THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INDEXERS

The first all-day annual meeting of the American Society of Indexers was held on Saturday, May 6th, 1972, in New York City. In addition to the usual business meeting, there was an entire day’s programme devoted to indexing as well as a luncheon enjoyed by all.

A summary of the papers will appear in the next issue of The Indexer.

Much of the credit for the form and arrangements for the annual meeting must go to Mrs. Barbara Preschel, the programme chairman.

At the business meeting the election of the following officers and directors was announced:

President: Mr. John Fall.
Vice-President: Mrs. Barbara M. Preschel.
Treasurer: Mr. Philip Deemer.
Secretary: Mrs. Marlene Hurst.
Corresponding Secretary:
Mr. Alan Greengrass.

Directors (for term expiring 1975):
Mr. Robert J. Palmer.
Mrs. Elizabeth Stalcup.

Director (for term expiring 1973):
Mr. Harold L. Roth.

Mr. John Fall, who is serving his second term as President, is Chairman of the Public Affairs Information Service. (This is the publisher of the PAIS Bulletin and the PAIS Foreign Language Index.) From 1935 to 1967 he was a librarian with the Research Libraries of the New York Public Library, holding the position of Assistant in the Director’s Office, Chief of the Acquisition Division, and Chief of the Economics Division. Mr. Fall has been active in the American Library Association and in the New York Library Association.

The Nominating Committee this year consisted of Mr. George Heise, chairman; Mrs. Richter; and Mrs. Eleanor Steiner-Prag. The committee of tellers elected by the annual meeting to count the ballots was composed of Miss Caroline Cairns, chairman; Miss Katherine B. Kelly; and Mrs. Richter.

Mr. Fall presented the annual report of the Board of Directors orally to the meeting. Mr. Henry Engel, chairman of the auditors, announced that the finances for last year were in proper order. Auditors elected for the current year were Mr. Roth, Mr. Fred Pattison and Mr. Palmer. Mr. Deemer reported that the current balance in the treasury was $3,357.62. Mr. Deemer also presented Mr. Fall with the official state charter just received from Albany.

Mrs. Hurst reported that society membership was 223 and that the general brochure of the society was just ready for the printer. [It has since been printed. Included in it are the constitution of the society, the ‘USA Standard Basic Criteria for Indexes’, two of the society’s guidelines, and a bibliography on indexing.]

Chairman Jessica Harris, of the Committee on Ethics, Standards, and Specifications, told the meeting that a guideline on index design will be available soon. Mrs. Richter will fuse the contributions into a coherent document.

Mrs. Eleanor Steiner-Prag, Past President and Chairman of the Committee on Chapters and Regional Meetings, reported that the Chicago chapter was doing well, but that the Washington chapter was struggling to get started. Mrs. Steiner-Prag also reported on the recent meeting of the National Council of Library Associations.