

UNIVERSITIES COMMITTEE ON STATE CONSTITUTION.

Minutes of Meeting, March 7, 1914.

The Committee met at the City Club, Chicago, at 12:30 P.M. Present: Miss Breckinridge, and Messrs. Bramhall, Cook, Dodd, Fairlie, Freund, Garner, Hall, Harker, Kales, and Schofield.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary reported communications from Northwestern University and the University of Chicago, each appropriating \$75 toward the expenses of the Committee. A letter was read from Mr. Walter L. Fisher stating that he would be unable to act as a member of the Committee, but would be glad to consult and advise with it upon the subject of Public Utilities.

Brief reports of progress or outlines of work upon various topics were made as follows:

Elections and their Machinery (Presented by Mr. Freund)	-	-	Mr. Merriam
Social Legislation	-	-	Miss Breckinridge
Legislative Organization	-	-	Mr. Garner
Executive Organization	-	-	Mr. Fairlie
Jury System	-	-	Mr. Harker
Initiative and Referendum	-	-	Mr. Cook
Judicial Organization	-	-	Mr. Kales

It was understood, after informal discussion, that the topic of Initiative and Referendum should include a consideration of the machinery of these procedures in all subdivisions of the state, but that the subjects ^{there} appropriate to ~~these~~ ^{these} procedures should be considered only with reference to state-wide legislation.

It was informally agreed that each member of the Committee should send to the

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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The Committee met at the City Club, Chicago, at 12:30 P.M. Present: Miss
Woodbridge, and Messrs. Woodbridge, Cook, Keith, Brown, Carter, Hall,
Hart, Kohn, and Schickel.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary reported communications from Northwestern University and the
University of Chicago, each appropriating \$75 toward the expenses of the Committee.
A letter was read from Mr. Walter L. Wilson stating that he would be unable to act
as a member of the Committee, but would be glad to consult and advise with it upon
the subject of Public Utilities.

Final reports of progress or outline of work upon various topics were made

as follows:

Mr. Hart	-	-	Questions and their history (Presented by Mr. Brown)
Miss Woodbridge	-	-	Local legislation
Mr. Carter	-	-	Legislative organization
Mr. Keith	-	-	Executive organization
Mr. Hart	-	-	Jury system
Mr. Cook	-	-	Initiative and referendum
Mr. Kohn	-	-	Judicial organization

It was understood, after informal discussion, that the topic of initiative
and referendum should include a consideration of the machinery of these processes
in all subdivisions of the state, but that the subjects appropriate to these pro-
cesses should be considered only with reference to state-wide legislation.
It was informally agreed that each member of the Committee should send to the

Secretary as early as possible an outline of his topic; and that the Secretary should send copies of these outlines to all members of the Committee.

Voted, that Mr. George C. Sikes be invited to become a member of the Committee and prepare material upon the subject of Public Utilities.

Voted, that Mr. Walter I. Manny, Mt. Sterling, Illinois, and Mr. Bruce Campbell, East St. Louis, Illinois, be invited to become members of the Committee to prepare material upon Tenure of Office and Civil Service.

Voted, that the topic Education, Charities, and Corrections be added to the list of subjects to be considered by the Committee; and that Professor George H. Mead, of the University of Chicago, and Judge Julian W. Mack, Federal Building, Chicago, be invited to become members and prepare material upon this topic.

Voted, that the next meeting of the Committee be devoted to a discussion of the proper content of the state constitution with reference to each topic assigned to a member of the Committee, under the general direction of Mr. Schofield.

Voted, that the next meeting be held in Chicago at the same time as the coming Conference on Legal and Social Philosophy, April 10 - 11. The exact date of the meeting to be determined by the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee.

Adjourned.

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Secretary as early as possible on outline of his report and that the Secretary

should send copies of these outlines to all members of the Committee.

Resolved, that Mr. George C. Allen be invited to become a member of the Com-

tee, and prepare material upon the subject of Public Utilities.

Resolved, that Mr. Walter J. Henry, Mr. Sterling Williams, and Mr. Bruce

Campbell, West St. Louis, Illinois, be invited to become members of the Committee

to prepare material upon Federal Office and Civil Service.

Resolved, that the topics: Education, Committee, and Corrections be added to

the list of subjects to be considered by the Committee; and that Professor George

H. Reed, of the University of Chicago, and Judge Julius W. Cook, Federal Building,

Chicago, be invited to become members and prepare material upon this topic.

Resolved, that the next meeting of the Committee be devoted to a discussion of

the proper content of the state constitution with reference to such topics assigned

to a member of the Committee, under the general direction of Mr. Schelske.

Resolved, that the next meeting be held in Chicago at the same time as the coming

Conference on Legal and Social Philosophy, April 10 - 11. The exact date of the

meeting to be determined by the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee.

Adjourned.

James H. Allen
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Messrs. Fround, Fairlie, Hay, Bramhall, and Merriam made oral reports upon the portions of the subject included in their topics.

Adjourned.

Secretary.

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Minutes of meeting April 11, 1914.

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The Committee met at the City Club, Chicago, at 1 P.M. Present: Messrs. Bramhall, Cook, Dodd, Fairlie, Freund, Hall Hay, Mack, Matthews, Morris, MacChesney, Schofield, Sikes, and Wigners. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary reported a communication from the University of Illinois appropriating \$100 toward the expenses of the Committee.

Voted, that the Secretary be instructed to send an outline of the proposed work of the Committee to R. S. Binkerd, City Club, 55 West 44th Street, New York City, who is interested in similar work in New York State, the New York Legislature having authorized the appointment of a commission to prepare material for a state constitutional conference in 1915.

After an informal discussion it was

Voted, that the Committee does not deem it at present advisable to appoint an official representative to make public addresses at the City Club or elsewhere upon the need of constitutional changes in Illinois;

Voted, that the topic of Taxation be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee;

Voted, that the next meeting be held at the City Club on May 9;

Voted, that the Secretary be instructed to suggest to the members of the Committee that they divide their proposals for discussion under each topic into four parts: 1) matters that should be included in the constitution and be made difficult of amendment; 2) matters that should be included and be made easily amendable; 3) matters the inclusion of which is doubtful, and which if included should be easily amended; 4) matters whose inclusion is probably undesirable.

Mr. Schofield lead a discussion regarding the proper content of the state constitution. Reports from Mr. Kales and Mr. MacChesney upon the portions of this subject included in their topics were read by the Secretary.

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Minutes of Meeting May 9, 1914.

The Committee met at the City Club of Chicago at 12:30 P. M.

Present: Messrs. Bramhall, Dodd, Fairlie, Freund, Hall, Hay, Head, MacChesney, Schefield, Sikes, and Wigners.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The entire meeting was devoted to a discussion of the topic Taxation, led by Mr. Hall, and a considerable number of current proposals affecting existing constitutional restrictions upon state and municipal taxation were discussed.

The Secretary was requested to ask each member of the Committee to send to him a list of the principal questions to be considered by such member in his report to the Committee, sufficiently in advance so that copies of these questions might be sent to the other members of the Committee before the report was made.

It was agreed that the President and the Secretary should arrange the order of topics for future reports, and that so far as possible meetings of the Committee should be held during the summer months.

Voted, that the next meeting be held at the City Club on Monday, June 8, and that Mr. Dodd then make a report on Constitutional Revision and Amendment, and upon Judicial Control of Legislation.

Adjourned.

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Minutes of Meeting May 2, 1936.

The Committee met at the City Club of Chicago at 12:30 P. M.

Present: Messrs. Boardman, Cobb, Feltz, French, Hall, Hoy, Reed, Rosenberg,

Schell, Allen, and Myers.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The entire meeting was devoted to a discussion of the topic mentioned

led by Mr. Hall, and a considerable number of current proposals relating

existing constitutional restrictions upon state and municipal functions were

discussed.

The Secretary was requested to ask each member of the Committee to read

to him a list of the principal questions to be considered by each member in

his report to the Committee, sufficiently in advance as that copies of these

questions might be sent to the other members of the Committee before the report

was made.

It was agreed that the President and the Secretary should arrange the order

of topics for future reports, and that as far as possible meetings of the Committee

should be held during the summer months.

Resolved, that the next meeting be held at the City Club on Monday, June 8,

and that Mr. Cobb then make a report on Constitutional Revision and Amendment,

and upon Judicial Control of Legislation.

Adjourned.

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Minutes of Meeting June 8, 1914.

The Committee met at the City Club of Chicago at 12:30 P. M.

Present: Miss Breckinridge and Messrs. Brashall, Dodd, Fairlie, Hall, Harker, MacCheaney, Mack, Mathews, Schofield, Sikes, and Wigners.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Voiced, that the next meeting be held at the City Club on Saturday, July 11, and that Mr. Kales then make his report upon Judicial Organization.

The entire meeting was devoted to a discussion of the topic Constitutional Revision and Amendment led by Mr. Dodd.

Adjourned.

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Minutes of Meeting July 16, 1914.

The Committee met at the City Club of Chicago at 12:30 P. M.

Present: Messrs. Cook, Fairlie, Hall, Kales, Sikes, and Wigmore.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Secretary read a communication from T. H. Flood & Company of Chicago proposing an arrangement for publishing the work of the Committee. No action was taken upon the matter at this meeting.

The entire meeting was devoted to a discussion of the topic Judicial Organization, led by Mr. Kales.

Resolved, that the next meeting be held in October, the program to be announced later.

Adjourned.

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Minutes of Meeting, October 24, 1914.

The Committee met at the City Club of Chicago at 12:30 P. M.

Present: Chairman Dodd and Messrs. Brushall, Cook, Fairlie, Garner, Hall, Harker, Hay, Kales, Sikes, and Wignere.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary reread a communication from T. H. Flood & Company of Chicago suggesting an arrangement for publishing the work of the Committee. A brief discussion of the proposal followed, but no action was taken.

A somewhat lengthy general discussion was held regarding the procedure of the Committee for the remainder of the year. It was agreed that three more meetings should be held before the Holidays as follows:

November 14 or 21---Judicial Control of Legislation by Mr. Dodd.

December 5---Legislative Procedure by Mr. Fround.

December 19---Public Utilities by Mr. Sikes.

The Chairman and Secretary were authorized to fix the date for the November meeting.

At the first meeting after January 1 The Jury System is to be discussed by Messrs. Harker and Wignere.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the topic of Executive and Administrative Organization, led by Messrs. Fairlie and Hay.

It was agreed that all members who had previously made reports should as speedily as possible prepare the first draft of their manuscript^{they} for publication, so that ~~it~~ might be submitted to the Committee at early dates.

Adjourned.

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Minutes of Meeting ~~October 24, 1914.~~

The Committee met at the City Club of Chicago at 12:30 P. M.

Present: Chairman Dodd, and Messrs. Bramhall, Cook, Fairlie, Freund, Hall, Harker, Hay, MacChesney, Sikes. Mr. William D. Kerr was also present by invitation.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from the Citizens' Association of Chicago addressed to Mr. Dodd, asking whether the Committee or several members of it would be willing to make a brief study and report upon constitutional amendments needed in Illinois for the use of the Citizens' Association in urging a constitutional convention. Mr. Dodd reported that he had answered that the Committee would probably be unwilling at the present stage of its work to present its matter under the auspices of an association definitely committed to a particular policy in the matter of a constitutional convention. This position of Mr. Dodd was approved by the Committee.

A discussion of the topic "Public Utilities" assigned to Mr. Sikes followed. Mr. Kerr, who has had some 10 years' experience in investigating the subject, presented a number of written suggestions upon which he spoke at some length.

Messrs. Harker and Wignore requested that their report upon "The Jury System" be postponed to February or March.

Chairman Dodd suggested that for the present about six typewritten copies of the detailed reports upon topics, preliminary to publication, be prepared

instead of a larger number of mimeographed copies. He expressed the opinion that each of these copies could be used by several members of the Committee normally somewhat closely associated in their work, so as ordinarily to make a larger number unnecessary. The saving ^{of} and expense would be considerable. No definite action was taken upon the matter.

Voted that a sub-committee be appointed to consider asking the Illinois legislature to make a survey of certain fields in which constitutional amendments have been suggested, in order to ascertain the facts upon which proposed action should be based, said sub-committee to report a resolution to be acted upon at the next meeting of the Committee. The Chairman appointed Messrs. Hay, Fairlie, and Freund members of this sub-committee.

Voted that Mr. John M. Lane be invited to join the Committee and to prepare suggestions regarding the amendment of the banking provisions of the state constitution; and that Mr. William B. Hale be similarly invited to make suggestions regarding the amendment of the provisions dealing with corporations.

Voted that at the next meeting on December 19 the Committee discuss not only Mr. Freund's topic of "Legislative Procedure", but also Mr. Dodd's of "Judicial Control of Legislation", which was presented at a small meeting on November 19.

Adjourned.

