President Robert Mooney called the meeting to order and asked that each member identify himself. Those present were: Jane Birchfield, Virginia Howie, H. E. Mersereau, R. B. Crawford, Wallace Windus, T. Ross Martin, A. J. Hensen, Mrs. John Keefer, Fred Abbey, Robert Mooney, Peg Hickman, George Doak, Jan de Graaff, Claude Shride, Gerald Greenwald, Frank Ford, George Slate, L. H. MacDaniels, Arthur Turnbull, Andrew Simoni, Clifford Hannum.

Present

The minutes of the last meeting were summarized by Peg Hickman, secretary, and accepted.

Fred Abbey reported we had not received payment for printing 'Let's Grow Lilies' in german and that \$100.00 was due from this source. George Doak presented the citation to be presented by our organization to the Royal Horticulture Society in England and it was signed by our president and secretary.

Royal Horticulture Society Citation

Fred Abbey reported a drop of approximately 10% in membership, probably due to a raise in the dues. He stated that twenty-eight of our members would make the journey to England. He also presented a financial report with a balance of \$2452.52, and about \$1500.00 in outstanding accounts receivable.

Financial Report

A discussion about allotting money to pay the auditor followed. Jan de Graaff made the motion, seconded by Claude Shride, that we allow up to \$150.00 for an auditor who should be a member of the society if possible. Passed.

The probability of pay for a secretary was discussed. It was decided the secretary could be paid if it were necessary, and that if the nominating committee did not present a name to be voted upon at the regular meeting this year, the executive committee could appoint one later.

Secretary

Dr. Hansen of British Columbia stated that this was a good time to present a breif stating our desire to have the U. S. D. A. and the Canadian counterpart initiate or continue research on lily diseases, genetics and collection and preservation of gene material. Jan de Graaff reported that various agencies around the country were already doing research. Dr. Hansen was instructed to draft such a letter for our society, along with a list of persons who should receive it, and to suggest appropriate persons to sign it.

Research

Committee reports in general were deferred until the general meeting. George Doak, E. H. Wilson Award Chairman, reported that there was a clear majority of votes for Clara Bangs to receive it. A motion was made by W. Windus and seconded by G. Greenwald that Mrs. Bangs should receive the E. H. Wilson Award this year. The motion passed unanimously.

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Virginia Howie mentioned that the New England Group planned to sponsor an overseas member, and that the other groups might also sponsor a member if asked.

Foreign Memberships

Fred Abbey discussed the practice of sending yearbooks to garden writers in the hope they would review them. This has not been rewarding. Dr. Hensen moved we send not over a dozen yearbooks to selected Horticulture Magazines. Mr. Mersereau seconded the motion which passed.

Yearbooks to Magazines

Dr. MacDaniels moved the executive secretary send out prepared reviews of our yearbook to members of the Garden Writers of America. Jan de Graaff seconded the motion which passed.

Reviews of Yearbook

Clifford Hannum moved we send old yearbooks, free, to prospective members. Seconded by Mr. Ford, the motion passed.

Free Yearboo to members

It was discussed whether or not our yearbooks should continue as it has been, or should be changed to carry the current year!s date. No action was taken.

Date of Yearbook

It was announced that next year's meeting would be in Hamilton, Ontario, 1970 meeting on July 10, 11, 12, 1970.

Jan de Graaff moved we adjourn, seconded by George Doak. Passed. Respectfully submitted, Adjourned.

Peg Hickman

Recording secretary