The Annual Meeting of  
The Cincinnati Historical Society  
January 12, 1977

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

The 1976 Annual Meeting of The Cincinnati Historical Society was called to order by the President, Mr. John A. Diehl, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 1977. The President designated the Director, Mr. Stephen Z. Starr, to act as Secretary of the meeting.

After brief welcoming remarks by Mr. Diehl, it was moved, seconded, and agreed by unanimous vote to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 10, 1975 Annual Meeting, and that those minutes, as printed in the Bulletin of the Society, Volume XXXIII, Number 4, be approved.

Mr. Diehl then stated that the Board of Trustees, with a view to making the Annual Meeting more attractive to members of the Society, had decided to eliminate the verbal presentation at the Annual Meeting of the President's, Treasurer's and Director's annual reports. All three reports will, however, be printed in full in the forthcoming issue of the Bulletin, and are to be deemed as incorporated in the present minutes. Mr. Diehl expressed the hope that all members will take the time to read these reports, and that every member who has any questions, comments, criticisms, or suggestions concerning anything contained in the reports will communicate with him or the Director.

For the benefit of the members present, Mr. Diehl spoke briefly of the present state of the Historical Museum Project, and pointed out that a more extended statement will be found in his printed annual report.

Mr. Diehl then announced that the annual prize for the best article to appear in the Bulletin during the year has, for 1976, been awarded by a panel of judges to Barbara L. Musselman, whose paper, entitled "Working Class Unity and Ethnic Division, Cincinnati Trade Unionists and Cultural Pluralism," printed in the 1976 summer issue, was deemed by the judges to be the most worthy contribution to the "cultural, economic, political, and social history of Cincinnati." Mr. Diehl called Dr. Musselman to the stage, and with a few words of congratulation, presented the prize to her.

Mr. Diehl then stated that the members attending the meeting had the obligation to elect seven Trustees for three-year terms ending December 31, 1979,
to succeed those whose terms expired December 31, 1976. He then called upon Mr. Elliott Palmer, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, for a report. Mr. Palmer stated that the Committee desired to place in nomination the following slate of candidates, pointing out that with the exception of Mr. Sittenfeld, all those named were candidates for reelection:

- Dr. William D. Aeschbacher
- Mrs. Richard W. Barrett
- Vincent H. Beckman
- James J. Espy
- William McD. Kite
- Paul G. Sittenfeld
- Joseph S. Stern, Jr.

Nominations from the floor were then called for. There being none, Mr. Palmer moved that the nominations be closed, and that the Secretary be directed to cast a vote for the seven candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded, and was adopted by unanimous vote. The Secretary then cast the vote electing Mrs. Barrett and Messrs. Aeschbacher, Beckman, Espy, Kite, Sittenfeld and Stern, Trustees of the Society, for terms ending December 31, 1979.

Mr. Diehl then called for old and new business. None being offered, on motion duly made and seconded and unanimously adopted, the meeting adjourned.

The Annual Meeting was followed by an address by Jodie Howison Fabe, entitled “Travel in the Ohio Valley, 1800.”

Stephen Z. Starr
Secretary

The Yeatman Punch Bowl, given to the Society by the estate of Mrs. Robert S. Alter, is a stoneware bowl decorated with Chinese scenes and a foliate border. The predominant colors are iron red and green on a dark blue background.