

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE HEALTH RESEARCH FOUNDATION AT WESTERN STATES COLLEGE, MAY 14, 1955 AT 1:36 P.M.

Dr. Higgins opened the meeting.

The following members and doctors were present:

Dr. Ralph M. Failor  
Dr. Linden R. Launer  
Dr. Tombe  
Dr. H. O. Anderson  
Dr. Archie Allen  
Dr. Beth Schmidt  
Dr. Appa Anderson  
Connie Dominguez (Secretary)  
Dr. Williamson  
Dr. Beal  
Dr. Oliver  
Dr. Sargent  
Dr. Ketchum  
Dr. Babnick  
Dr. Bleything  
Dr. Stone  
Dr. Kennedy Sr.  
Dr. Rombough  
Dr. Taylor  
Dr. Ralph Hill  
Dr. Ross Elliot  
Dr. Shattuck  
Dr. Won  
Dr. Van Patton  
Dr. Joe White  
Dr. Lamon  
Dr. Glen Wildebour  
Dr. Beatty  
Dr. Merritt  
Dr. Spaulding  
Dr. Byron White  
Dr. Heisley  
Dr. Mast

Dr. Wisner  
Dr. Art Johnson  
Dr. John Johnson  
Dr. Charles Brown  
Dr. Roy Reynolds  
Dr. Reynolds (Sr.)  
Dr. Ron King  
Dr. Elliot  
Dr. Cook  
Dr. Frazier  
Dr. Edwards  
Dr. De Ment  
Dr. Spurlock  
Dr. Rarey  
Dr. Coulter  
Dr. Gallagher  
Dr. R. Meyer  
Dr. Russell  
Dr. Loffler  
Dr. Beatty  
Dr. Klier  
Dr. Wehauser  
Dr. Bartos  
Dr. Helena Winters  
Dr. Richard Kinberg  
Dr. Finnell  
Dr. Latham  
Dr. Chas. Mather  
Dr. Bert Smith  
Mr. Stuart Neilsen (Seattle Attorney)  
Dr. Jim Howard  
Dr. Bradley

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Dr. Higgins: Cleared himself of rumors against him, about the question of his loyalty to the institution. His stand in obtaining NCA support on Los Angeles College. Two year college requirement being dropped by Los Angeles College and National. Los Angeles College in need of support again. Western States College cannot go back to high school standards. Asked Dr. Gallagher regarding the Oregon Law on two year college requirement.

Dr. Gallagher: Read portion of Oregon Law regarding two-year college requirement in liberal arts or sciences, said responsibility rested on individual.

Dr. Higgins: Continued about two-year requirement, mentioned Montana and other states going on that basis this year.

Dr. Failor: Read from Western States College catalogue 1954-55 educational requirements of the college. Two-year college requirement as of last Fall, not up to the individual. Stated that last Fall the college turned down 30 students who did not have two-year college requirement and accepted only 19.

Dr. Higgins: - Montana took two-year requirement in lieu of Basic Science, still left State Board as examining board. Made statement regarding legislating student as a doctor or educating him as a doctor. With new ruling if these men want to practice under these standards they will have to come to Western States College. Eastern schools look with horror upon such an idea, they accuse WSC of going to different states and forcing them. Men proud of their Alma Mater now must maintain that WSC only college left to carry on the standard. School must be maintained whether like it or not by endowments and students, same question raised in Idaho convention about 25 men saw necessity. Again pointed out that his support of Los Angeles College would have been the same with any other college. Brought point of allegiance to NCA. Denied aspiring to Dr. Nugent's job. Has donated this last year of his life to NCA without any financial support. Dr. Failor and self will take beating at Atlantic City convention because of two-year college requirement. Inquired about doctor Hedges, who did not attend because of wife's illness. Regarding Naturopathy, being officer of NCA many felt could not serve both. Have contributed towards Naturopathy in effort and energy as much or more than any other man except Dr. Budden. No difference in Chiropractic and Naturopathy, in this state where most <sup>men</sup> have two licenses most do not know which they are practicing under. (asked to have recorder turned off) Have Naturopathic diploma and am proud of it.

Dr. Lamon: - These people have come a long way to find out what they can do for Western States College, could we get on to that point.

Dr. Bleything: - We don't want to know what your attitude was in the past, we want to know what it will be in the future, if you will confine yourself to that.

Dr. Higgins: - Continued on loyalty to Naturopathy. Association felt that WSC was taking too many Chiropractic students and making Naturopaths of them. Dr. Nugent recommending against great pressure that we continue Naturopathy in WSC, is fighting the battle for WSC in the NCA. He is insisting that duo-licensed men be given right to carry malpractice insurance. A man is still our professional brother even if he is a Naturopath. NCA receives him in the same light. NCA finds a way to cover him with malpractice insurance regardless of what he is practicing. The attitude of the NCA is not hostile. I will never betray the cause of Naturopathy.

Dr. Lamon: - The doctors are getting impatient to find out what they can do to help Western States College:

Dr. Higgins: I must clear myself first of accusations etc.

Dr. Bleything:- We would like to know what your opinion and that of Dr. Nugent's is concerning not the past, but the future of Naturopathy in WSC, and have assurance that it will continue, and we must have it in black and white before we can give adequate financial support.

Dr. Higgins: - I have frequently sneaked away and once I had a very good visit with Dwight James. While rooming with Nugent I was not betraying one or the other. ---

Dr. Rarey: - Can Dr. Failor tell us the financial status of the college?

Dr. Higgins: - Continued assurance that he has never denied Naturopathy in this school. Finds no foundation for rumors.

Dr. Stone: Why was the NCA concerned with the number of Naturopaths turned out by the school, isn't it up to the individual?

Dr. Higgins: Continued with discussion of meeting back East. What they think in the national picture is very different from we think. I think as you do.

Dr. Taylor:-  
Dr. Nugent does disapprove of the teaching of Naturopathy at WSC? I have heard that the school may be disapproved at the next convention. Is that correct?

Dr. Higgins:- The school may be disapproved, that is correct.

Dr. Rarey:- Asked if NCA considered the number of doctors in O.A.C.P. and N.C.A. from Oregon.

Dr. Higgins:- We may well lose the NCA recognition. Both Dr. Failor and myself will be under fire at national NCA convention. The H.R.F. will go on and will continue to turn out Chiropractors and Naturopaths whether or not we have NCA recognition or approval.

Dr. Bleything: - Again asked to get on to the future of WSC. Asked for fair treatment and representation and to be given a fair deal in this college.

Dr. Higgins:- Continued that they have always treated Naturopathy fair. Asked opinion of Dr. Williamson and Ketchum, all agreed on treating Naturopathy and Chiropractic equal.

Dr. Taylor:- Asked again if Naturopathy could have representation. Have no representation whatsoever. Dr. Failor has been very fair.

Dr. Higgins:- Have you ever been browbeaten in this school?

Dr. Lamson:- I think you misunderstood his question. Naturopaths do not feel they have any representation in HRF Board of Trustees.

Dr. Higgins: I do not think that Dr. Ketchum and Williamson were selected because they are practicing Chiropractic instead of Naturopathy. Continues assurance of square deal to Naturopathy in school.

Dr. Beth Schmidt:- Asked do they have minutes of annual meetings of HRF?

Dr. Elliott:- Answered yes, he took minutes.

Dr. Higgins: Said all members were always notified of meetings and asked Dr. Wehauser, she said no she had not been notified.

Dr. Bleything:- The thing we are up against is the matter of raising money. When we can get representation in HRF we will contribute

Dr. Higgins:- There is representation in the founders. They are going to feel the pulse of the profession and the public. We are licensed to operate hospitals and schools, etc.

Dr. Bleything: If they want the money ~~founders~~ representation must be given.

Dr. Higgens: Continues discussion of Founders meeting: If there has been negligence in the past in calling to meetings I am sorry. If anybody wasn't called oversight of some individual.

Dr. Beth Schmidt: Can we have a reading of the financial status of the School?

Dr. Higgens: Later - - -

Dr. Bleything: We do not care what has gone on in the past, the question is to serve this school. We must have a vote the same as any other member.

Dr. Higgens: They will have the same vote. Asks to have founder's application read.

Dr. Beth Schmidt: Reads founders application.

Dr. Lamon: Dr. Bleything has not been answered because nobody will call a spade a spade. What he wants to know is can the Naturopaths have a member in the Board or are only founders eligible to become trustees?

Dr. Rarey: Is it possible to increase the number of trustees in the Board?

Dr. Higgens: The bigger the board the less efficient it is going to work. It has always seemed good to have a small number of trustees.

Dr. Mather: Why do other colleges have 10 and 15 board members?

Dr. Higgens: There isn't three men in this room that could practice together for a year without locking horns. We have too many diversified opinions and backgrounds.

Dr. Beth Schmidt: Let us have the reading on the financial report on the school.

Dr. Failor: Reads financial report on Western States College.

Dr. Lamon: Commended Dr. Failor on placing things on such a businesslike basis.

Dr. Failor: We have instituted a standardized procedure accounting system. We cannot continue to exist at the present rate of loss. I have many unpaid bills in my desk. I was given to understand everything was clear. New policy, if man comes in as Chiropractor he goes out as a Chiropractor, if he comes in as a Naturopath he will go out as a Naturopath. Teachers such as Dr. Elliot, Wizer and others are under paid. Clinic doubled under Dr. Spaulding's direction.

Dr. Art Johnson: What is the amount needed above present income to meet expenses?

Dr. Shattuck:- Will about \$2,000 per month from the profession do it?

Dr. Failor:- That is a close amount.

Dr. Ralph Hill:- Only if we have at least 25 new students in freshman class next Fall.

Dr. Lamon:- 80% from the student body and 20% from a very well run clinic.

Dr. Finnell:- Are we going to continue to have the two-year college requirement? I think we are being sold down the river. National is still taking high school students.

Dr. Failor:- Dr. Budden was well aware of the fact, yet he instituted it. Last Fall we turned down 30 students and accepted only 19.

Dr. Higgens:- There is a surprising number of doctors in the field sending students back East because it is easier, no two-year college requirement.

Dr. Shattuck:- I must say something in defense of the two year college. Must have the education or we are not recognized.

Dr. Gallagher:- We are completely lost if we drop the two years college.

Dr. Shattuck: We must have better educated men, not necessarily volume of number. Obviously the Naturopaths and Chiropractors must stand together personally never felt any particular difference between one or another.

Dr. Oliver:- Do we have to change the law to increase Board of Trustees.

Dr. Higgens:- I don't see any adviseable purpose in it.

Dr. Rarey:- These men will support the school if they have representation in the Board.

Dr. Ketchum:- I assure you I did not ask to be on this Board of Trustees. Dr. Nugent personal friend was very anxious that I accept. I do not think that the personnel of the Board should be questioned as long as the school is run properly.

Dr. Rarey:- No one is questioning your integrity but Naturopathy wants to be represented.

Dr. Ketchum:- Must be founder member to be represented.

Dr. John Johnson:- Why can't we get more members on the Board if that is the question of getting money for the school.

Dr. Higgens:- We have always picked our people from the founders for the past 20 years. Never been much question as to Board members as to what they are, Canadian, Layers, etc.

Dr. Lamon: Just out of curiosity, I want to see how many founders are here today.

Dr. Beth Schmidt: Why don't we have a founders meeting.

Founder members present: Drs. Williamson, Ketchum, Higgens, Finnell, Wehauser, Lamon, Ross Elliot, Oliver, Beale, Taylor, Ralph Hill, Bleything, Alumni

Dr. Ross Elliott:-Provisions of the Constitution say Trustees are chosen from founder members. Stop arguing and bickering. Provisions can be changed through proper processes. Think of progress that has been done in school. Get together and save the school. Dr. Failor very good man will not stay for what he is getting now. Want to see Naturopaths get representation but according to the laws of the institution.

Dr. Russell(from Cannada)Representing Canadian group. Fact boils down to one point, do we want a school in the Northwest? We are willing to support the present foundation and try to raise money. We are interested in WSC. I suggest that both groups get together and work out way to get money.

Dr. Roy Reynolds:- Do you think the National Board can help Western States College now as did the Chiropractic Research Foundation in California.

Dr. Higgs:-It might be.

Dr. Reynolds: Do I understand that the Board here is solidly Chiropractic?

Dr. Higgs:- Only coincidental. (Dr. Higgs asked Dr. Wehauser did she feel her money had not been used properly. She said yes, Did she give it for some special purpose? She answered, she gave it for the good of the school.)

Dr. Reynolds:- Do you suppose it would be possible to write Ehem and ask for a \$10,000 dollar loan.

Dr. Higgs:-It would not be wise to do it by mail. When we go to Atlantic City it can be brought up.

Dr. Reynolds:-School looks better than it ever has. We should as a group go out and ask University students to come here. Everyone should help send students.

Dr. Launer:- We have contacted every college west of the Mississippi. I certainly don't live on the salary that I get here. Should put name on paper for the money and get meeting over with.

Dr. Higgs:-Money alone isn't going to do it we need students. Continued to talk about National and its student fund and the number of students sent there by doctors.

Dr. Lamon:- Suggested doctors visiting the college and seeing what is new and what is being done.

Dr. Higgs:- Asked Dr. Won what he thought of the school. Dr. Won thought it was very nice.

Dr. Failor: Have checks from Utah Naturopaths for \$100 and Washington State \$200 with another \$100 to come.

Mr. Stewart Nielsson:- (Seattle Attorney) Would like assurance (speaking for Washington Naturopaths) of continuance of Naturopathy at WSC. Would rather place money directly in school than buy membership because no vote in membership. Ridiculous for you to fight among yourself since in Oregon you can do the work of medical men in Washington. Suggest finance committee be formed to study problem. Would like to know how much it would take from each member of the profession to support school.

Dr. Bleything:- Stated that at meeting of ONPA it was voted to purchase HRF membership. If Naturopathic profession gets representation on that Board you will get \$10,000 without bowing to Nugent or anybody else.

Dr. Higgens:- Who on this board do you want to resign.

Dr. Bleything:- None to resign just add two Naturopathic members.

Dr. Higgens:- Cannot change policy unless you want change of personnel. Hard enough to get members together now.

Dr. Failor:- Can't the board be increased to a five man board?

Dr. Higgens:- If you get too big a board it will be too hard to maintain.

Dr. Williamson:- Asked to have Dr. Failor read Dr. Nugent's letter.

Dr. Failor:- Read Dr. Nugent's letter.

Dr. Williamson:- Form a Ways and Means Committee of 2 or 3 men. The Board stands on the fact that the Naturopathic school will be continued.

Dr. Reynolds:- See no reason why five men cannot get along together.

Dr. Higgens:- There would be bedlam.

Dr. Beth Schmidt:- Why not bring it up to the founders group.

Dr. Higgens:- Asked for opinion from Dr. Winters.

Dr. Winters:- Recommended addition of two more men to the board and change by-laws if necessary.

Dr. Higgens:- There are also laymen as founder members.

Dr. Winters:- Felt that board should consist of only members of the profession.

Stewart Nielsen:- Commented over secrecy of founders and by-laws. Would be surprised if secrecy was lifted how much support would be forthcoming.

Dr. Ross Elliott:- I suggest that the trustees that are here agree to give the Naturopaths a representation on the board, either by one member resigning or by addition of two more

Dr. Higgens:- Last time it was a seven men board and time before a nine men board.

Dr. Ross Elliott:- That was because the National wanted a nine men board.

Dr. Lamon:- We have already decided that we don't care what the NCA thinks about WSC, if representation is given how many in room would buy a membership. (About 20 stood up).

Dr. Higgens:- Tells of "Registrar on wheels", layman, financed by himself and friends. Guarantees six months salary. Man could not attend meeting because of wife's illness.

Dr. Ketcham:-Ready to step out to expedite this matter, or add two more members.

Dr. Higgs: Continued on matter of registrar.

Dr. Russell:-Suggested Dr. Failor, trustees and representatives get together and settle the matter.

Dr. Higgs:- What I am afraid of is that those that are not here will say a little clique got together etc, not in favor of taking action.

Dr. Gallagher:- I hesitate in making any commitments in behalf of the NCA without having the association do so. We can only do what the law will allow us to do. You cannot do this just by a vote of the group.

Dr. Russell:-Surely we can work out a procedure to go by, or else we can be here until nine o'clock tonight.

Dr. Failor:- All members of the association were notified of the meeting and were told that they should attend

Dr. Lamon:- Can we have a founders meeting before most of the founders go home?

Dr. Johnson:- Announced District #2 will have monthly meeting tonight.

Meeting adjourned to have founders meeting in Dr. Failor's office.

Meeting reopened at 5:45 p.m.

Dr. Higgs:-Emergency meeting of the HRF was held. Resolution was made by the Board of Trustees that the number of trustees be changed from three to five members two of these being Chiropractors and two Naturopaths. Motion made by Founders, Board of Trustees accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



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7/23/55

Resolved:-

After due consideration  
of all the factors involved  
The Board of Trustees,  
decided to rescind the  
action of May 14-1955  
relative to the change  
in the expansion of the  
Board (at this time).

Chas. E. Williamson  
Sec'y. Treas.

R. L. Fitchum  
W. J. Higgins

following a lengthy discussion at this meeting and upon motion of Dr. R. D. Ketchum, seconded by Dr. Charles E. Williamson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, to-wit:

THAT WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees at a meeting held on May 14, 1955, sought to amend Article I, entitled "Trustees and Officers" of the Health Research Foundation, by amending the second line of said Article I to read as follows:

"The Board of Trustees shall consist of five (5) in number"

and

WHEREAS, in the original By-laws of the corporation, said second sentence in said Article I read,

"The Board of Trustees shall consist of three (3) in number"

and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has now concluded that said second sentence of the By-laws should read as provided in the original By-laws of the corporation, as follows:

"The Board of Trustees shall consist of three (3) in number"

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the action seeking to amend the second line of Article I of the By-laws of Health Research Foundation by the Board of Trustees on May 14, 1955, be rescinded, annulled, cancelled, repealed and held for naught and that line 2 of Article I of the By-laws of Health Research Foundation be and the same are hereby amended and shall be as follows:

"The Board of Trustees shall consist of three (3) in number"

Upon motion of Dr. Charles E. Williamson, seconded by Dr. R. D. Ketchum, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Health Research Foundation proceed to procure a loan to be secured by mortgage on its real property and that it execute an application for a loan in the approximate sum

Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to make, execute and deliver such application, subject, however, to a resolution of the Board of Trustees authorizing the execution of the note and mortgage and, further, for final determination of the terms and provisions of said note and mortgage.

*M J Higgers Pres.*  
*Chas E Williamson Secy-Treas.*