The 1976 annual general meeting was held in Chicago; the excellent arrangements were made by the newly formed Chicago chapter of the society. This was the first annual general meeting to be held outside of New York City.

Officers and directors elected and announced at the annual general meeting were:

Vice President/President Elect: BevAnne Ross  
Corresponding Secretary: Hilda Feinberg  
Directors: George I. Lewicky  
Nancy Mary Panella

Mary Lee Tsuffis advanced to president, as the first president of the society that came to office after being vice president/president elect. She is manager of the Information Exchange Network of the Xerox Corporation. She is also on the board of directors of the Special Libraries Association and on the board of trustees of the Engineering Index.

BevAnne Ross, the newly elected vice president/president elect, is managing editor of the American Statistics Index, a product of Congressional Information Service, Inc. She was previously chief editor of the Issue Brief Unit, Major Issues System, Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress. She is also third vice president of the District of Columbia State Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

The nominating Committee this year consisted of Bruce Davis, chairperson, and Bernice Heller.

It was a pleasant May Day in Chicago when the annual general meeting was held. The site of the meeting made it possible for many Midwesterners to attend this year. It was again a part of an all-day meeting on the theory and technique of indexing. The hosts of the meeting were Alletha Kowitz, the president of the Chicago chapter; Bruce Davis, the president-elect; and Lauriel Sima, the secretary. Charles Bernier presided at the meeting, while Liz Stalcup took the minutes.

The main question before the meeting was the raising of dues from $15 to $20 per year. There was much discussion on this. Almost all of the members participated in this discussion. Bill Bartenbach, the treasurer, reported that the balance in the treasury was $1,504.00, while the minimum expenses of the society to October alone exceeded this amount. When the vote was finally taken, thirty members approved, while two dissented.

It was announced that the regular membership of the society was 262. Marlene Hurst, who has much of the responsibility for institutional members, gave the good news that now the society had two such members (at $100 per year). [As of January 1977, the number of institutional members has increased to eight.]

There was discussion about the best ways of forming a District of Columbia chapter. Also, suggestions were made for an employment clearing house and for the listing of employment opportunities in the Newsletter and the Register of Indexers. It was reported that the Register of Indexers was sent to about sixty publishers.

In the morning, Richard Davis, associate professor at Rosary College, addressed the all-day session on indexing on the topic of 'Training Indexers in a Library School.' In the afternoon the speakers were: Ivan Watters, publisher, Infodata, Inc., on 'Creating a New Index: the Rationale, Theory, and Reality'; Janice Lewis, librarian, Chicago Sun-Times and the Daily News library, on 'Indexing a Newspaper Morgue'; Daniel Williams, catalog editorial manager of Montgomery-Ward, on 'Indexing the Montgomery Ward Mail Order Catalog'; and Curtis L. Brown, editor at the Institute of Paper Chemistry, on 'Computer-Aided Indexing and Index Editing at the Institute of Paper Chemistry.'

Report of the Fall Membership Meeting

This was held in New York City on November 12th, 1976.

Meeting was chaired by BevAnne Ross, Vice President and President Elect, in the absence of President Mary Lee Tsuffis.

The business meeting was held following a presentation on the work and publications of the Congressional Information Service (CIS) by Dr. Richard T. Ewing, Vice President of CIS and BevAnne Ross, Managing Editor of American Statistics Index (CIS).

Margaret Schied was introduced by BevAnne Ross as Secretary, appointed to fulfill the unexpired term of Betty Byrne.
Treasurer Bill Bartenbach reported a balance of $4,273. To date, 160 of 260 members have renewed their membership. Marlene Hurst noted that we now have seven institutional members, CIS being the latest.

Newsletter editor Alan Greengrass requested contributions to the Newsletter.

Jessica Harris reported that there were three articles submitted for publication in the October issue of The Indexer. Deadline for the April 1977 issue is December 10th; papers should be submitted to Jessica.

Jim Anderson submitted the copy of the Directory of courses on indexing in Canada and the United States for publication.

Marlene Hurst announced that the Register of indexers was being updated and would be ready for publication in January. Any changes must be submitted to Marlene by the end of the first week of January. Anyone having a listing in the Register will receive a free copy; it will be available for $3.00 to all others. Reprints of the current Register are available for $3.00 each. BevAnne Ross commented that she had been approached regarding two indexing assignments as a result of her listing in the Register. It was also noted that listings need to be generally more specific regarding the indexers' areas of expertise.

Barbara Preschel stated that approximately thirty-five journals had received ASI meeting notices, and that some feedback from individuals as a result of these notices had been reported.

Barbara also reported on a three-day PRECIS conference she had attended at the University of Maryland. There will be a one-day PRECIS workshop in Syracuse in May 1977; interested parties should contact Jessica Harris.

As ASIS liaison to ASI, Jessica Harris reviewed the October 1976 ASIS conference held in San Francisco.

The 1977 Annual Meeting of ASI will be held on Friday, April 29th in New York. This was voted by default over a Saturday meeting.

There were thirty-nine attending this meeting, including six guests.

Margaret Schied,
Secretary.

Book Reviews


The compilation of an author index to H. G. T. Cannons' classified bibliography of library literature, covering the important period 1876 to 1920, is something that should have been done many years ago. It is therefore with gratitude that we acknowledge the mammoth task so successfully completed by Anne and Melbourne Jordan of Wayne State University. They have at last made Cannons fully usable and have therefore done much to widen the horizons for future research workers in the field of library history. Since Cannons links up with Library Literature, the compilers have now provided us with a clear run of one hundred years of librarianship and bibliography, so that it is now possible to check back through the files in search of the early works of leaders of the profession. There are, however, one or two caveats: forenames are represented only by initials; no corporate names are included; and no anonymous entries survive. Moreover, the index deals only with periodical articles, so that publications in book form appear only when they are the subject of a review, and then only under the reviewer's name. There are no references from one form of a name to another, Few entries are graced by a date—references are usually to volume and page numbers, so that a preliminary chart showing the year-equivalent of each volume of a periodical would have saved the user much time and effort. But to limit our gratitude would be churlish: the compilers have improved on the original work by correcting references and completing incomplete and blind entries. Articles written in collaboration are entered under both names. The compilation of this index must have been particularly difficult since Cannons had a habit of repeating titles under several different headings.

At a rough estimate Cannons comprises some 12,000 references to British and American periodical articles, yearbooks, monographs, and government reports—including the noteworthy series of reports of the Librarians of Congress. It is not surprising therefore to find that Cannons wrote only five articles