

Membership Committee  
Karen Russ presiding  
Catherine Hansen recording  
1998 ALA Midwinter Convention New Orleans  
Friday Jan. 9, 3:15pm

Attending: Phyllis Christenson, Linda Fredericks, Catherine Hansen, Karen Rush, Bill Sudduth, Frances Skiffington, Yvonne Wilson.

Announcements and Approval of the minutes.

Karen thanked Frances for her hard work and good job on the hotel and arrangements.

Frances moved to accept minutes from San Francisco. Motion was seconded.

New member luncheon discussed - 16 participants signed up. Menu is salad, gumbo, creole sampler or chicken and dessert. Price is \$15.00

Arrangements for DC annual

St. James Hotel is GODORT hotel, 120 rooms reserved for conference with rooms before and after the conference available for vacation time. Contract is signed, price is \$125.00/night plus tax. Rooms will be held until May 20.

Reception: It was announced that Patricia Muir recommended Hotel Washington. Bill contacted them, make arrangements and signed contract. Attendance is estimated at 200 people, that will allow us access to the Terrace. Catering will be decided 6-8 weeks before the reception. Dena Hutto will arrange financing for the reception - budget appears to be aprox. \$3000. Details of the budget will be forthcoming. Karen will talk with Dan Barkley and try to arrange a meeting with the caterers during the GPO conference.

Dues Increase

Dues are now \$15.00/year. Original proposal put forth called for a \$5.00 increase the first year, and \$5.00 the second year. Dues were raised T0 uT. \$12.00 to \$15.00 in 19 uT94.

The ensuing uT discussion led to questions about the survey of dropped members. Results of the survey of dropped members (there has been a 50% response rate so far) The #1 reason for people dropping out is that they have been transferred T0m documents positions. #2 reason is

Karen strongly urged everyone to attend the Monday January 12 meeting that concerns the proposed merger with ASCLA and the proposed dues increase.

Karen will discuss the results of the dropped member survey with the Steering Committee on