

W.B.B.A. Executive Council Meeting  
September 9, 1967, Bolinas  
California

Present: Alan M. Craig, President  
C. John Ralph, 2nd Vice President  
Gail Jenkins, Treasurer  
Marie L. Mans, Secretary

Others Present: Enid Austin, Membership Secretary;  
Marianne Shepard, John Westlake

Absent: Wm. J. Hamilton, III, 1st Vice President

Meeting called to order at 1:45 PM

Incorporation of WBBA

The President reported that he had received Articles of Incorporation and new By-Laws for WBBA, prepared by Mr. George Peyton, at the request of Mr. Ralph. After some discussion of the merits of incorporating WBBA, it was the consensus of the Board that the incorporation of WBBA - as a preliminary to tax-exempt status - may attract more life memberships and contributions, and thereby augment the budget for improvement of the format of the Western Bird Bander.

Mr. Ralph moved that the wording of the Articles of Incorporation, as prepared by Mr. Peyton, be approved by the Board, and that the new By-Laws be put before the membership by mail ballot. Mrs. Jenkins seconded, carried unanimously.

Approval of the By-Laws by the membership is necessary before filing for incorporation.

John Ralph then read the proposed new By-Laws, and it was decided to seek Mr. Peyton's advice on changing the following Articles: Article II, Section 4 - place of annual meeting; II, 6 - Director's meeting; IV, 1 - time of annual meeting; IV, 2 and V - various membership voting requirements; IV, 4 - quorum. It was further decided to ask Mr. Peyton to include the following Articles from the present WBBA Constitution in the new By-Laws: Article I, Section 3; Articles II, VI, VII, VIII, and IX. The President and the Vice President agreed to consult with Mr. Peyton on these points.

"Bird Banding" - Editorial Advisory Board

The President reported that Dr. L. R. Mewaldt has agreed to serve on the Editorial Advisory Board of "Bird Banding" as a representative of WBBA.

Membership Drive

After considerable discussion, it was decided, and agreed to by Mrs. Austin, that Mr. Ralph make a sample mailing of 100 extra copies of the October "Western Bird Bander" and a letter of solicitation to banders who are not presently members of WBBA and who do not live in the local area. Cost of this mailing to be approximately \$25.

A more extensive drive was considered unnecessary at this time since Mrs. Austin reported that she regularly solicits non-member banders, even if they have not responded to her initial solicitation for membership.

### 1968 Annual Meeting

In response to his announcement in the July "Western Bird Bander", the President was approached by Dr. R. A. Ryder, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo., with an offer to hold the 1968 Annual Meeting of WBBA at Estes Park, Colo. under the auspices of Colorado State University, University of Colorado, and Denver Wildlife Trust. Dr. Ryder thought that at least 30-50 interested persons of the local area would attend such a meeting, although not all of them would be banders. The difficulties of having an annual meeting place easily accessible to all members of WBBA, the desirability and feasibility of having the meeting again at FRBO, and the fact that the officers of WBBA - except the President - could not attend a meeting in Colorado, were discussed at length.

Since the choice of place and date for the 1968 Annual Meeting was referred to the Executive Council (see minutes of Bus.Meeting 5/21/67) the President asked that the Council vote on this issue. Mr. Ralph declined to vote on this point, and since Mrs. Jenkins was temporarily absent from the meeting, voting was suspended until her return to complete a quorum. (See below for vote.)

### Nominating Committee

The President asked for suggestions for Chairman of the Nominating Committee for Officers for 1968. Several names were proposed, and the President agreed to contact the suggested individuals.

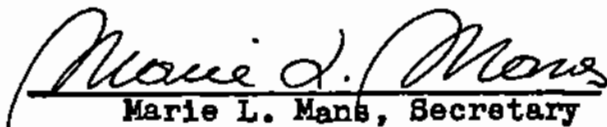
Meeting recessed at 5:45 PM - Meeting resumed at 7:20 PM

### Vote on 1968 Annual Meeting

The President moved that the 1968 Annual Meeting of the Western Bird Banding Association be held at Estes Park, Colorado, in response to an invitation by Dr. R. A. Ryder, with the date of that meeting to be determined later, and that - if the necessity arises - a Business Meeting be held in California prior to the Annual Meeting. Seconded by Miss Mans, carried by a vote of three, Mr. Ralph abstaining.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 PM

Berkeley, California  
September 18, 1967

  
Marie L. Mans, Secretary

copies to the Executive Council, Mrs. Enid Austin, Mrs. E. Radke,  
Mr. George Peyton (with copy of present  
WBBA Constitution)

W.B.B.A. Executive Council Meeting  
May 21, 1967, Bolinas, Calif.

Present:

Alan M. Craig, President  
C. John Ralph, 1st Vice President  
Gail Jenkins, Treasurer  
Marie L. Mans, Secretary

Others present: Mrs. Eleanor Radke, Editor, Western Bird Bander

Meeting called to order at 3:30 PM.

Printing Cost of Maps

Mrs. Radke brought up question of payment for printing cost of P.R.Nat'l. Seashore maps for use by PRBO - at cost of \$28.- (in addition to the maps distributed to WBBA membership). It was suggested that the cost of these maps be donated by WBBA to PRBO for their service to the annual meeting. (Moved by Mans, seconded by Ralph, and carried).

Membership Campaign

Craig suggested that a copy of Western Bird Bander be sent to all new banding permit holders in western states; these are to be sent in addition to membership application cards. Mrs. Radke advised that she has a backlog of copies that could be used for this purpose.

Ralph suggested that a form letter be made up to invite banders to become members of WBBA, especially federal and state employees. He estimated the cost of such letter at approx. \$40 for 200 letters. He will look into cost; also into probability to send dues notices with Western Bird Bander, rather than separately.

Jenkins advised that Baysinger suggested that government employees be made honorary members of WBBA.

Radke suggested that Mrs. Austin, Membership Secretary, be consulted before contacts with potential members are made.

There being no further comments, Alan Craig asked PRBO personnel (Ralph/Jenkins) to look into feasibility and cost of contacting non-member banders.

New Format for Western Bird Bander

All present agreed that a booklet format - similar to NEBBA News - would improve the "image" of the Western Bird Bander, especially with respect to attracting significant contributions for publication. Mrs. Radke agreed to look into cost for change of format.

Disposition of Registration Fees

The President suggested that all bills incurred in connection with annual meeting be submitted to the Treasurer, this includes long

distance phone calls, printing of workshop manual, cost of hall, etc. If any money is left over, the remainder to be placed into the WBBA checking account.

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43/Annual Meeting

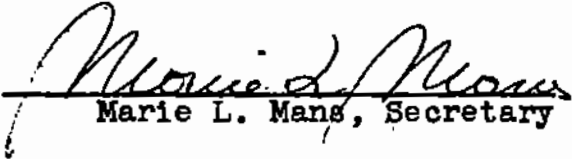
The difficulties of organizing a successful meeting in Arizona or Colorado were brought out, and it was suggested by Ralph, Mans, and Jenkins, that it would be hard to find another place with the advantages of PRBO, especially with respect to demonstration facilities and speaker availability. Alan Craig suggested San Diego as a possible place for an annual meeting of WBBA, but thought that it would be easier for him to organize such a meeting in 1969, after his term as President had expired. The question was left open for decision at a future Council Meeting.

Miscellaneous

The President asked the secretary to write a letter of thanks to the Treasurer of the Community Hall in Bolinas for use of the hall.

John Ralph advised that he would look into the possibility of incorporating WBBA.

Adjourned 4:30 PM

  
Marie L. Mans, Secretary

May 28, 1967  
Berkeley, Calif.

Read and approved by the President, Alan M. Craig.

Copies to all Ex. Council Members and Mrs. E. Radke

W.B.B.A. - 42nd Annual Meeting  
May 20 & 21, 1967

The 42nd Annual Meeting was held at the Point Reyes Bird Observatory on Point Reyes National Seashore and at the Community Hall, Bolinas, California.

68 members and guests registered. From 8:30 AM to Noon on May 20, and from 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM on May 21, members participated in demonstration of banding techniques and equipment, guided tours of Observatory facilities, trips to trap lines and netting stations, indoor workshops covering identification, ageing techniques, record keeping, etc. All of these activities were coordinated by members of the Point Reyes Bird Observatory.

On Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning the following papers were presented:

L. Richard Mewaldt, San Jose State College, San Jose, Calif.  
"Welcome Address for Point Reyes Bird Observatory"

Peter L. Ames, University of California, Berkeley, Calif.  
"Some Unsuccessful and Successful Methods of Capturing Raptors"

Paul P. Woronecki, B.S.F.W., US Dept. of the Interior, Davis, Calif.  
"Starlings in Feedlots - Bird Damage Control" (Film)

Harry Wills, Chief Park Naturalist, Point Reyes National Seashore  
"Point Reyes - Land of Variety"

Howard L. Cogswell and John Luther, California State College at Hayward,  
Hayward, Calif.  
"Difficulty in Netting Shorebirds in Tidal Areas"

Ronald Reuther, Director, San Francisco Zoological Garden  
"Zoos and Banding"

Richard L. Warner, University of California, Berkeley, Calif.  
"Bird Studies at the Max Plank Institut for Behavioral Physiology at Seewiesen, Germany" (Konrad Lorenz and his Students)

Robert O. Paxton, University of California, Berkeley, Calif.  
"Concentration of Migrants in Cypress Groves on Promontories at Point Reyes National Seashore"

Herbert Archibald, San Jose State College, San Jose, Calif.  
"Some Aspects of Zonotrichia Dispersal"

C. John Ralph, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Bolinas, Calif.  
"Short Distance Displacement and Return to Winter Home Range in Zonotrichia"

Earl B. Baysinger, U.S. Bird Banding Laboratory, Laurel, Md.  
"News From The Bird Banding Laboratory"

Alan M. Craig, President of W.B.B.A., read two letters from Ned K. Johnson, University of California, Berkeley, outlining his views on the difficulties of identifying migrant Empidonax flycatchers in the hand. (He thinks it is a rather hazardous business.)

On Saturday evening the group gathered for a pot-luck supper and to see a film by A. Warren Larson of Berkeley, Calif., "The Great Grey Owl" (a filmed sequence at a nest in Yosemite), and a film by Don Bleitz, "Hooper Bay - Alaska".

The business meeting was held after lunch in Bolinas, on Sunday, May 21.

#### Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM; approximately 20 persons attended.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The minutes of the 41st Annual Meeting at Truckee, Calif. were read by the secretary. Dr. Mewaldt moved that they be accepted as read, seconded by Mrs. Henningsen, and carried.

The treasurer's report for the period ending March 31, 1967, was read by Ken Legg; a copy is attached. Dr. Mewaldt moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Capt. Hurlburt and carried.

#### Increase in Dues

(Alan Craig) As instructed at the 41st annual business meeting, the Executive Council voted to increase the annual dues to keep the organization in sound financial condition. Increases are as follows:

Active & Associate Members	from \$2.50 to \$3.50 annually
Sustaining Members	from \$5.00 to \$7.00 "

At the same time, the Executive Council recommended that the Constitution be changed to allow an increase in life membership from \$50 to \$100, as published in the Western Bird Bander, 42:5 (January 1967). The president read the proposed change of the Constitution and recommended that it be put to vote:

"Article II, Section 6. Life members may be either active or associate and shall pay \$100. for such membership, payable either in one sum or in four equal installments over a period of four years. Life members shall be relieved of all further dues. Monies from Life Memberships shall be placed in the Endowment Fund."

Jay M. Sheppard moved that the change as read be put to vote (Capt. Hurlburt seconded and carried). The vote by the members present was unanimously in favor of the change. A 2/3 majority of the members present at the business meeting being required to effect a change in the Constitution, the increase in life membership dues to \$100 was thus properly implemented.

"Bird Banding" - Editorial Board

The President reported that he has as yet not received an answer to his letter of 1/30/67 to Mr. C. E. Huntington, President, North Eastern Bird Banding Assn., giving Mr. Huntington (at his request) the names of potential candidates to serve on the editorial board of "Bird Banding". (Mr. Baysinger advised that he will inquire about this matter at the NEBBA meeting later this year.)

The following appointments were made by the President (as instructed by Executive Council)

Jay M. Sheppard, as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of Western Bird Bander.

(R. Guy McCaskie of San Diego also agreed to give advice on distributual questions; however, he cannot be appointed to the Editorial Board since he is not a member of the organization).

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L. M. Jones, / Moscow, Idaho, as Co-ordinator for color banding projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Mewaldt, as a member of the Nominating Committee, submitted the following slate of officers for 1967/68:

Alan M. Craig, San Diego, Calif	- President
Wm. J. Hamilton, Davis, Calif.	- 1st Vice Pres.
C. John Ralph, Bolinas, Calif.	- 2nd Vice Pres.
Gail Jenkins, San Anselmo, Calif.	- Treasurer
Marie L. Mans, Berkeley, Calif.	- Secretary

There being no nominations from the floor, Jay Sheppard moved that the nominations be closed (seconded by Capt. Hurlburt & carried). Jay Sheppard then moved that the slate be accepted and that the secretary be instructed to cast an unanimous ballot (seconded by Marie Mans and carried).

Annual Banding Report

Mrs. Dorothy Hunt advised that she will be unable to continue preparation of the annual report. Mrs. Austin inquired as to the value to this report; both Dr. Mewaldt and Mr. Baysinger emphasized its usefulness to other banders. After considerable discussion it was recommended to the Editor of the Western Bird Bander that the report be published in the July, rather than the April issue, thus allowing three additional months for preparation. Also, that assistance be given to the compiler in screening banding reports. Jay Sheppard agreed to screen intial reports for the 1967 annual report.

Mrs. Hunt agreed to again prepare the annual report for the current year, if these changes are instituted. A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Hunt by the members present.

#### 43rd Annual Meeting

After some discussion, the choice of place and date for the next annual meeting was referred for decision to the Executive Council. It was suggested that the membership be polled for volunteers to organize a meeting in Colorado or Arizona. The possibility of again taking advantage of the Point Reyes Bird Observatory facilities was also mentioned.

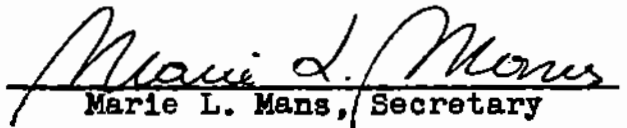
#### Membership Campaign

Mr. Baysinger suggested that a more vigorous effort be made to enlist new members, in particular new permit holders among the state and federal employees. There are approximately 400 banders in the western states, WBBA has about 220 members. Dr. Mewaldt proposed that the question be referred to the Executive Council for action.

Dr. Mewaldt moved that a special vote of thanks be given to Ken and Florence Legg for their proficient job as Treasurer of the organization for the past two years; and to Mrs. Enid Austin who was the driving force behind the most successful 42nd Annual Meeting.

On behalf of Mrs. Eleanor Radke, the President asked the members to contribute articles or notes suitable for publication in the Western Bird Bander.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

  
Marie L. Mans, Secretary

May 28, 1967  
Berkeley, Calif.

Read and Approved by Alan M. Craig, President

Copies to all Ex. Council Members and Mrs. E. Radke



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THROTTLE'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING MARCH 31/1967

MEMBERSHIP

1964 - 1965	233 members
1965 - 1966	229 members
1966 - 1967	211 members

of these 192 are regular and associate

9 are sustainers

10 are life members

Since 3/31/67 have added 9 new and reinstatements

Total membership 5/15/67 220

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March, 1966 to March 31, 1967

checking Account Balance 3/31/65	532.30
checking Account Balance 3/31/66	530.49
checking Account Balance 3/31/67	785.69

1967 Increase                    155.20

Savings Account Balance 3/31/65	667.34
Savings Account Balance 3/31/66	696.50
Savings Account Balance 3/31/67	724.76

1967 Increase                    28.26

TOTAL 1967 INCREASE                    173.96

Total Income 12 months                    819.50

Total Disbursements 12 months                    664.30

Increase                    \$ 155.20

March 31, 1966 - March 31, 1967

RECEIPTS                      DISBURSEMENTS                      TOTAL RECEIPTS                      TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

Checking Account balance 3/31/66	730.49	
Savings Account balance 3/31/66	<u>596.50</u>	<u>1,326.99</u>
Interest on Savings 3/31/66 to 3/31/67	29.26	847.76
Fees & Misc. receipts	<u>819.50</u>	
	TOTAL	<u><u>2,174.75</u></u>

DISBURSEMENTS

"Eastern Air Lines" April, 1966	182.12	
" " " August, 1966	153.49	
" " " November, 1966	119.02	
" " " January 1967	<u>116.37</u>	<u>571.60</u>
Annual Report forms & Expenses	62.51	
Treasurer's Expense	29.10	
Bank Service Charges	<u>1.59</u>	<u>92.70</u>
		664.30

Balance on hand March 31, 1967

Checking Account	735.09	
Savings Account	<u>724.76</u>	<u>1,510.45</u>

TOTAL

2,174.75

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR  
Service & Material

Year ending  
3/31/65

Year ending  
3/31/66

Year ending  
3/31/67

Western Air Service

\$ 456.04

\$ 522.64

\$ 571.50

Annual Report Form  
& expenses

132.01

78.52

82.51

Treasurer's Expenses

28.60

20.88

29.10

Membership Expenses

8.50

7.00

1.09

MINUTES - WBBA Executive Council Meeting

January 2, 1967

The Executive Council met on January 2, 1967, at 8:50 A.M. at the Rotary Natural Science Center, Lakeside Park, Oakland, Calif.

Members of Council Present: Alan M. Craig, President  
William J. Hamilton III, Vice President  
D. Bruce Swinehardt, Vice President  
Marie L. Mans, Secretary

Others in Attendance: Enid K. Austin, Membership Chairman

All points on the agenda were discussed and the Council made the following decisions and recommendations:

ANNUAL MEETING (to be held at PRBO as decided at 1966 Annual Meeting)

General

Mrs. Austin suggested that National Seashore Park personnel be invited to the meeting, and that WBBA - as a sponsoring organization of the Point Reyes Bird Observatory - make a serious attempt to demonstrate its interest in furthering the aims of this new cooperative venture of the National Park Service.

- a. Mr. Swinehardt moved that the meeting be held on the weekend of May 13/14 or May 20/21; the President to set the final date which is not to conflict with annual meetings of eastern banding organizations (seconded by Mrs. Austin & carried). NOTE: Subsequent to the Council meeting it was determined that the annual meeting should be held May 20/21, 1967 - A. Craig.
- b. Elected chairman for arrangements: Mrs. Enid K. Austin  
Elected chairmen for papers session: C. John Ralph  
Alan M. Craig
- c. Mrs. Austin agreed to look into (1) arranging dinner at Bolinas for all members and guests, (2) arranging for special camping permit with P.R. Seashore, and (3) arranging for a room, possibly in Bolinas school, in which to hold meeting (for 40-50 persons).
- d. Dr. Hamilton moved that a registration fee of \$1.00 per person be charged to cover incidental expenses (seconded by Mr. Swinehardt & carried).

Banding Workshops (including suggestions made by Dr. H. Cogswell shortly after At Annual Meeting; Council meeting).

Empidonax Identification. Discussion and/or demonstration to cover identification of Empidonax flycatchers likely to be caught by banders in the West. Dr. Hamilton agreed to ask Dr. Ned K. Johnson whether he would be willing to head this workshop.

Shorebird Workshop. Discussion and/or demonstration of trapping techniques and identification of shorebirds, the latter with particular emphasis on dowitchers. Dr. Cogswell agreed to head this workshop.

(Annual Meeting - Banding Workshops - continued)

Other workshop topics suggested: Ageing, determination of broodpatch, general netting and banding techniques, capture/recapture methods.  
Potential contacts: Dr. Richard Mewaldt, Mr. John Ralph, Dr. John Davis.

Exhibits and Demonstrations

- Recent literature, identification keys, etc. useful to banders.
- Shorebird decoys constructed from cardboard (available at Observatory)
- Vocal decoys - playback of song near net or trap in breeding territories (to be prepared by M. Mans).

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'BIRD BANDING' - EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD

In response to a letter received by Lt. Craig from C. E. Huntington, President, North-Eastern Bird Banding Association, the Council decided that the names of the following individuals be given to Mr. Huntington as potential candidates to serve on this Editorial Advisory Board (in order of preference by the Council):

Dr. Peter L. Ames, Mus. Vert. Zoology, Life Science Building,  
U. of California, Berkeley, Cal.

Mr. Laidlaw O. Williams, RFD 1, Box 128, Carmel, Calif.

Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt, Department of Biological Sciences,  
San Jose State College, San Jose, Calif.

Mr. R. Guy McCaskie, 5475-55th St., Apt. 15, San Diego, Calif.

Mr. Ken Legg, D. L. Bliss State Park, Homewood, Calif.

Mrs. Eleanor Radke, P. O. Box 94, Cave Creek, Arizona

The initial approach of any of these individuals to be made directly by Mr. Huntington to avoid the awkward situation of nominating several members only one of whom would be elected to this Board.

'WESTERN BIRD BANDER' - EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD

The following individuals were suggested for nomination to this Board:

Mr. R. Guy McCaskie (distribution)

Dr. John Davis (netting and trapping techniques)

Mr. Paul DeBenedictis (nomenclature) *U. of Michigan, Museum of Zoology, Ann Arbor, Mich.*

Dr. Peter L. Ames

Mr. Jay Shepard (netting and trapping techniques)

Dr. Hamilton moved that the above slate be approved for nomination, and that the Editor feel free to seek advice from this Board, but that she not be restrained by their advice. (Seconded by Mrs. Austin & carried). It was recommended that Mrs. Radke, the Editor, outline the specific functions of the Board. Lt. Craig agreed to ask the nominees whether they are willing to serve.

'WESTERN BIRD BANDER' - ADVERTISING RATES

The second lowest rate on the schedule submitted - \$15 per page; \$8.50/½ page; \$5.00/¼ page; \$3.00/1/8 page - was considered most appropriate at this time, and it was moved by Mr. Swinehardt that this rate be used (seconded by Lt. Craig & carried).

Dr. Hamilton suggested that the WESTERN BIRD BANDER activate a classified section (free to members) for equipment, books, etc. He mentioned this as a very useful feature of the bulletin published by EBBA.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP - INCREASE IN DUES

Dr. Hamilton and Mr. Swinehardt, who were not present at the Council meeting in June 1966, agreed that \$100 was a reasonable life membership rate. Dr. Hamilton moved that the Bylaws be changed to increase the life membership rate from the present \$50 to \$100, payable in one sum or in four equal installments over a period of four years. This change to be published as soon as possible in the WESTERN BIRD BANDER to satisfy the 30 day-prior-notice requirement, and be put to vote at the 1967 Annual Meeting (seconded by Miss Mans and carried).

ANNUAL BANDING REPORT - COMMENTARY

After consideration of several alternatives, it was moved by Dr. Hamilton (seconded by Mrs. Austin & carried) to nominate Alan Craig and Guy McCaskie as co-authors of the commentary on the 1966 banding reports for the WBBA regions, now being prepared by Mrs. Dorothy Hunt, in the event that Dr. John Davis is unable to do the commentary this year.

REGIONAL COORDINATOR OF COLOR BANDING PROJECTS

Mr. L. M. Jones, 1546 Borah, Moscow, Idaho, volunteered as regional coordinator and liaison with the Banding Laboratory for color banding projects in the WBBA region. The Council agreed that the President accept his offer.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1967 OFFICERS

The following individuals were suggested:

Dr. Howard L. Cogswell  
Mrs. Lillian Henningsen  
Mr. W. K. Kirsher  
Mr. C. John Ralph

The president will contact the above members and will appoint three of them to the committee if they are willing to serve.

Adjourned 11:30 A.M.

*Marie L. Mans*  
Marie L. Mans  
Secretary  
1/5/67

Read and approved by A. Craig, President

copies to: Austin, Cogswell, Hamilton, Swinehardt, Ralph, Legg, Radke