The Annual General Meeting of the American Society of Indexers was held on 1st May, 1970, in New York City. At this meeting, new officers and directors of the Society were elected:

**President:** Mrs. Eleanor F. Steiner-Prag.  
**Vice-President:** Mrs. Susan Pinzow.  
**Treasurer:** Mr. Herbert Landau.  
**Secretary:** Mrs. Marlene Hurst.  
**Corresponding Secretary:** Miss Elizabeth Stalcup.  

**Directors (for term expiring in 1973):**  
Mr. John Fall.  
Dr. Theodore Hines.  

Mrs. Steiner-Prag has been editor of *American library directory* and *American book trade directory* for the R. R. Bowker Company until her retirement this spring. This year she will be devoting the majority of her time to the American Society of Indexers.

The Nominating Committee this year consisted of Mr. George Lowy, chairman; Mr. Alan Greengrass; Dr. Jessica L. Harris; Mr. Robert Palmer; Dr. John Rothman. Tellers who counted the ballots at the annual meeting were: Mr. Greengrass, Miss Simonson and Mr. Joseph Tell.

The retiring president, Dr. Charles L. Bernier, reported orally to the annual meeting on his term of office. In his remarks, he took note of plans for a register of qualified indexers and suggested that there might also be need for one of ‘qualified’ publishers.

The Treasurer’s report showed a balance of $1060.83 as of 30th April, 1970. Three auditors were elected by the annual meeting: Mr. Henry W. Engel, Mr. George F. Heise and Mrs. Susanne Manovill.

The following reports of committees were summarized by Dr. Bernier in his report:

The Program Committee was chaired in the previous year by Mrs. Steiner-Prag, who was assisted by Mr. Engel, Mrs. Kathleen Leerburger and Mrs. Adele J. Garrett. The committee arranged for this meeting and for the Special General Meeting of 28th October, 1969.

The Committee on Standards, Ethics, and Specifications, which is chaired by Dr. Rothman, has had one meeting but ‘plans to work principally through an exchange of letters or working papers and through informal meetings of small subcommittees or working groups’. The committee resolved unanimously ‘to urge the Society to adopt, promote the adoption of, and publicize the work of American National Standards Institute Committee Z-39, especially work that deals with indexing and related library and publishing practices’. It is also preparing guides for freelance indexers and publishers. Future work of this committee may consist of setting standards for specific types of indexes and for specific types of material indexed and also of setting guidelines for courses in indexing. In addition to Dr. Rothman, the following persons are members of this committee: Mrs. Marian Ash, Mr. Gilbert Cintra, Mr. Wilfred Cole, Mr. David Eggenberger, Dr. Harris, Miss Stella Keenan, Mrs. Anne Richter, Miss Stalcup, Mr. Tom Sullivan and Dr. David Whittingham.

The Membership Committee, chaired by Mrs. Hurst, reported on its work in sending out ballots and meeting announcements and on its plans for mailings to several hundred potential members.

The Register Committee, of which Mr. Greengrass is chairman, reported that questionnaires to members had been sent out. These questionnaires are a preliminary step to the possible establishment of a register of qualified indexers. Since the Register Committee also has the responsibility for newsletters, Mr. Greengrass requested that members submit personal reports or stories to him or to Mrs. Pinzow.

The Publications Committee consists of Dr. Harris, Dr. Hines and Mr. Lowy. This committee was formed to supply papers and articles on indexing to *The Indexer*. Dr. Hines reported for the committee and suggested that such papers or articles should be
submitted to Dr. Harris for possible inclusion in *The Indexer*.

Dr. Bernier also summarized Mr. Fall's report on his investigations for the incorporation of the Society as a tax-exempt organization. Mr. Palmer's report on his meeting in London with The Society of Indexers was also summarized by Dr. Bernier, who said that the British society was preparing counterproposals to those presented by Mr. Palmer for the American society. Dr. Bernier also reported that current membership of the Society was 257.

After Dr. Bernier's report, a talk on current research in indexing was given by Dr. Hines. He discussed the various research projects being carried out at the School of Library Service at Columbia University.

Mrs. Pinzow reported that Mr. Francis Morrison of Boston is planning to form a Boston Chapter of the Society and invites members from New England to join with him.

A discussion then took place on the question of which committee should consider freelance indexing fees—whether the Register Committee should consider such fees; or the Committee on Standards, Ethics and Specifications; or a separate committee altogether. Miss Dee Atkinson suggested that a separate committee be established. Dr. Rothman noted that his committee could do nothing until the fall anyway and suggested leaving the jurisdiction question until the next Annual General Meeting.

Dr. Rothman moved that the next president investigate conditions of membership in the American Federation of Information Processing Societies (AFIPS) and his motion was carried.

Mrs. Steiner-Prag reported that the Council of National Library Associations is considering the membership of the Society in the Council.

After the election results were made known by the tellers, the new president, Mrs. Steiner-Prag, addressed the meeting. A motion was then made and carried to thank Dr. Bernier for his efforts on the Society's behalf while President.

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