

### THIRD SESSION

Friday, April 28, 1950, at 10:00 a.m.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting reconvened at ten o'clock a. m., President Hudson presiding.

President HUDSON. In opening the meeting this morning, I am sure you would like me to read a greeting from the Australian Government. This letter from His Excellency, the Australian Ambassador, was received only this morning.

*27th April, 1950.*

Dear Mr. Hudson,

On the occasion of the Forty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law, I have been asked to convey greetings from the Australian Government.

The Australian Government wishes to congratulate the Society on the theme it has chosen for what might be termed a mid-century conference. The high repute of the Society throughout many lands is in itself a guarantee that its deliberations will give a useful lead in the efforts being made to promote international justice through law.

May I take this opportunity of expressing my personal regards and good wishes to you.

Yours very sincerely,

[Signed] NORMAN MAKIN

*Ambassador*

President HUDSON. Forty-four years go on and we must expect that time will take its toll. I ask you all to rise while the Secretary reads the list of our departed members.

#### *In Memoriam*

GEORGE M. VON ALEXICH, of Washington, D. C., a member since 1947, died July 15, 1949.

FANNIE FERN ANDREWS, of Boston, Massachusetts, a member since 1922, died January 23, 1950.

RANDOLPH E. BELL, of Miami, Florida, a member since 1944, died August 4, 1949.

THOMAS C. BURKE, of Buffalo, New York, a member since 1933, died January 18, 1950.

FREDERICK W. CRAWFORD, of San Francisco, California, a member since 1943, died in July, 1949.

EARL WILLIS CRECRAFT, of Kent, Ohio, a member since 1933, died March 31, 1950.

EARL I. DOTY, of York, Nebraska, a member since 1947, died March 25, 1949.

HENRY M. FROMAGEOT, of Le Chesnay, France, an honorary member since 1924, died in 1949.

G. L. P. GRANT-SUTTIE, of Toronto, Canada, a member since 1934, died in 1949.

HUGER W. JERVEY, of New York City, a member since 1947, died in July, 1949.

HOWARD S. LEROY, of Washington, D. C., Treasurer of the Society, and a member since 1921, died July 30, 1949.

WILLIAM DRAPER LEWIS, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a member since 1947, died in September, 1949.

JAMES B. LICHTENBERGER, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a member since 1948, died July 7, 1949.

DAVID MARCUS, of Brooklyn, New York, a member since 1947, died June 10, 1948.

CHARLES F. POTTER, of Pasadena, California, a member since 1907, died in December, 1949.

PHILIP J. WICKSER, of Buffalo, New York, a member since 1933, died in August, 1949.

Secretary DUMBAULD. That completes the list. May they rest in peace.

President HUDSON. We shall miss them.

The next item on our agenda today is the consideration of certain amendments to the Society's Constitution. These amendments have been duly published in the JOURNAL. The first amendment is to Article 3 of the Constitution, and I will ask the Secretary to read it. Please read the original article.

Secretary DUMBAULD. "On the nomination of two members in regular standing new members may be elected by the Executive Council acting under such rules and regulations as it may prescribe. Annual members shall pay dues of five dollars and shall thereupon become entitled to all privileges of the Society including copies of the *American Journal of International Law* issued during the year. Upon failure to pay dues for one year a member may in the discretion of the Executive Council be suspended or dropped from membership."

President HUDSON. The proposal is to amend Article 3 of the Constitution by omitting the words "of five dollars" and substituting therefor the words "as the Executive Council shall determine."

There is a somewhat general feeling among those who handle our finances that in line with most other organizations of this kind in the country, the Executive Council may wish to increase the dues of members; for my part, I hope the increase will not be a large one.

This amendment will confer a power on the Executive Council to determine the amount of dues instead of it being fixed at five dollars.

Is there any discussion of the amendment?

Dr. HERBERT W. BRIGGS. Does this apply merely to the annual membership or does it apply to student memberships and the various categories?