

# The Welsh National Gymnastfa Ganu Association, Inc.

FOUNDED 1929

ANNUAL MEETING  
SATURDAY AUGUST 30, 1997  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
9:00 A.M.

Welcome given by Dr. Cerwyn Davies, President

Call to order by the President

In view of the fact, the board has examined the Secretary's minutes and found them in order, a motion was made by Marian Edwards to accept the minutes as written. Hedd Wyn Williams seconded. Motion passed.

Nancy Miller, Treasurer announced the following: due to circumstances beyond her control she was unable to give her completed report. Her recent move to a new location combined with a severe storm causing a power delay and telephones out have made it impossible for a last minute report to be compiled. However, the auditor has submitted an accurate report of cash receipts and disbursements distributed. Robert Penry, auditor verified to the board at yesterday's meeting, that the report is accurate with no financial error. Distribution of this comparative statement and cash disbursement sheet was made available to the membership and subsequently reviewed. A new report will be sent to the executive director and the president as soon as she returns home and has her computer working. Nancy extended her apology to the board and membership.

President Davies, verified the fact that the Auditor, Robert Penry had addressed the board yesterday and assured the board that everything is correct as far as the money is concerned. Marian Matthews moved to accept the Auditor's report. Seconded by Gladys Williams. Motion passed.

Executive Director's report given by Nelson Llewellyn. Report included an overview of the many duties performed annually by the director. Director Llewellyn, mentioned that many of his duties are performed daily with many telephone calls coming to his home. He thanked his wife Betty, for being his personal secretary and taking many of these messages. The many mailings were explained in detail. Nelson thanked for board for the approval and purchase of a copy machine. This has proved to be quite helpful. Nelson reported on the work done with the various venue committees throughout the year. The Utica committee submitted a check for \$6,815.30 which was 50% of the proceeds. The director reported the following venue dates are confirmed:

1998 Columbus  
1999 Minneapolis  
2000 Ottawa

Meetings attended were the mid-year meeting in April, in Ottawa, Canada. The Long Range Planning Committee meeting in July in Columbus, Ohio. While there we were able to meet with the

Columbus Venue chairpeople. Nelson gave a report on the hymnal inventory. Remaining inventory:

Reformatted hymnal 1,160

Jubilee hymnal 530

Phonetic book 20

Large size reformatted 13

The board has approved the second printing of the reformatted hymnal. 5000 additional will be ordered. The board also approved an additional 75 large size reformatted hymnals

Nelson went on to explain how his term expires tomorrow. After much consideration, Nelson has decided not to remain in this capacity for another three years. However, he did explain to the board yesterday, that he would like to serve one more year in order to work with the Columbus, Ohio venue people.

The membership sang, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and then President Cerwyn Davies, asked Hedd Wyn Williams to give a prayer of thanksgiving for Nelson and to bless the W.N.G.G.A as we search for a replacement.

Roy Morris made a motion to accept Nelson's report and Bryan Jones seconded. Motion carried.

1997 Venue Report given by Arline Barsamian

Welcomed All!

1600 Registrations

Women's Welsh Clubs of America greetings were extended by Kathy Lloyd. Kathy told about the Welsh Home for the Aged, in Rocky River, Ohio and suggested that possibly some of the women form a club and join the organization.

President Davies asked Kathy to convey how grateful W.N.G.G.A. is for all that they do.

N.W.A.F. greetings extended by Tom Gable, President. Tom suggested that some day shortly maybe we could hold a Gymanfa in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Wales International report given by Bryan Jones, Secretary of Wales International. Reported on date and time changes for the Eisteddfod. Thanked all who sent letters to Cardiff, in this regard. Next year we will celebrate 50 years as an organization. Bryan thanked Nelson for all the help he has given him.

Credentials Committee report given by David Williams, chairman

Today in attendance:

72 Life Members

8 Organizations

Total attendance: 80

Nominating committee report given by Jack Lewis, chairman other members of committee are Ellis Jones and Don Mills.

Nomination for Board of Trustees Positions:

Canada  
Edward Field, Toronto, Ontario

Eastern United States  
Olwen Joyce Anderson, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania  
Joan Owen Mandry, Lisbon, Ohio  
Barbara Morgan, Baltimore, Maryland

Western United States  
Jack Nesbitt, Kansas City, Missouri  
Alan Upshall, Bothell, Washington

No nominations from the floor were given.

Roy Morris made a motion to accept the nominating committee recommendations. Myfanwy Davies, seconded. Motion passed.

Jack Lewis, speaking on behalf of the board, said that Nelson Llewellyn's wish to stay on for one year, would be granted.

Certificates of appreciation were given by President Davies, to Marian Matthews and Roy Morris, both of whom have served six years on the board.

Scholarship Committee Report given by chairman Phillips Davies. Jack Nesbitt made a motion to accept Phillips report and Ian Morris, seconded. Motion passed.

Auditors for Coming Year:

Joan Owen Mandry moved we use the same auditors - Robert Penry and Jason Moore. Roy Morris, seconded. Motion passed.

Niagara Falls 2004

President Cerwyn announced that we will be going back to Niagara Falls in the year 2004. This was where our very first Gymanfa was held and it will be our 75th year anniversary.

Past President Pins:

President Davies, called for five past presidents to come forward to receive their pins.

1. Doug Jones
2. David Mandry
3. Jack Lewis
4. Ellis Jones
5. Dave Thomas

Lapel pins were pinned on by President Cerwyn Davies.

President Cerwyn announced the following committee members to determine the selection of the new Executive Director. Committee shall consist of:

- Jack Lewis, immediate past president
- Cerwyn Davies, current president
- Col. Al Reese, current vice president

A paper describing details of the position will be made available, and a description will be printed in HWYL. Applicants must apply by the end of this calendar year. Selection will be made at the mid-year meeting in April. This information will also be published in the two Welsh newspapers.

Vice President Al Reese, asked for information for the history of the W.N.G.G.A. Please submit any humorous anticdotes, pictures or interesting information that may be of interest. Three programs are still needed:

1929

1938

1972

All donations will be returned.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

President Cerwyn Davies, asked for comments from the floor.

Doug Jones commented on some of the interesting things done by George Bundy, when he served as secretary (this title later changed to executive director).

David Williams, Chardon, Ohio appealed to everyone to please refer to the new executive director as Nelson's successor and not his replacement because someone may succeed him but no one can replace him. Applause from membership, found them in agreement.

National Library of Wales would like photocopies of the original minutes of various Welsh societies, to be put on display in the National Library Appeal made by Bryan Jones.

Article 2 of our constitution:

Roy Morris asked us to read this and not become overly involved in politics. Roy feels we should strive to continue the religious and cultural part of Wales.

President Cerwyn Davies reminded board members of their meeting Sunday morning at 7:00 A.M. in the Crystal Room.

Meeting closed with a prayer by Hedd Wyn Williams.

Respectfully submitted,

Lavina Williams Proverbs  
Secretary