

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Board of Directors
May 10, 1915.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, held in Room 521, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on the 10th day of May, 1915, at four o'clock, pursuant to notice.

Present: Dr. Spingarn, Dr. Waller, Dr. Sinclair, Mr. Kennaday, Mr. Arthur Spingarn, Mr. Studin, Dr. Jones, Dr. Du Bois, Mr. Bishop, Miss Nerney.

Dr. Spingarn presided.

Regrets from: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Loud, Mr. Grimke, Dr. Cardozo, Mr. Villard, Mr. Walling, Dr. Holmes, Miss Ovington.

Voted to approve Minutes of last meeting of Board.

Report of the Chairman, Dr. Spingarn:

Dr. Spingarn reported on the Association's activity against the moving picture play "The Birth of a Nation," a full account of which will be given in the June number of the Crisis, and then presented the proposal of the Universal Film Company, of which the Board has already been advised. Discussion. Voted that the Chairman appoint a committee of three to hear the scenario offered by the Company. Voted further that if the Committee should approve this scenario it shall be empowered to use all possible means of cooperating with the picture company short of recommending a financial investment.

Report accepted.

Report of the Treasurer, Mr. Villard:

In the absence of Mr. Villard in Washington Miss Nerney read the Treasurer's report.

Report accepted and placed on file.

Report of the Director of Publications and Research, Dr. Du Bois:

Dr. Du Bois reported as follows:

"I have been absent during the month of April for a rest in Jamaica.

The business of the CRISIS has gone on very well indeed. The total income for the month outside of the payment of the Association for the publication of the annual report was over \$2000. We are apparently approaching the place where we can see the wiping out of our indebtedness, although the summer depression will affect us somewhat.

The Committee recommends that Dayton and Columbus, O., where there are active groups be chartered as branches.

The Committee recommends that the applications of Lincoln University for admission as a College Chapter, and of St. Augustine, Fla., for admission as a branch, pending investigations being made in regard to them, be referred back to the Committee with power. Attention was called to the white membership included in the group making application from St. Augustine.

The Branch Committee recommended that Butte, Montana, and Walla Walla, Wash., be authorized to work as provisional committees with the understanding that if successful they be later chartered as branches.

Voted to accept the recommendations of the Branch Committee and to charter immediately the following branches: Cairo, Ill., Carbondale, Ill., Evansville, Ill., Jacksonville, Ill., Peoria, Ill., Terre Haute, Ind., Twin City (Champaign and Urbana) Ill., Vincennes, Ind., Dayton and Columbus, O.; to authorize the groups in Danville, Ill., Mounds, Ill., Butte, Montana, Walla Walla, Wash., to act as provisional committees with the understanding that if they are successful they be chartered as branches at the end of a year; to refer the application for a College Chapter at Lincoln University, Chester Co., Pa., and of St. Augustine, Fla., for recognition as a branch to the Branch Committee with power.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Chairman, Board of Directors.

Secretary.

DAYTON NAACP CHAPTER--FOUNDED ON FEBRUARY 9, 1915

Colored Citizens Have Organized

Dayton colored citizens Tuesday night effected a permanent branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The meeting was held at Zion church. The following officers were elected: J. C. Farrow, president; M. H. Jones, vice president; W. O. Stokes, secretary; Miss L. M. Troy, treasurer; Rev. R. T. James, chaplain; Dr. B. A. Rose, Charles Price, W. D. Chamberlain, F. R. Rike, E. C. Harley, Rabbi David Lefkowitz, Rev. E. E. Thompson, Mrs. Julia Carnell and Mrs. C. H. Kumler were chosen members of an executive committee.

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DATA ABOUT DAYTON NAACP OFFICERS

- ** James C. Farrow-- Letter Carrier for U.S. Postal Service
- ** Moses H. Jones--- Leading Colored Lawyer in entire state of Ohio
- ** William O. Stokes-Local Colored Lawyer and father of Rembert Stokes.
- ** Rev. Robert James-Local Colored minister.
- ** Charles Price-----Colored Cement contractor and businessman.
- ** W.D. Chamberlain--Caucasian businessman
- ** Frederick Rike-----CO-Owner of Rike's Department store.
- ** E.C. Harley-----President of E.C.Harley Company.
- ** Rabbi David Lefkowitz--Leading Jewish leader.
- ** Rev. E.E. Thompson-----Caucasian minister.
- ** Mrs. Julia Carnell-----Wealthy caucasian and philanthropist.
- ** Mrs. Charles S. Kumler-Wife of CO-Owner of Rike-Kumler Department Store.