

The Minnesota Chapter, American Association of Law Libraries

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At the present time, there are only three cities in Minnesota that have staffed law libraries, namely, Duluth, Minneapolis, and Saint Paul.

In order to promote librarianship in general and to cultivate the science of law librarianship in particular, it was decided to form a Minnesota Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries.

The initial impetus for this came from a luncheon meeting in August, 1953, of Maynard Persig, then dean of the Law School, University of Minnesota; Leon Liddell, librarian of the Law School Library of the University of Minnesota; Caroline Brede, reference librarian of the Law School Library; Howard Adams, assistant librarian of the Minnesota State Library, St. Paul; and Mrs. Margaret Andrews, librarian of the Minnesota State Library.

Nothing specific, other than conversation, was done until April, 1955, when a petition was drawn up applying for permission to establish a Minnesota Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries to be known by this same name. This petition, along with a proposed set of by-laws was forwarded to the secretary of the Association to be acted upon by the executive board.

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Permission to form this Chapter was granted by the executive board at its meeting in Chicago in July, 1955.

The charter members of the Minnesota Chapter are:

Margaret S. Andrews, librarian, Minnesota State (Law) Library, St. Paul, Minn.

Alberta Heagle, cataloger, Minnesota State (Law) Library, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Howard M. Adams, assistant librarian, Minnesota State (Law) Library, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mary A. Hagberg, department clerk and librarian, Attorney General's Office, St. Paul, Minn.

Leon M. Liddell, librarian, Law Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

Caroline Brede, reference librarian, Law Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

Vera Carlson, staff member, Law Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

Arlette Soderberg, staff member, Law Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

Esther Motz, staff member, Law Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

Ethel Kommes, librarian, Hennepin County Law Library, Minneapolis, Minn.

Edith C. Dahl, librarian, Duluth Bar Library, Duluth, Minnesota.

On December 1, 1955, the organizational meeting of the Minnesota Chapter, which was a dinner meeting, was held at the Campus Club, University of Minnesota. The proposed by-laws were adopted and officers elected were:

Margaret S. Andrews, president, librarian, Minnesota State Library, St. Paul, Minn.

Ethel Kommes, vice-president, li-

brarian, Hennepin County Law Library, Minneapolis, Minn.

Caroline Brede, secretary-treasurer, reference librarian, University of Minnesota Law School Library, Minneapolis, Minn.

The enthusiasm, friendliness, and professional interest manifested at the organizational meeting placed the Minnesota Chapter on a firm foundation and anticipations are for the development of a sturdy organization.