

January 10, 1949

The Board of Directors held a meeting this morning in the rooms of the Harvard Trust Company. President Dow and Directors Olken, Knapp, Edwin R. Sage, C. Rodney Sage, Olsson, Snow and Cazmay were present.

The following new member was elected:-

August J. Schumacher, architect, 102 Mt. Auburn Street, endorsed by Thomas O'Rourke.

The application for membership of Walter H. Beltis, 1280 Cambridge Street, was denied as it was felt he was in business too remote from Harvard Square and therefore ineligible.

Austin W. ~~Herke~~^{MARTIN} was dropped from the rolls as he has moved out of the city.

Letters from Joseph C. Leighton and Robert G. Hall were referred to the Advertising Committee and the Municipal Affairs Committee respectively.

A bill from the Christian Science Monitor for \$13.86 for Exmas Adv. was approved for payment.

Mr. Benjamin F. Hickey of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce was present and explained the workings of the proposed Retail Division the Chamber is sponsoring and as a result ^{of} our favorable reaction the following were appointed to represent us on this new committee:

Edwin R. Sage	45 Brattle Street
Miss Bernice M. Cannon	20 Brattle Street
Benjamin F. Olken	3 Bow Street

We adjourned at 11:20 A.M.


Secretary

Robert C. Bundy was appointed Chairman of the Membership Committee replacing Wendel Reed, who has left Harvard Square. It was voted to send a letter of condolence to the widow of Councillor Michael A. Sullivan.

January 18, 1949

The association held its regular monthly meeting with dinner this evening at the Hotel Continental. There were 89 members and guests present. 95

Vice President Slate presided at the business session in the absence of the President. The Gulf Oil Co. had a large representation including Mr. C.A. Jordan, its District Manager.

The secretary introduced our new member, Mr. August J. Schumacher and gave a review of what the Board of Directors had done since our last meeting.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Edwin R. Sage speaking for our Municipal Affairs Committee reported that more parking meters were being installed around the Harvard Square area. A general discussion following and many of our members felt that too many meters would be a detriment to business. No action taken.

Mr. Stanley Sumner for our Advertising Committee had examined the returned questionnaires and asked for more time to present us with definite recommendations.

The business session then adjourned and the chair introduced our guest speaker. Prof. John W. Welcker, of the Harvard Business School. He talked to us on "Business Prospects for 1949". A most interesting question period followed and at its conclusion the speaker was given a rising vote of thanks on motion by Dr. Edward White.

Several movie films projected by our Claus Gelotte

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followed showing sports events and comedy which were greatly enjoyed.

We adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Secretary

January 26, 1949

Under vote of authority dated October 25, 1948,
I have approved for payment the following dinner meeting
bills:

Hotel Continental, January dinner (95)	\$ 190.00
Leavitt & Peirce, Jan. dinner smokes	17.06
The Misses Littlefield, January typing	9.45
Powell Printing Co., postals and envelopes	52.57


Secretary

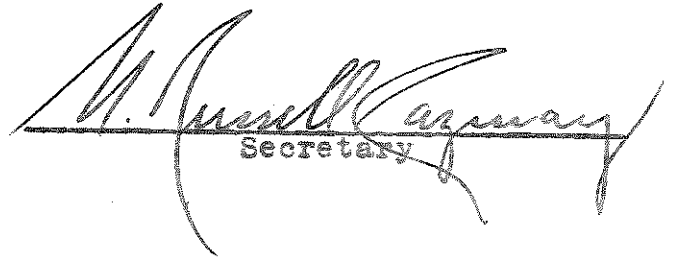
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REFER to the Board of Directors with power to appoint the Municipal Affairs Committee or a Special Committee to take up with the City authorities to have the surplus revenue from the parking meters used for increased off street parking, but to report back first to the association for action to be taken by the association members, at the next meeting.

The business session then adjourned but owing to the lateness of the hour ^{our} guest speaker, Leslie C. Read kindly consented to give his talk on Rent Control and Public Housing at our March dinner meeting.

meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Secretary

February 15, 1949

At a polled meeting of the Board of Directors held this evening before the association dinner at the Hotel Continental, the following new member was elected:

GULF OIL CORP., Paul W. Donnelly, Mgr., 65 Mt. Auburn Street, proposed by Starly Oteri.

Directors H. Sage, Olken, Galvin, Knapp and Cazmay were polled.


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the following firm was elected to membership
this morning:

Johnson & Whitcomb

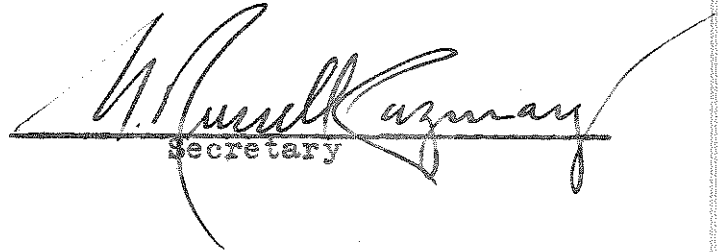
44 Brattle Street

Architects

Proposed by Dwight H. Andrews

Directors polled:

Snow
Knapp
Klate
Cazmay


Secretary

March 14, 1949

The Board of Directors held a meeting this morning at the rooms of the Cambridge Trust Company. President Dow and Directors Knapp, Clarke, Olken, R. Sage, E.R. Sage, Snow, Slate and Cazmay were present.

The matter of the use of surplus revenue on parking meters for additional off street parking was referred to our Municipal Affairs Committee with instructions to report back at the march dinner meeting of the association.

The members of the Advertising Committee were present and the board approved the recommendations of this committee relating to individual radio program advertising, adopting a slogan, and preparing a map of the Harvard square area, and authorized this committee to proceed with the above program.

It was voted to send each member of our association a copy of the report of the Advertising Committee.

The secretary was requested to communicate with Commissioner of Public Works McMenimen with a view to having the streets in the square cleaned of the litter on Sunday mornings. The secretary was also to contact the police department in regard to the sidewalk congestion in front of the Albani Restaurant which at times greatly impedes sidewalk traffic.

The new Outing Committee was to report to the President in two week's time regarding arrangements made for the June outing.

The secretary was authorized to have the record book repaired.

we adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

E. R. Sage
Secy.

March 15, 1949

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held this evening with dinner at the Hotel Continental. Eighty members and guests were present.

President Dow presided at the business meeting and introduced Councillor Don Swan, one of our members, who spoke on the present Red Cross Drive and the great good this organization does in times of stress.

The secretary introduced several new members and gave a review of the meeting of our Board of Directors.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the previous meeting.

Mr. Edwin R. Sage reported for the Municipal Affairs Committee and as a result of the vote taken at the February meeting to report back to the association some action on the surplus revenue from the parking meters

MOVED:

that our Association go on record to restrict the use of the surplus revenue derived from parking meters to the acquiring and operation of more off street parking space.

This was seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Thomas F. Sullivan spoke against the use of parking meters in strictly residential districts.

Mr. Stanley Sumner reported for the Advertising Committee and stated that a letter with suggestions would soon be mailed to our membership.

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President Dow stated that he recently had attended a conference with other Presidents of local civic associations at the City Manager's Office regarding Governor Dever's proposed solution of the MTA problem. The following suggestions were discussed:

1. Increase the fare.
2. Spread deficit over the 14 cities and towns.
3. Spread deficit over entire Commonwealth.

No action was taken by our Association.

The chair then introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Frank H. Townsend, Executive Secretary of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, who talked to us on "Trends in Cambridge Business".

He left with us much food for thought regarding store hours and keeping open a night each week.

A question period followed - and at its conclusion Mr. Townsend was given a rising vote of thanks.

We adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Secretary

April 15, 1949

Nomination of officers for the ensuing year was then discussed and it was voted to endorse the following slate:

PRESIDENT	Robert I. Slate
VICE-PRESIDENT	Stanley Sumner
SECRETARY	N. Russell Cazmay
TREASURER	Robert B. Snow
AUDITOR	James B. Freeburn
DIRECTOR FOR 3 years	Richard A. Dow Frank S. Knapp

We adjourned at 11:30 A.M.


Secretary

the election of officers for the ensuing year followed and Dr. Newton DeWitt presented the following slate which had the unanimous endorsement of our Board of Directors:

PRESIDENT ----- Robert I. Slate
 VICE- PRESIDENT ----- Stanley Sumner
 SECRETARY ----- N. Russell Cazmay
 TREASURER ----- Robert B. Snow
 AUDITOR ----- James B. Freeburn
 DIRECTORS for
 3 years ----- Richard A. Dow
 Frank S. Knapp

President Dow was not a candidate for re-election owing to the pressure of private business.

When the chair asked for other nominations, Mr. Stanley Sumner nominated Mr. Benjamin F. Olken for Vice-President and it was duly seconded. There were no other nominations and the secretary was directed to cast one ballot for each of these positions and the following were duly declared elected:

PRESIDENT - - - - - Robert I. Slate
 VICE-PRESIDENT * * * * -
 SECRETARY - - - - - N. Russell Cazmay
 TREASURER - - - - - Robert B. Snow
 AUDITOR - - - - - James B. Freeburn
 DIRECTORS FOR - - - - - Richard A. Dow
 3 years - - - - - Frank S. Knapp

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Ballots were then distributed by tellers
The tellers for the contest for vice-President and the result was
were:

Messrs Danahy
R. Sage
Waller
J. Malcolm

Ballots cast	65 votes
Olken received	31 votes
Sumner received	30 votes
Blanks cast	4
Total	65

Mr. Benjamin F. Olken was declared elected
Vice-President.

The business meeting was then adjourned and
we were entertained by a magician and several movie films
furnished by the courtesy of our Claus Gelotte.

we adjourned at 9.55 P.M.,

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:



April 26, 1949

At a polled meeting the Board of Directors
this evening elected the following to membership:

JH.CORCORAN & CO., INC. (P.R.Corcoran)

Department store, 16 Brattle St.
proposed by Robert B. Snow.

AMBASSADE REALTY CORP., Leon Tatevossian & Derted

Guleserian, Hotel Ambassador,
1737 Cambridge St., proposed by
Robert B. Snow

2 memberships

Polled:

Snow
Clarke
Olken
R. Sage
Slate
Cazmay


Secretary

May 18, 1949

The Board of Directors held a meeting this morning at the rooms of the Cambridge Trust Company. President Slate and Directors Clarke, Dow, Olken, Snow, Rodney Sage and Kazmay were present.

The following new member was elected:

SWANNY'S (Norman C. Swanson) restaurant, 35 Boylston St., endorsed by Albert J. Hamilton.

The following bill was approved for payment:

The Misses Littlefield, typing for Adv. Com. \$ 23.87

The Board felt that the Ambassador management should pay for the post card invitation sent to our members (\$6.88) as it would establish a bad precedent if our association paid for same.

The chair announced that there was a vacancy in the Board of Directors which could be filled by ballot at our October association meeting.

It was voted to notify the Hearing Aids Co. and Samuel Kupersmith they they would be suspended for non payment of dues unless paid up by June first next. The delinquent account of Dr. Edward A. Henry was referred to Richard Dow, that of Dr. P.F. Butler to Freelon Morris.

The Outing Committee through its Chairman Clarke reported progress on our outing to be held June 29th.

It was voted to hold all our dinner meetings the coming season at the Hotel Continental.

Standing Committees were appointed and a list of same will be found on the next page.

We adjourned at 11:40 A.M.


Secretary

STANDING COMMITTEES 1949-

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Edwin R. Sage, Chairman

George L. Dow

William L. Galvin

Joseph De Guglielmo

Francis J. Roche

Edward M. Rowe

ADVERTISING & PUBLICITY

Sumner C. Lawrence, Chairman

C. Rodney Sage

Benjamin F. Olken

Richard A. Dow

Howard A. Stockwell, Jr.

Stanley Sumner

John P. Lyons

MEMBERSHIP

Robert C. Bundy, Chairman

Dwight H. Andrews

Leslie C. Read

John R. Joyce

Orman F. Humphreys

Albert J. Hamilton

SPEAKERS

Benjamin F. Olken, Chairman

Claus O. Gelotte

M. Russell Cazmay

August 24, 1949

At a polled meeting of our Board of Directors held this morning, the following new members were elected:

J. McKenna, Inc., 19 Brattle Street, radios, proposed by Richard A. Dow.

Arlace Shoe, Inc., 27 Brattle Street, Shoe Salon, proposed by Richard A. Dow.

Newcomb Baking Co., 33a Brattle Street, Bakery, proposed by Richard A. Dow.

Chipp, Inc., 9 Boylston Street, Tailors, proposed by Richard A. Dow.

Directors polled:

Dow
Snow
Knapp
Cazmay


Secretary

September 7, 1949

President Slate and your Secretary met with other Presidents and Secretaries with the City Manager at his office this afternoon to discuss helping the Harvard Band to finance its trip to the football game with Stanford.

It was finally agreed that the City Manager would send a letter to the members of the various civic organizations, with the approval of the Boards of Directors, asking those so inclined to contribute.

The following Directors were polled and approved the sending of this letter;

Robert L. Slate
Robert B. Snow
Frank S. Knapp
Benjamin F. Olken
N. Russell Cazmay


Secretary

October 14, 1949

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held this morning at the rooms of the Cambridge Trust Company.

President Slate and Directors Clarke, Phippen, Snow, Knapp, Olken, R. Sage, E.R. Sage, Cazmay were present.

The following bills were approved for payment:

Powell Printing Co., 2000 letterheads	\$ 75.00
200 due cards	11.00
300 bills	6.00
The Misses Littlefield, Aune typing	14.14
Derby, Jeweler, Inc., engraving a golf cups	3.45

The treasurer was authorized to pay the \$ 2.00 annual fee to the state.

The secretary was authorized to approve all dinner bills for the current term.

It was voted to have the secretary write to Mr. Edward N. Wyner, the owner of the frame business block in the square, asking him to consider painting his building with a view to better improve the general appearance of the square.

The new traffic regulations were discussed and it was the general opinion that should Boylston^{Street} be permanently made a one-way street that parking should be allowed on both sides of the street. A letter to this effect was read from Richard Dow to this effect.

Preparations for Xmas decorations were discussed and Mr. Olken was asked to bring this matter before the members at our October dinner meeting.

October 14, 1949

The matter of having the stores open one night a week was brought up by Mr. Rodney Sage and he is to bring same before the members at the October meeting.

Mr. Howard Stockwell, of our Advertising Committee was present and explained the progress made with the proposed map to be distributed in the city and the surrounding towns.

We adjourned at 11:40 A.M.


Secretary

October 31, 1949

The Board of Directors met this morning at the rooms of the Cambridge Trust Company. President Slate and Directors Rodney Sage, Dow, Snow, Phippen, Olken, Knapp and Cazmay.

The Board went on record unanimously as being opposed to further commercializing the platform around the entrance to the Harvard Square Subway entrance and it was voted to so notify the City Manager.

It was voted to purchase a \$10.00 ticket to the Cambridge Press banquet.

Christmas decorating in the square was discussed with more action to be taken at our next directors meeting.

It was voted to send a letter of welcome to Corcoran's and also to others as they start a new business in the square

We adjourned at 11,45 A.M.


Secretary

October 18, 1949

The first meeting of the association for the coming season was held this evening at the Hotel Continental with a splendid attendance of 105 members and guests.

President Slate presided and Mr. Robert Snow kindly offered to act as Secretary owing to the necessary absence of your truly and your secretary herewith expresses appreciation.

The President greeted the members after dinner and announced that since last we met, two of our members had passed away, Messrs. Merton L. Garfield and Walter S. Cooledge, and asked those present arise for a moment of silence.

There being no business meeting at our June Outing there were no records read.

Several new members were introduced and a review of the meeting of our Board of Directors was read.

Mr. Sumner Lawrence, Chairman of the Advertising Committee, reported for his committee, and the maps about to be circulated were distributed at each table.

The matter of decorating for Christmas was brought up by Mr. Ben Ulken. President Galgay of the Central Square Business Men's Association was present and told how his association functioned last year and the City Manager promised that the City would bear a good portion of the expense.

Uniform night opening of the stores in the square was advocated by Mr. Rodney Sage and others.

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Mr. Fred Stockwell spoke briefly of the local Community Fund Drive and urged cooperation.

Many candidates seeking public office this fall were present and introduced.

The business session was adjourned and the Chair introduced our guest speakers, Mayor Michael J. Neville and city manager John B. Atkinson. The latter had as his subject, "Cambridge -- How I see it for the future". A question period followed.

Through the courtesy of Messrs. Joyce and Lyon of the Gulf Refining Co., and Claus Gelotte, a movie film on the study of oil was shown.

We adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Secretary

November 4, 1949

The Board of Directors held a meeting this morning at the rooms of the Cambridge Trust Company. President Slate and Directors Snow, Clarke, E.R. Sage, Olken, Phippen, Dow and Cazmay were present.

The following bill was approved for payment:

The Misses Littlefield, Advertising Com.	15.98
Oct. 18 meeting	9.71
Harvard Band	2.38

The following new members were elected:

DR. EDWARD J. OBRIEN, Chiropracist, 1416 Mass. Avenue,
proposed by Benjamin F. Olken.
DR. GEORGE M. COHEN, Optometrist, 1416 Mass. Avenue,
proposed by Benjamin F. Olken.

CRIMSON GARAGE & SERVICE STATION, Arthur V. Houllahan,
49 Boylston St., proposed by
Benjamin F. Olken.

E. WALLACE PYNE, 1384 Mass. Avenue, C.P.A., proposed
by Bradlee F. Clarke.

It was voted to send a letter of welcome to J.H. Corcoran & Co. and wish this enterprising concern a long and prosperous existence in Harvard Square.

Mr. Edgar Davis, our City Engineer was present, and explained the present rotary traffic which he said was recommended by the state experts including one way traffic on Boylston Street.

The Board went on record as opposed to any further one way streets in this area.

It was also voted to write to the City Manager asking him to consider the advisability of moving all busses to the College Yard side for loading and unloading and also to prohibit through trailer trucks from going through the square.

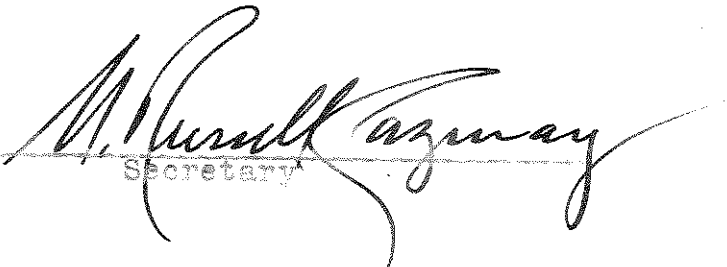
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The Board also favored parking on both sides of
Boylston Street, if this street is to have one way traffic.

President Slate then announced the sad news
that former President Frank S. Knapp had passed away.
we stood in silence and then adjourned the meeting.

Adjourned at 11.50 A.M.


Secretary

November 21, 1949

A meeting of our Board of Directors was held this morning at the rooms of the Cambridge Trust Company. President Slate and Directors Olken, Clarke, Phippen, Snow, Dow, Calvin, Rodney Sage and Cazmay were present. Messrs Finn, James Brine, Jr., Goss and Hamilton were also present.

The matter of Christmas decorations in the square was discussed and it was finally voted to spend from \$ 2000.00 to \$ 2300.00 on same.

The following bills were approved for payment:

Hotel Continental, November dinner meeting (65)	\$ 136.50
Leavitt & Peirce, Inc., " " " smokes	13.19
Misses Littlefield, November typing	17.03
Powell Printing Co., 1500 env. for secy & treas.	58.30

It was voted to form a retail committee within our organization and Mr. Rodney Sage was appointed the chairman with authority to appoint his own committee. This committee is to consider the various problems of the retailers in the square.

A letter was read from Ames Taylor Esq. of Belmont, protesting against the new rotary traffic in Harvard Square, and the present loading and unloading of the buses.

We adjourned at 11:50 A.M.


Secretary

November 15, 1949

The November meeting of the association was held this evening with dinner at the hotel Continental. There were 65 members and guests present.

It was announced that owing to illness at home President Slate would not be present and Vice-President Olken presided at the business session.

Since our last meeting, it was announced that Mr. Frank S. Knapp, a former President and present Director had passed away, and the chair asked that those present arise for a moment of silence. Mr. Knapp was one of the strong bullworks of this association and his loss will be greatly felt. Records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Several new members were introduced and the secretary read a review of the meeting of our Board of Directors.

A report of progress was made by our Christmas Decorations Committee and it was announced that definite action would be taken at the Directors meeting to be held on November 21st.

The new traffic regulations in the square were discussed and Police Chief King explained that his department only enforced the law and had nothing to do in making this drastic change.

Mr. Arthur P. McLellan, manager of the Division of Unemployment Security, was then introduced and he told of the facilities that his office had to offer.

December 6, 1949

It was voted to send a post card to the retail members of our association recommending that the stores remain open evenings starting December 12 thru Dec. 23.

It was also voted to pay B.D. Goss the sum of One Thousand Dollars on account of the Christmas decorations in the square.

Directors polled were

Robert I. Slate
Benjamin F. Olken
Robert B. Snow
N. Russel Cazmay


Secretary

December 28, 1949

The following were elected to membership this
day:

INT UNIVERSITY TRAVEL CO. 18 Brattle Street, Mr. ^{IRVING} Hedtler, Mgr.,
endorsed by Richard A. ^ADow

MCCLOSKEY & HARTY, Real estate & insurance, Geo. W. Behlen,
4 Brattle St.-- endorsed by James B. Freeburn

J. HENRY QUINN, Real estate & insurance, 1384 Mass. Avenue,
endorsed by Robert B Snow

INT COMMONWEALTH LAUNDRY CO., Hiram P. Brower, Pres., 348
Franklin St., endorsed by Karl F. Becker

EDWARD W. WILKINSON, Mgrs. Liggett Drugs, 1310 Mass. Avenue,
endorsed by Robert I. Slate

INT D.C. LOVEYS COMPANY, contractors, 1430 Mass. Avenue,
endorsed by Robert B. Snow

GOLD COAST VALETARIA, Benjamin Jacobson, 30 Plympton St.,
endorsed by Robert B. Snow

CAPPY'S, Italo Capasso, shoe repairing, 2 Dunster Street,
endorsed by Harry R. Andrews.

The following Directors were polled by the
secretary:

Directors Slate
Snow
Olken
Clarke
Dow
Phippen
Cazmay


Secretary