AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
Central States Branch

Minutes of the Twenty-second
Annual Business meeting held at
Indianapolis, May 18, 1946

The twenty-second annual meeting of
the Central States Branch of the
American Anthropological Association
was called to order at 9:10 a.m.,
May 18, 1946, at the Hotel Lincoln in
Indianapolis. Twenty-five members were
present, with Dr. Leslie A. White
presiding in the absence of President
Wilson D. Wallis.

The report of the secretary was
accepted as read. It indicated that
there are 85 active members in the CSB
and 1 associate member.

The report of the treasurer was
divided into two parts. The first
covered the period from May 9, 1942, to
February 8, 1946, when there was a cash
balance of $346.15. The second covered
the period from February 8, 1946, to
May 18, 1946, this being the period when
Mr. Lessa functioned as treasurer;
there was a cash balance of $315.15.
Each part of the report was accepted as
read.

The report of the Resolutions Com-mittee
was read by Mrs. June Collins. It
thanked the Indiana State Historical
Society, particularly the local arrange-
ments committee, consisting of Messrs.
Weer, Lilly, and Black, for its kind
hospitality as hosts; the Society for
American Archaeology, for its support in
arranging the joint meetings, and Mr.
Whitesford and Mr. Lessa for their work
as secretary-treasurer during the four
years since 1942.

A motion was passed to accept the
invitation of the University of Michigan
and the Museum for the CSB to hold its
next meeting at Ann Arbor. No date was
set for the meeting, pending arrange-
ments.

At the annual meeting of the Central
States Branch, A.A.A., held at Indiana-
polis on May 18, 1946, a motion was
passed authorizing the publication of
a bulletin that would present news and
other items of particular interest to
anthropologists in this area. It was
agreed that this publication should be
distributed without extra charge to
paid up members of the CSB; and should
be available to other subscribers at
the rate of $1.00 per annum. Dr.
Mischa Titiev, of the University of
Michigan, was elected editor.

Although no precise plans have yet
been formulated, it is understood that
the new bulletin will have a somewhat
wider scope than the C.A.S. product
which it replaces, and of which it is
a logical descendant. Priority will be
given to summaries of research or field
work in progress, abstracts of doctoral
or master's theses, announcements of
new projects, digests of pronouncements
by visiting celebrities, and brief
discussions of any other anthropologi-
tical topics of general interest. It is
also planned to have a guest column
from time to time, and to include
short news items and comments pertain-
ing to the doings of the membership.

The first issue of the bulletin is
hopefully scheduled for early October,
1946, and subsequent issues will
probably appear bi-monthly. The
opening number will contain a list of
associate editors and a definite state-
ment of editorial policy. In the mean-
time, typewritten contributions may be
submitted by any member to Dr. Mischa
Titiev, 405 Mason Hall, University of
Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. The
more material that is sent in before
October, the better the first number
will be.
ments to be made with the S.A.A. Dr. Sol Tax suggested that in case we are not able to meet with the latter organization that we hold the meeting in April because of the inconvenience to faculty occasioned by a late meeting. Mr. Robert E. T. Roberts raised the possibility of a monthly bulletin to be published by the CSB whose primary purpose would be the dissemination of news and opinion. Some discussion followed. Dr. Tax gave the background of events leading up to the present desire for such a publication. This arose out of the wide appeal which the mimeographed bulletin of the Chicago Anthropological Society had acquired for persons outside the organization. Mrs. June Collins proposed the following motion: "That the CSB establish an organ to present news, reports of meetings, brief discussions, and such other matter as its editorial board should deem appropriate in the interests of anthropology in the central states; that the CSB elect an editor, who, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint associate editors representing the different fields of anthropology and the various institutions of the area. The editor and associate editors shall together constitute the editorial board. This publication shall be distributed to members and associate members as part of the privileges of membership." The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Keyes read the following recommendations of the Nominating Committee for the various offices:

President
1st Vice-Pres. 2nd Vice-Pres. Secretary-Treas.
Fred Egan Georg Neumann George Quimby
Exec. Committee
Melville Herskovits T. M. N. Lewis Leslie A. White

A motion made by Dr. Cole to accept the nominations was unanimously carried. Dr. Tax nominated Dr. Mischa Titiev to edit the new bulletin. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Lessa suggested that a membership drive be conducted on an informal basis by the various universities and institutions in the central states. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

WILLIAM A. LESSA
Secretary-Treasurer