stated that Robert A. Jones had accepted the General Chairmanship for the Gymanfa; some major committees had been appointed and would soon be fully organized and working to arrange the Gymanfa in the limited time available. He mentioned his hope that those people who would be driving to Utica would stay at the outlying motels since downtown housing was limited. Information would be forwarded to each Board member in the near future. Moved (Neal Lloyd), seconded (Donna Davies) and passed to accept with thanks the invitation to Utica in 1981.
8. The President expressed regret that neither the WAY President nor the Liaison Officer was in Vancouver. In reply to a question he stated that it had not been possible to get proper information on the financial status of WAY and the use of the grant given them by the WNGGA. Dr. Islyn Thomas had received from WAY a report with which he was not entirely satisfied but had nevertheless authorized payment of the WNGGA grant to them. He had spent considerable personal money on WAY too but it was reported that in recent months he had become disenchanted with the organization and had suggested to the St. David's Society of New York that they should limit their contribution to \$100 and cease their support thereafter. It was reported that \$1,860 had been received for the WAY Breakfast at Niagara Falls; \$1,404 had been paid to the Hotel, leaving a balance of \$456 for WAY. Because of the lack of communication on WAY's part, it was the consensus that the WNGGA do nothing further about WAY at the present time.
9. Mr. Meadows reiterated the problem of a venue for 1982. Alice Deisroth stated that she had tried to get the St. David's Society of Washington, D.C. to sponsor a National. Someone there had written to Mr. Bill Greenway who had replied that the first thing they would have to do would be to raise \$10,000 and that had finished any plans they might have had in Washington. However, she said she would continue her efforts. It was suggested that the WNGGA should start at the grass roots level with the local societies and organizations. The Rev. Humphreys Jones said he thought there was a possibility of an invitation from Salt Lake City but this was not discussed further.
10. In regard to Board meetings, one member requested that, once a schedule is set up, it should be followed because Board Members hope to spend some time with their families. Some had returned to the Hotel that day in time for a meeting scheduled for 2 P.M. to find the time had been changed to 3 P.M.
11. Mr. Wm. G. Griffiths, who was not present because of ill health, had expressed a wish to put more restrictions on the local committee in planning a National Gymanfa. However, it was mentioned that there were written Rules and Regulations, revised in 1977, which should go out to each sponsoring committee.
12. The matter of the honorarium paid to the Secretary was then considered since it had remained at \$250 for many years. Moved (Rev. Humphreys Jones), seconded (Alice Deisroth) and passed unanimously that the amount be increased to \$500.

The Board then discussed the \$100 honorarium for the Treasurer. It was stated that Mr. Edwards did not take this gift and it was, therefore, decided not to increase the figure.

It was then moved (Emmaline Davies), seconded (Donna Davies) and passed that the honorarium of \$50 paid to the Recording Secretary be increased to \$100.

13. Mr. Meadows reported that he had received a request for a contribution to an organization concerned with the treatment of hydrocephalus. The President agreed to reply and tell them that the Association does not make such contributions.
14. Mr. Meadows stated that he had received a letter from John K. Evans on behalf of the National Welsh-American Foundation in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the organization is to serve as a clearing house for information about Welsh organizations in the U.S. They had enclosed a questionnaire and had requested a copy of the WNGGA mailing list. In replying to the letter, Mr. Meadows had told them that the matter would be submitted to the Board of Trustees. It was agreed that a copy of the Constitution should be sent to them but not the mailing list.
15. It was asked if Glyndwr Abraham would be retiring from the Board. Mr. Meadows replied that his first term was expiring and expressed a wish that Mr. Abraham be re-elected as it might help in his recovery. He added that the Rev. Humphreys Jones' second term was expiring and, therefore, two Trustees would need to be elected for Canada. Irene Pritchard's and Cyril Watkins' first terms were also expiring. The President suggested that perhaps Glyndwr Abraham could be elected Honorary President if he were not re-elected a Trustee. He mentioned that a Nominating Committee had been appointed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.



Recording Secretary

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Welsh National Gymanfa
Ganu Association held in Vancouver, B.C. on Saturday, August 30, 1980 at 2:45 P.M.

Present: Dr. David L. Mandry, President
The Rev. J. Humphreys Jones, Vice-President
Mr. Jack Meadows, Secretary
Mr. David M. Edwards, Treasurer
Mr. Nelson Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary
Miss Catherine Dodd, Assistant Treasurer
Miss Donna Davies
Mrs. Emmaline Davies
Mrs. Alice Deisroth
Mr. Lewis Edwards
Miss Elisabeth Griffith
Miss Elma V. Jones
Miss Gwenfyl E. Jones
The Rev. Neal Lloyd
Mrs. Irene Pritchard
Mr. Owen C. Roberts
Miss Eluned M. Thomas
Mr. Cyril Watkins
Mr. Iorwerth Watkins
Mr. Norman E. Williams
Mr. Morris Wrench

Elma Jones acted as Recording Secretary.

The President called the meeting to order and the Rev. Humphreys Jones offered a prayer.

The President welcomed the "new-old" Trustees: Lewis Edwards and Eluned Thomas from Canada, Irene Pritchard and Cyril Watkins from the Eastern U.S.

1. A suggestion was made that special recognition be conferred on Mr. Glyndwr Abraham. Moved (Rev. J. Humphreys Jones), seconded (David Edwards) and passed to name Mr. Abraham Honorary President for a period of one year. Dr. Mandry would tell him about this.
2. The President then read the minutes of the September 1, 1979 meeting. One correction was made - to change the title of Gwenfyl Jones from Mrs. to Miss. Moved (Neal Lloyd), seconded (Alice Deisroth) and passed that the minutes be accepted as corrected.
3. Election of Officers: The Rev. Humphreys Jones was nominated for President (Jack Meadows), seconded (Cyril Watkins) and elected by the Board.

Norman Williams was nominated Vice-President (Emmaline Davies), seconded (Cyril Watkins) and elected.

Neal Lloyd was nominated (Eluned Thomas), seconded (Gwenfyl Jones) and elected as the Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee.

Elma Jones was nominated as Recording Secretary (Eluned Thomas), seconded (Emmaline Davies). Moved (Norman Williams), seconded (Cyril Watkins) and passed that nominations be closed. She was elected Recording Secretary.

Irene Pritchard (Chairperson), Owen Roberts and Eluned Thomas were nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee. Cyril Watkins was nominated (Owen Roberts) as a member of the Nominating Committee. Moved (Morris Wrench), seconded (Donna Davies) and passed that nominations be closed and the four were then elected.

Nelson Llewellyn was nominated (Alice Deisroth) and elected as Assistant Secretary.

Catherine Dodd was nominated (Elisabeth Griffith), seconded (Owen Roberts) and elected as Assistant Treasurer.

Dr. Islyn Thomas was nominated as Liaison Officer for WAY (Donna Davies), seconded (Owen Roberts) and elected to that position.

At this point Dr. Mandry stated that it was important that the Assistant to the Secretary and Treasurer learn the procedures on the respective jobs in case one of the incumbents should become incapacitated.

Paul Stevens was nominated (Alice Deisroth), seconded (Donna Davies) as Chairman of the Endowment Fund. Moved (Eluned Thomas), seconded (Irene Pritchard) and passed that nominations be closed. Mr. Stevens was elected Chairman of the Endowment Fund.

4. The Rev. Humphreys Jones then took over as President. He congratulated Dr. Mandry on his performance as President and said he was happy with the composition of the Board. He said most of his business that afternoon would deal with the future and especially the plans for the 1981 Gymanfa. He said he would like to see the venue of the Gymanfa settled well in advance and he foresaw a difficult time for Utica because of the limited time they had in which to prepare.

Mr. Meadows mentioned Lewis Edwards' suggestion that tours not be scheduled for the morning of the annual meeting. Norman Williams responded that the majority of people attending the Gymanfa were not concerned about the business aspect of the Association. Moreover, when a city like Utica is the host, such a restriction would place the programming at a great disadvantage, since there are no bus tours such as the larger cities have continually in operation. If no tours were arranged on the Saturday in Utica, there would be many unhappy people since there would be no other entertainment for them.

Another Trustee commented that not arranging things for Saturday morning would not prevent people from taking tours arranged by tour companies. It was felt that in time it might be possible to implement the suggestion and that it should be made a policy of the Association.

It was then moved (Dr. Mandry), seconded (Lewis Edwards) that it be made a part of the instructions to the sponsoring committee to avoid sponsoring other events at the time of the annual meeting.

Further discussion followed. It was pointed out that Utica is unique in that they do not have commercial bus tours and putting this restriction on the committee could cause trouble. It was suggested that it might be well to wait until 1982 before implementation of the rule. Gwenfyl Jones said they had received many inquiries about tours and had decided to put the matter into the hands of professionals. Lewis Edwards thought perhaps this kind of ruling might be considered a slap at the Vancouver committee but he explained that he was only trying to get more people into the annual meeting.

The President warned against setting down too many rules for local committees.

Moved (Dr. Mandry), seconded (Lewis Edwards) to implement this rule in 1981.

It was suggested that in two or three years this could be more easily enforced but, with the limited time that Utica had to prepare, their hands should not be tied. One member felt that such rules were guidelines rather than hard and fast regulations but it was pointed out that some are binding while others are flexible. Jack Meadows then suggested that the Rev. Humphreys Jones and Eluned Thomas re-write the instructions for the sponsoring committee where "shall" and "may" could be changed. There might be areas where the Association could "recommend" certain things, since "shall" could be stifling.

The motion was defeated.

5. Mr. David Edwards mentioned that it must be borne in mind that many people cannot afford to travel long distances to the Gymanfa. Donna Davies then stated that Ann Davies Thomas had talked to people in San Francisco about having a Gymanfa in Salt Lake City and had suggested that the people in San Francisco and Los Angeles contribute towards it. However, there was the feeling that these other cities would lose their identities in doing this and they would probably prefer to have their own National Gymanfa. Donna Davies mentioned that the Olympics would be in Los Angeles in 1984 and she wondered if that might be a good time for somebody on the West Coast to sponsor the National.

The question was then asked why there was opposition to having the National put on the Gymanfa. Another member agreed that it could be done but felt that something would be lost as local committees add flavor and also gain something themselves from sponsoring such an event. It was asked if the WNGGA would give seed money to a sponsoring organization. Jack Meadows replied that the WNGGA would give a loan to Utica as they had done for Niagara Falls. Gwenfyl Jones said that the Welsh Society had given them \$500 to start with. The Treasurer commented that the cost of stationery is not billed until after the Gymanfa, and the Secretary mentioned that money starts to come in after the first mailing. Rev. Humphreys Jones said that people were too afraid of the money involved in sponsoring the National and he felt that there was too much dependence on long-distance talent for the Gymanfa.

Gwenfyl Jones asked to be excused from the meeting to attend to other duties.

6. Neal Lloyd commented that he was impressed with the fervency with which some people were working on the Welsh language both on this continent and in Wales, and the many Welsh courses being offered. He said that some of these groups were discovering aspects of Welsh culture other than just hymn singing and he felt the WNGGA should broaden its base to include other aspects of Welsh culture. Perhaps the WNGGA could subsidize someone to go to Wales to study the harp or to do a study of the history of Welsh culture.

The Treasurer said that the Association could assist with scholarships but he wondered if help could be given for other projects without running into trouble with the IRS. Donna Davies mentioned that they had had two Welsh courses in San Francisco and there had been problems. She would like to see something of the sort arranged by the WNGGA, with the Board being the focal point on it. Lewis Edwards said he had heard that magnificent results had ensued from the efforts in New York State the previous year and wondered how they had screened the applicants.

7. Continuing, Lewis Edwards wondered what the Trustees knew about what was happening in Wales. He then read a letter from a lady who had requested anonymity. It purported to describe present-day conditions in Wales. When he had finished reading the letter David Edwards said that the letter hardly stated the true situation. He said he visited Wales fairly often and he did not see a lot of radicalism there, although he admitted there was some in his own old hometown. The President stated that, while it was interesting to hear the letter, he did not feel it could be discussed without the identity of the writer being known. Lewis Edwards then identified the writer as Megan Jones Davidson of California. Donna Davies reported that Megan Jones Davidson had been President of their Welsh organization for two years. She was well liked and put on excellent programs. However, she sometimes had ideas that were not practical. It was suggested that it was impossible to understand what was going on in Wales unless one heard many viewpoints.

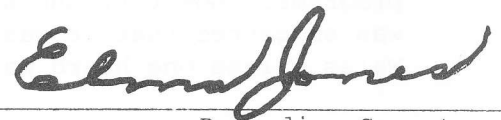
Lewis Edwards thought the Board should have someone look at whether the WNGGA should have a committee to study the situation in Wales. The letter was not an appeal for money but rather an appeal for support. He felt there should be a committee set up to study the state of affairs in Wales. It was agreed that the Executive Committee would consider whether a committee for that purpose was needed. It was also pointed out that the purpose of the WNGGA was not economic. It was then suggested that Mrs. Davidson be given the name and address of the organization in Washington, D.C. that had appealed to the WNGGA for information and its mailing list. Motion was then made (Iorwerth Watkins), seconded (Eluned Thomas) and passed that the letter be filed. Lewis Edwards asked if he should write to the person who wrote the letter and tell of its disposition. He was asked to write to her and tell her that the letter had been filed.

8. Moved (Neal Lloyd), seconded (Norman Williams) and passed that we send the necessary amount to Undeb y Cymry ar Wasgar. Mr. David Edwards said that he would send a remittance to them.
9. Jack Meadows suggested that the business meeting be held on the Thursday before the Gymanfa to lessen the time pressure on the Trustees. It was pointed out that this might be difficult for working people. The timing of Gymanfa events and of the business meetings was always known well in advance and anyone interested in sightseeing in a host city should make his or her own arrangements to arrive earlier or stay later. It was the consensus that the present arrangements were probably the least demanding possible.

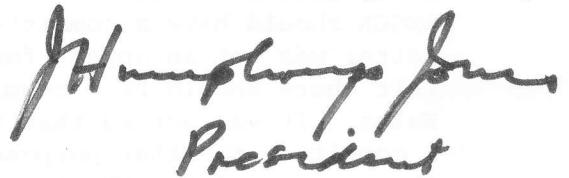
10. Dr. Mandry raised the matter of Y Drych and Ninnau. Mrs. Deisroth said that Mr. Horace Powell's daughter was at the Gymanfa and had talked to her about her plans to continue publishing Y Drych and her hope that the organization would continue its support. She welcomed the competition from Ninnau since the two periodicals covered different aspects of Welsh news. Motion was made (Eluned Thomas), seconded (Jack Meadows) and passed that the President advertise as he sees fit in Ninnau and/or Y Drych to the extent of \$250.

11. Donna Davies wondered if Jack Morgans might be asked to write something for a flyer for the purpose of increasing life memberships in the WNGGA. This could be similar to something used in the San Francisco area and should be aimed at people other than those who are familiar with the WNGGA. She had in mind something similar to the flyer that had been used for some time to advertise Ninnau, with a membership application on the back. After discussion it was moved (Donna Davies), seconded (Irene Pritchard) and passed that such a flyer be printed, with the WNGGA to bear the cost of printing. Miss Davies said she would check with Dr. Arturo Roberts further regarding it.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.



Recording Secretary


President