

PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLES  
STATE OF TEXAS

May 7 and 8 Board Meeting, Austin, Texas

May 7, 1956

9:00 a.m. Business session, Colonial Room, Driskill Hotel  
12:00 a.m. Luncheon guests of Austin Table, Maxmillian Room  
2:00 p.m. Business session, Colonial Room  
6:45 p.m. Transportation furnished from north door of Driskill  
7:00 p.m. Dinner at Mrs. Albert Davis', 1701 Hartford Road

May 8, 1956

8:45 a.m. Transportation furnished from north door of Driskill Hotel  
9:00 a.m. Breakfast at Dr. Eleanor Pace's, 3400 Duval Street  
9:45 a.m. Business session at Dr. Pace's.  
11:00 a.m. Adjournment

Acceptances to the Board Meeting

Mrs. C. E. Bradley, Dallas  
Mrs. D'Arcy Cashin, Houston  
Mrs. Clyde C. Clack, Dallas  
Mrs. Genevieve Cox, Laredo  
Mrs. Carey Cronels, Houston  
Mrs. Albert Davis, Austin  
Mrs. W. W. Ely, Brownsville  
Mrs. W. E. Hendrix, Mexico City  
Mrs. W. N. (Dick) Hooper, Houston  
Mrs. Samuel Jagoda, Fort Worth  
Mrs. B. C. Judkins, Denton

Mrs. W. J. Knight, Houston  
Mrs. W. P. McComb, Conroe  
Mrs. Joe W. Neal, Austin  
Mrs. Claude Nobles, San Antonio  
Dr. Eleanor Pace, Austin  
Mrs. Frank B. Slater, Dallas  
Mrs. Alma Thomas, Austin  
Mrs. Clyde P. Trotter, Laredo  
Mrs. J. K. Wells, Brownsville  
Mrs. L. G. Waltrip, Dallas  
Mrs. Henry R. Wofford, Sr., San Antonio

Board Meeting, May 7th and 8th, 1956  
Mrs. Albert R. Davis, State Director

Opening:

Create in us, Almighty God,  
A thirst for greater knowledge of these our neighboring  
countries;  
Teach us through knowledge we gain understanding,  
That understanding leads to friendship,  
Make us ever zealous to foster  
Every movement leading to the betterment of life;  
Draw close our social and mental bonds,  
And fill our hearts with yearning until  
We're one for all and all for one. Amen.

This is the collect used by Pan American Round Table No. I  
in Dallas.

This year, 1956, actually is the fortieth anniversary  
of the founding of the Pan American Round Tables.  
Next year, in April, we'll meet with the Mother Table  
in San Antonio in celebration of this anniversary.

Introduction of Honored Guests:

Mrs. W.E. Hendrix, Alliance Director of Mexico City.  
Mrs. L.G. Waltrip, Immediate past Alliance Director, Dallas.  
Mrs. D'Arcy Cashin, National Director, Houston.  
Mrs. W.W. Ely, Treasurer of Alliance, Brownsville.  
Mrs. W.N. (Dick) Hooper, Past State Director, Houston.  
Mrs. A.B. Pumphrey, Past State Director, Fort Worth.

*1st Associate  
Director of  
Alliance*

Introduction of Board members:

First Associate Director, Mrs. J.K. Wells, Brownsville.  
Second Associate Director, Mrs. Regina Rabb, El Paso.  
Third Associate Director, Mrs. J.C. Nelson, San Antonio.  
Fourth Associate Director, Mrs. Samuel Jagoda, Fort Worth.  
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Joe Neal, Austin.  
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Genevieve Wilcox Cox, Laredo.  
Treasurer, Mrs. B.C. Judkins, Denton.  
Custodian, Mrs. W.J. Knight, Sr. Houston.  
Historian, Mrs. W.P. McComb, Conroe.  
Parliamentarian, Mrs. C.E. Bradley, Dallas.

- ✓ Publications chairman, Dr. Eleanor Pace, Austin.
- ✓ Interchange Library, Mrs. Clyde P. Trotter, Laredo
- ✓ Extension, Mrs. J.K. Wells, Brownsville, who has been introduced.
- ✓ Education, Mrs. Alma Thomas, Austin.
- Revisions, Mrs. C.E. Bradley, who has been introduced.
- ✓ Good Neighbor Commission Project, Mrs. J.L. Mecham, Austin
- ✓ Griswold Fund, Mrs. Clyde C. Clack, Dallas.
- Mrs. Frank B. Slater, Year Book Committee, Dallas.
- Convention Chairman--~~Mrs.~~ Henry R. Wofford, San Antonio.
- ~~Speakers Bureau, Mrs. Claud Westerfeld, Dallas~~

*Mrs. Claud  
Nobler*

Have Secretary ascertain if a quorum was present.  
How many voting members?

Reading of Minutes: Genevieve Cox

Treasurer's Report: Ethel Audkins

Reports of Officers: 1st Report of Alliance Director

2nd Report of National Director Mrs. W. E. Hendrix

3rd Alliance Treasurer Mrs. D. A. Coshin  
Mrs. W. W. Ely.

Old Business:

Cards for members.

Memorial cards for Griswold Fund.

Pan Americana Texana

New Business: Are there Bills to be allowed?

Resume of Reports? What shall we do about it?

Names on the back of the stationary.

Griswold Fund

Extension:

Letter of Application from Corpus Christi  
Dallas Tablet  
Nominations Committee

Adjournment.

Mrs. Edwin B. Wier

Dallas, Revision Committee

Rec. by Helma Bradley

PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLES - STATE OF TEXAS  
Board Meeting, Austin, May 7 and 8, 1956

The Board of the Pan American Round Tables of Texas, called into executive session May 7, 1956 at 9 A.M. in the Colonial Room of the Driskill Hotel, Austin, by the State Director, Mrs. Albert Davis, opened with the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Davis then introduced Mrs. W. E. Hendrix (Ola), Director of the Pan American Alliance, of Mexico City, who gave us a few words of greeting from her group.

Roll call was answered by the following: Officers - Davis, Wells, Jagoda, Neal, Cox, Judkins, Knight, Bradley, Pumphrey; Chairmen of Committees - Mechem, Clack, Trotter, Pace, Thomas, Nobles, Wofford, Olcott; and Director of Alliance - Mrs. Hendrix.

The post-board minutes were read by Mrs. Cox, Recording Secretary, and approved after corrections. It was suggested that a copy of all State minutes be sent to the Alliance Director.

Mrs. B. C. Judkins gave the State Treasurer's report, which shows a total of \$1,170.69 actual state funds after disbursements were made for 1956. Mrs. Neal, seconded by Mrs. Trotter moved the adoption of the report. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hendrix, Alliance Director, asked for full aid from all the Tables in Alliance work. She hopes to bring about fuller understanding between the Alliance and the Tables.

Mrs. Wells, First Associate Director and Extension Chairman stated she had attended a meeting in Rio Grande City and asked them to aid in establishing new Tables in Beeville, Harlingen, and San Benito; she is also trying in the Kingsville area. Mrs. McElroy is trying to organize a Table in Orange and hopes she has one started in Port Arthur. A Table has been organized in Corpus Christi with Mrs. W. E. Dowd as its Director. Mrs. Davis stated she has written to Stephenville, Kerrville, Lubbock, Wichita Falls, Odessa, Midland, and Grand Prairie. Mrs. Trotter, seconded by Mrs. Clack moved that the report of Mrs. Wells be accepted. Motion carried.

Mrs. Davis read a letter from Mrs. Regina Rabb, 2nd Associate Director who has been ill and was unable to attend the Board meeting.

Mrs. Jagoda, 4th Associate Director, report she is trying to get a Table organized in Waco. Dr. Pace, seconded by Mrs. Neal moved the adoption of the report; it passed.

Mrs. Neal, Corresponding Secretary reported she has sent out 300 mimeographed letters, over 100 postcards and other materials. Her report was accepted on motion from Mrs. Bradley and seconded by Mrs. Wells.

Mrs. Knight, Custodian asked for the Tables to be instructed to see that she receives all materials necessary for her files, as she has very little so far.

Mrs. Bradley, Parliamentarian, called attention to the fact that nothing is said about an audit of books nor authorization of paying bills in our Constitution or By-Laws. This should be added to these when the Constitution is revised and voted upon at the Convention.

Mrs. Mechan, Chairman of a Special Committee to investigate a Good Neighbor Commission request, stated that the Commission had requested each Pan American Table contribute \$100. to \$200. for the expenses in bringing visiting Mexican teachers to Texas. The committee had consulted with various educators for their attitudes on the subject, as well as with other important people and reached the conclusion that this was too much money to be spent on only one country, as the Round Tables are interested in all Pan American countries, so nothing was done.

Mrs. Davis, State Director, in her report stated that our financial structure should be completely re-organized, that many of our officers are defraying their own expenses, even for stamps and supplies. The Griswold Fund is the responsibility of all the Tables and the contributions should be placed on a per capita amount set aside by each Table. The Director then asked each Table to contribute \$1.00 for each member for the next two years. The work of the Pan American Round Tables should be more broadly distributed so that one person should not do all the work. Extension should be placed in the hands of the Associate Directors, with the 1st Associate Director as Chairman. Another weakness is the lack of knowledge on the part of individual members as to the work of the Pan American Round Tables. The United States Information Agency asked us to sponsor placing of bookshelf collections in Pan American countries; the Pan American Union asked for us to promote the use of Inter-American Study kits and the promoting of sending American magazines to Latin America. An application has been sent to the Internal Revenue Service asking for exemption on income taxes for contributions to the Griswold Fund and other expenditures of the Pan American Round Tables. Mrs. Davis stated that she had visited 10 Tables, had attended the International Good Neighbor Council and the Alliance Convention in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

The State Convention will be held in San Antonio, April, 1, 2, and 3 1957 at the St. Anthony Hotel.

The Archives now have a permanent home in the Simon Bolivar Library in La Villita in San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. Wells took the chair when the Board passed the adoption of the Director's report and a motion made by Mrs. Neal and seconded by Mrs. Judkins.

Dr. Pace, Chairman of Publications, stated that she would like a complete list of members of every Table, so that everyone would receive a copy of Pan Americana Texana. Dr. Pace then gave the cost of publishing the paper at \$426.52, which included the purchase of an addressograph and additional names of new members and 2 new Tables for \$68.70, and stamps and mailing permits at \$82.32. It was moved by Dr. Pace and seconded by Mrs. Jagoda that her report be accepted. The motion passed.

Mrs. Trotter, Interchange Library Chairman, reported that the American Bookshelf consisted of books of the highest quality that would spread American culture and American heritage to the people of the Pan American countries. The bookshelves cost \$30. apiece, and Mrs. Trotter hoped each Table would send one to a Pan American country. The adoption of the report as a report was moved by Mrs. Wells and seconded by Mrs. Bradley and the motion carried.

Discussion of the advisability of sending books then followed. Mrs. Wells stated that Brownsville has sent three packets to Panama, Peru, and one other country she was not sure of, and a \$30. bookshelf to the University of Venezuela. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Hendrix both stated that we should be very careful of the books we select as did Dr. Pace. The books were written in English and will have great appeal according to Mrs. Wells, so we should be careful of material sent. Mrs. Nobles pointed out that our histories often conflict and this should be watched for. Mrs. Wofford stated the San Antonio Table is going to send some good books to Durango, Mexico schools.

Mrs. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Wells, moved that the committee make a more detailed study of the books and send the information to the Tables for their reaction to the idea. The motion carried.

Mrs. Thomas, Chairman of the Education Committee, reported that questionnaires had been sent to all Tables to find out what they were doing about the Inter-American kits, the scholarship funds, and any local educational work in the Tables. Only 13 Tables responded. The results as follows:

no. 1.	Inter-American Study Kits	5
no. 2.	Subscribers to "Americas"	38
no. 3.	Co-operating with the International Good Neighbor Commission	4
no. 4.	Tables sponsoring a scholarship	7
no. 5.	Tables contributing to Alliance scholarship	3
no. 6.	Tables having active Spanish classes	6

The adoption of the report was made by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Pace and passed by the Board.

Mrs. Clack, Griswold Fund Chairman, stated the State owes some back dues to the Griswold Fund for about the last 10 years. The total amount in the fund is now \$3,157.19. The members have paid an average of 15¢ per capita to the Griswold fund yearly, which is not enough. to build the fund to its \$5,000.00 goal. Mrs. Trotter moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Mrs. Neal; the motion carried.

Mrs. Wells presented a \$20.00 check from Brownsville I to Mrs. Clack for the Griswold Fund. Dallas III has paid \$30. this year to the fund and wants to know what the money is used for and how.

Mrs. Hendrix read the Alliance minutes and stated that Porto Alegre presented 5 scholarships to be used by any of the Pan American countries for study.

Mrs. Wofford and Mrs. Nobles, Co-Chairmen for the San Antonio Convention, reported the State Convention will be held April 1, 2, and 3, with a Board meeting at 2: P.M., March 31 at the St. Anthony Hotel. Each member will make her own reservation. Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Knight moved that the Convention registration fee be made \$15.00 per person. The motion carried.

A motion by Dr. Pace, seconded by Mrs. Clack, for adjournment was passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM. so that the Board could meet with the Austin Table at its May luncheon.

At 2:30 P.M., May 7, the Board re-convened, with Mrs. Davis presiding. The meeting opened with a prayer.

Further discussion of old business was taken up in the matter of printing membership cards and memorial cards for the Griswold Fund. Mrs. Pumphrey, seconded by Mrs. Cox, moved that the Board contribute \$1.00 to have the memorial cards printed. The motion passed, and \$17. was turned over to the Treasurer.

Dr. Pace, seconded by Mrs. Wells, moved that we use the money in the Treasury to pay for the publication of Pan Americana Texana until the next Convention in 1957. The motion passed.

Under new Business, Mrs. Wells moved and Mrs. Pumphrey seconded, the motion to pay a \$95.39 bill for the printing of the Pan Americana Texana. The motion passed.

Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Neal, moved that a bill for \$28.42 for stamps for mailing Pan Americana Texana be paid. The motion carried.

Mrs. Neal was authorized to have state stationary printed.

Mrs. Bradley moved that the Griswold Scholarship Chairman and her committee investigate the procedure of giving a scholarship, when the fund reaches \$5,000, to a Latin American woman student of senior or graduate rank, to a state supported school in Texas. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Pumphrey, and then carried.

Mrs. Pumphrey, seconded by Mrs. Neal, moved that the Board recommend that each Table collect \$1.00 per member for 2 years for the Griswold Fund. The motion passed.

Mrs. Judkins stated that El Paso has given many individual memorials to the Griswold Fund.

An application for organizing a Table in Corpus Christi made by Mrs. Mable West Perkins was read. Mrs. Wells moved, seconded by Dr. Pace, that we grant a charter to the Corpus Christi Table. The motion carried.

Mrs. Wells seconded by Mrs. Neal moved that the Publicity Secretary be stricken from the list of officers. Original motion withdrawn.

Mrs. Trotter moved, seconded by Mrs. Wells that a committee be appointed by the Director to assist the Parliamentarian in the revision of the Constitution to be presented to the Board at its next meeting. Motion carried.

Mrs. Plumphrey, seconded by Dr. Pace moved that we ask for a \$1.00 per member for state dues, with the addition to substitute the \$15.00 state dues for the \$1.00 per capita. Motion carried.

Mrs. Plumphrey, seconded by Mrs. Judkins, moved a charter fee of \$5.00 for new Tables be required. Motion passed.

The Tables are lax in sending in Alliance dues. Mrs. Clara Ely, P.O. Box 290, Brownsville, Alliance Treasurer, wrote that 2/3 of the Alliance dues are in arrears. Mrs. Judkins stated that the Tables do not make it clear as to the year they are paying, when dues are sent in.

Mrs. Wells, seconded by Dr. Pace, moved that the Board of Directors instruct the State Director to notify those Tables that are in continuous violation to the framework constitution of the fact that since we are all part of an international organization, that they must conform or action may be taken at the next convention. The motion carried.

Mrs. Plumphrey was appointed Chairman of the Nominating committee. Mrs. Trotter, moved, seconded by Mrs. Neal, that nominations close. Motion passed. The following names were proposed and elected as members of the nominating committee when Mrs. Clack, seconded by Mrs. Trotter, moved nominations close and they be elected by acclamation and the motion passed.

1. Mrs. Magill - Brownsville
2. Betty Brown - Houston
3. Dolly Lanier - El Paso
4. Mrs. Claud Nobles - San Antonio

The Director appointed the following auditing committee to report at the session of the Board May 8, 1956: Mrs. Jagoda, Chairman, Mrs. Clack, and Mrs. Trotter.

Mrs. Hendrix showed several lovely books published in Mexico as a project of the Mexico City Table.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 P.M. in order to give members time to dress for the supper party to be held at the home of Mrs. Albert Davis, State Director.

The Board re-convened at 10:00 A.M. May 8, 1956, at the home of Dr. Eleanor Pace, after partaking of a most enjoyable breakfast.



Mrs. Davis, State Director, called for continuation of reports from the afternoon session of May 7, 1956.

Mrs. Judkins, Treasurer, reported she had the following checks for the Griswold Fund: \$20.00 from Brownsville, \$59. from Dallas and a total of \$910.55 for the Fund. Mrs. Pumphrey, seconded by Mrs. Neal, moved that these checks be turned over to Mrs. Clack as Chairman of the Griswold Fund.

Mrs. Neal read Mrs. McCombs report as Historian, and then excerpts were read from reports from Austin, Eagle Pass, and Fort Worth. Dr. Pace, seconded by Mrs. Wells, moved we accept the reports with compliments of work well done. Motion carried.

Mrs. Jagoda, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, reported the books were in order. Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Pumphrey, moved we accept the Auditing Committee report. Motions carried.

Mrs. Pumphrey, seconded by Dr. Pace, moved the investigation of advertizing in the Pan Americana Texana in order to help defray the publishing expenses. The motion was lost.

Mrs. Neal, seconded by Mrs. Jagoda, moved we authorize the printing of more framework constitutions after the constitution is brought up to date. Motion carried.

Mrs. Trotter, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, moved as a suggestion to the financial committee that all obligations to be met by the Tables be in one lump sum so the Tables will know what the costs are and can be paid at one time in the fall. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pumphrey moved a rising vote of thanks to the hostesses for all entertainment of the State Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M., May 8, 1956

Mrs. Albert Davis, Director

Mrs. Genevieve W. Cox  
State Recording Secretary