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Annual Business Meeting of Members

November 29, 1935

The Annual Business Meeting of the National Council of Teachers of English was called to order at 4:30 Friday afternoon, November 29, 1935 in the Chateau Room of the Claypool Hotel by President Charles S. Thomas.

The minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of 1934 were read and approved.

The secretary's annual report called attention to the fact that the Council had on hand a balance in cash and invested funds of about \$16,000 and that its active membership numbered about 5000. During the preceding year the Council had sold 57,000 copies of the pamphlet called Home Reading, 10,000 copies of Leisure Reading, and 16,000 copies of Good Reading.

The Council was invited to hold its session in 1936 in Boston by Claude M. Euess and Samuel Thurber, representing the New England Association of Teachers of English. There were also invitations from Buffalo and Louisville, but both of them really were looking toward 1937. No action was taken, since the constitution provides that the Executive Committee shall choose the place of meeting.

At the noon luncheon of the International Relations Committee the following resolutions had been approved and were now introduced without the last paragraph by Mr. John J. DeBoer, of Chicago:

It is the function and purpose of the International Relations Committee as approved by the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and through precedent by the membership at large to work actively for the strengthening of international relations and for world peace.

Those present at this luncheon meeting, sponsored by the International Relations Committee, pledge their support to a thorough-going peace policy for the United States and for the world.

We are opposed to war and to the supplying of munitions and all materials that might be used toward the breaking of world peace.

We are opposed to the prevailing tendency to militarize the schools and colleges of the nation through the widespread support and expansion of the R.O.T.C. and other military units and the utilization of high school and college classes for the spreading of war propaganda.

We respectfully petition the president and the officers of the National Council of Teachers of English to present the foregoing resolutions for adoption at a general membership meeting of the National Council of Teachers of English.

A motion to adopt these resolutions was debated long and vigorously, and finally the members present voted to refer the resolutions to the Board of Directors, which would meet late that evening.

The final business was the presentation of the report of the Nominating Committee, who proposed the following persons to serve as directors:

Directors-at-large:

To fill a vacancy for two years	- Thomas Knott, Michigan
To serve for three years	- Stella S. Center, New York
	Essie Chamberlain, Illinois
	Gladys Gambill, Virginia
	Thomas W. Gosling, District of Columbia
	Roy Ivan Johnson, Missouri
	Ruth Mary Weeks, Missouri

Upon motion the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the meeting for these seven directors and they were declared elected.

The meeting then adjourned, shortly before six o'clock.

X Charles Swan Thomas President

W. Wilbur Hatfield Secretary