

MINUTES
of
persons interested in WESTERN STATES COLLEGE
called by
TRUSTEES of the HEALTH RESEARCH FOUNDATION
June 26, 1960

The meeting was called to order by Dr. M. I. Higgins at 2:00 P.M. He expressed appreciation for having such a good representation. The men at the speakers table were introduced:

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| Dr. R. D. Ketchum | Dr. C. E. Williamson |
| Mr. Elam Amstutz | Dr. Robert E. Elliot |

Persons in attendance then introduced themselves:

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| Dr. Gordon Pefley | Dr. Appa Anderson | Dr. M. G. Beal |
| Dr. Lester M. Wegner | Dr. James Owen | Dr. J. M. Oliver |
| Dr. Douglas L. Miller | Dr. Beth Schmidt | Dr. D. K. Won |
| Dr. Robert Caverly | Dr. Byron White | Dr. L. Haughawout |
| Dr. John Johnson | Dr. George Chatburn | Dr. Frank Finnell |
| Dr. Robert Clifton | Dr. Roger Johansen | Dr. E. W. Hitchman |
| Dr. R. D. Stonebrink | Dr. Clifford Beattie | Dr. Dan E. Wilson |
| Dr. R. W. Klier | Dr. & Mrs. J. D. Kieffer | |

The structure of the Health Research Foundation was explained by Elam Amstutz:

3-man incorporation board were Dr. Budden, Dr. Ross Elliot, and Mr. Amstutz. Three Trustees to operate foundation were the same.

Five Governors elected by Trustees:

First Board of Governors

Dr. Ross H. Elliott
Dr. W. A. Budden
Dr. C. E. Williamson
Dr. Earl Ivie
Mr. Elam Amstutz

Present Board of Governors

Dr. Robert E. Elliot
Dr. M. I. Higgins
Dr. C. E. Williamson
Dr. R. D. Ketchum
Mr. Elan Amstutz

Founders are contributors of \$200.00 to the cause of the H.R.F. who are recognized as such by the Board of Trustees. (The amount has since been increased to \$500.00.) An organization might make contributions of \$400.00, \$600.00 or \$1000.00 and designate as many representatives as amount divisible by \$200.00.

Dr. Williamson clarified the differences between the National group and the H.R.F. in reply to Dr. Finnell's questions. Health Research Foundation is the proper name for the organization -- operates two schools under that name: Western States College of Chiropractic and Western States College of Naturopathy. (Naturopathy still on record as name to be used.)

Fellows are persons who have performed outstanding research or made some outstanding contribution in time or effort. None in this category now, but there are persons who could be given such consideration.

Associate members are those who contribute \$10.00 or more per year.

Lay members also come under this category.

Dr. Oliver asked if Founder members have had a vote on policy in the

past. Also what function have they served during the years. Answer by Dr. Higgens: Meetings to discuss good of profession in seeking for and suggesting plans of action.

Further explanation: Governors are selected from Founders, and Trustees are selected from Governors.

History of Organization: Charitable and educational institutions are usually operated by people who are not paid much and who have a great deal of responsibility. They are dedicated to certain purposes, in this case, Education. They must be responsible to the State who grants charter. There must be a responsible Board of Trustees dedicated to the cause of a broad theory of Chiropractic, covering field of drugless method of healing. It is advisable that the organization be organized in such a way that they cannot have the policy of the corporation changed on any whim or fancy. Narrow theory should not be allowed to be injected. Policies should not be changed from time to time, might be foreign to organization's regional plan.

Every school is either a private enterprise or a non-profit school with a continuing Board of Control. The H.R.F. Board was set up with an autonomous both on that basis.

(About 125 persons invited to meeting.) Most meetings are reported to N.C.A. by someone in Oregon every two weeks; all derogatory remarks are reported.

Dr. Elliot was asked to state reason for this emergency meeting.

At the Educational meeting in Los Angeles last January, the condition of W.S.C. was the subject of discussion by the Council on Education. Should it continue to be accredited by N.C.A.? After a week, he was told that the N.C.A. wanted to close this school and amalgamate it with L.A. or National. The final report of accrediting committee, presented by Dr. Wolfe, urged us to close or amalgamate with L.A.C.C. by June 1960. This action was based on the economic condition of the College. He wanted time to discuss this with colleagues in Oregon, which has been done during the last few months. Have been unable to write letters. At the Minneapolis Convention next week, we must either comply with request or present private solution. This is reason for this meeting. There is a good core of faculty, good students. Problem is mainly financial. Because N.C.A. members are paying into F.A.C.E., it would be more money for 3 or 4 of the larger schools.

Dr. Elliot asked doctors to mandate him to go back with some solution.

Dr. Higgens stated that L.A.C.C. has approached W.S.C. definitely and has offered "to take us in". Politicians think it would be good to whittle Colleges down to New York, Los Angeles, Lincoln and National. Northwestern says W.S.C. closer to them in miles so should join them. National College feels that we should come with them. Some think there is a need for this College. Dist. #1, $\frac{1}{4}$ of nation, would be without a school if we closed. The main need is for students. Lack of students is also cause of poverty.

Dr. Pefley stated that, as State Delegate from Oregon he has been mandated by the Executive Committee of the O.A.C.P. to use every effort to maintain W.S.C. (Applause). He told of conditions at U. of O. Med School. Class of students is lower. Not only Chiropractic profession has difficulty getting students.

Discussion about the terrific expansion to be expected in next few years.

Discussion about rumors of W.S.C. closing. Many attempts by pressure groups to take over school. Presidency offered to several different men by unauthorized persons.

Cost of education at Medical Schools and Colleges mainly from taxpayers. Only from 5% to 20% from students.

Dr. Williamson gave results of replies to questionnaire. (Report on file.) Said several letters of apology were written to donors who had received the wrong letter.

Discussion about Naturopathy. This school still intact, authorized by Dept. of Immigration. Many phoney Naturopathic diplomas being sold in country.

Dr. Kieffer asked the basis for taking away W.S.C. accreditation at L.A. meeting. No basis -- but allowed us to lift 2 year pre-professional training requirement. (Texas does not have 2 year requirement as believed by some.)

Explanation by Dr. Higgs of pressure again W.S.C.: Entire Council on Education with Dr. Elliot. They guaranteed \$10,000 loan! On last day of Executive Board -- "assassination". Federal recognition came up. Political conniving instead of improvement of educational institutions. Divided small schools from Big Four. Gave small schools little time to get out of business. Because of \$25.00 a year from N.C.A. members to F.A.C.E., now there is money; politically best to divide this four ways instead of 8.

Dr. Higgs first love is W.S.C. even if it calls for removal from Executive Board of N.C.A. School man may not serve on Executive Board. (He has never professed to be a school man. Has influenced enough thinking to make them see that there is a place for a regional school.)

Policy set by Executive Board of 7 members, Council on Education, and Rogers.

Pefley believes the Board would be fools to let us go unaccredited if we decide to do this. He described N.C.A. set-up. Straight men leaders on this board. Wanted to destroy all N.C.A. Councils to keep out Physiotherapy and other broad councils. 27 states require two-year college, but some schools do not even require high school. N.C.A. on record as favoring broad practice, but still try to "pull the rug out from under us".

I.C.A. schools turning out 5 to N.C.A. 1. Budden, Pefley, Ingham, Ketchum helped to write in many N.C.A. policies for broad practices.

Dr. Higgs called to attention many items that would be on the Convention agenda that are of interest to W.S.C.

No representation on Council on Education at Convention unless money is forthcoming to pay Dr. Elliot's way. (For information, this is not paid by Council.) Poulsen represents Oregon as told to do by O.A.C.P. He has a vote on Executive Board.

Dr. Johansen outlined a plan of action. Must be positive.

- 1) Support W.S.C. with or without N.C.A. accreditation
 - a) Need to devise public participation program for this support.
- 2) Maintain the two-year pre-professional requirement.
- 3) Necessary to further explore the possibility of affiliating with Liberal Arts school for benefits.
- 4) Change location when possible.
- 5) Seek acceptance under State Board of Higher Education.

Must not be negative. Everyone is practicing liberally. Finest students ever.

Dr. Higgins told of an experienced fund-raising firm which would be ready to help in July. Neither agreement with Cox or affiliation with Columbia Christian College closed issues. Portland City College is going on a student procurement campaign. While Mr. Hebblethwaite is out, he is willing to get prospects for us.

Dr. Beatty expressed appreciation for spirit of positiveness. Wants action to help Dr. Elliot get to Minneapolis. The school here is the only bulwark to Oregon practice. Saw Ingham on street; he expressed interest in school and desire for public relations man; also free X-ray clinic.

Dr. Higgins told of downward slide in Washington, Montana, California & Wisconsin as far as scope of practice goes.

Dr. Kieffer moved that this group of doctors underwrite expenses of Dr. Robert Elliot back to Convention at Minneapolis. Second and carried.

Dr. Anderson told of Dr. Rutz inability to attend and his promise of \$500.00 donation. Also expressed hope that the program would come up fast.

Dr. Stonebrink spoke of need people who could give time collecting money. Must show that we can maintain status quo. Program would need a chairman. Owens volunteered to solicit profession. Need lay person to solicit lay people.

Dr. Higgins plans to talk to fund raiser. Will have another Founders meeting in month. Pefley expressed need for more meetings together, at least every quarter. Small group going in same direction needs to get together regularly. Importance of using full name, Western States College of Chiropractic, stressed.

Dr. Johansen suggested a letter by sent to each Chiropractic College asking them to join us here. Dr. H. says it won't work; they have answers.

Dr. White: Interested in building up student body. Has 27 students listed who are interested in whether school will continue to graduate them. (Voice of group says school will continue.)

Mr. Hebblethwaite was introduced as man who can help us find prospective students. Believes in Chiropractic and wants to help. Will do this in connection with Portland City College program.

Dr. Elliot expressed his appreciation to group for \$309.00 pledged or collected during meeting.

Dr. Pefley moved that:

- 1) W.S.C. be continued.
- 2) We seek a positive approach to program and take as tentative program the one presented by Dr. Johansen
- 3) We have four meetings of H.R.F. per year.
- 4) We instruct President of College to take positive approach back to Minneapolis.

Motion seconded and carried.

Dr. Pefley moved that Board of Governors be changed from 5 to 7 members. Seconded.

Dr. Williamson raised question of when this should be done. After Convention?

Dr. Wilson raised question of wanting more information before sending in recommendation. No change should be made today. Meeting could be called last of July or first of August. Dr. Kieffer suggested that all alumni and doctors should be invited to attend. Some supporters have not come because they had not donated enough to make them eligible as founder members. Question as to whether faculty should be voted on for membership.

Question called for and the motion carried.

Question was asked whether amount raised for Dr. Elliot's expenses to Minneapolis would be sufficient.

Dr. Beatty suggested that a resume of meeting be sent with invitation for next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.