The Organizational Meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden, Del.

The organizational meeting of the Town Assembly of Arden, Del. was held at 8:00 P.M. on August 30, 1943 at the Guild Hall, Arden. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and Senior Trustee H. D. Ware who asked that the minutes of a previous meeting, which was called by the Trustees of Arden, be read. The minutes were read and approved.

Mr. Ware announced that the purpose of the meeting was to select the committees as provided for in the By-Laws and to discuss the By-Laws. He said that he thought it would be better to expedite business by electing the committees and assembly secretary first, by nominating the candidates for the Board of Assessors second, and by discussing the By-Laws last. The Chairman stated that he planned to call for nominations for all of the offices first so that all of the ballots could be cast upon calling the roll ~~call~~ once.

The Chairman called for nominations for the Registration Committee, three to be elected. Wm. Frank nominated Edward Downs, Robert P. Woolery, and Carolyn Liberman. Louis Marmorstein nominated Sylvan Levy, Mary

Morley, and Sam Freemon. It was moved and seconded that nominations be closed.

Mr. Marmorstein requested that someone who knew the different people in Arden should give out the ballots. Mr. Aughey made the statement that ballots had been passed around and that it was recommended that people vote them. Mr. Pressman made a motion that written ballots only be accepted. The motion was seconded. Chairman Ware asked for discussion of the motion. Mr. Wood stated that everyone knew that both of the factions involved had passed printed ballots around and that he didn't see that it made any difference whether or not the printed ballots were used. The Chairman asked for a counting of heads on the above motion. Approximately ninety-one were in favor of it and seventy-one were against it.

The Chairman called for nominations for the Budget Committee. Robert Bloodwell nominated Earl Brooks, Frances Harrison, John Page, Carl Karlsson & Sigmund Schorr. Louis Marmorstein nominated I. B. Finkelstein, John Broeker, Thomas Farrell, Meyer Pressman, and Earl Missimer.

Mr. Frank commented that on August 29 Mr. Finkelstein had called him to tell him that he

would not run for a position on the Budget Committee. Mr. Frank then read a letter from Mr. Finkelstein which stated that he did ~~did~~ not wish to run for a position on the committee.

Mr. Karlsson moved that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and carried.

The chairman called for nominations for the Civic Committee. Mr. Marmorstein asked for the floor and said, "Before we proceed I would like to point out that our opponents have been extended the courtesy of making nominations first. Can we have the privilege of making the next nominations first?" The chairman replied that he would recognize the first person to obtain his attention. Mr. Marmorstein was asked who he represented and he said, "The Old Arden Good and Welfare Committee".

Mr. Marmorstein nominated John Gordon, George Morley, Robert Bloodwell, Herman Kunnde, and Woodrow Vandever. Mr. Frank nominated Robert Bloodwell, William McClure, Robert Jolson, Ethel Endres, and Katherine Borbers. It was moved and seconded that nominations be closed.

The chairman called for nominations for the Community Planning Committee. Pat Liberman

nominated Sam Harrison, Rebecca Braunstein, Marcus Renzetti, Edith Ware, and Amy Smolens. Mr. Marmorstein nominated Eva Santee, Linneaus Hoopes, Dora Missimer, Edith Ware, and Warren Hambly. Mrs. Braunstein declined the nomination. It was moved and seconded that nominations be closed.

The chairman called for nominations for Assembly Secretary. Sam Freeman nominated Russell Peterson, Sam Harrison nominated Marcia Sinclair. It was moved and seconded that nominations be closed.

Mr. Bosse asked that nominations be re-opened for Assembly Secretary. The previous motion was withdrawn. Mr. Bosse said due to George Morley's long and faithful service in Arden as Town Clerk he wished to nominate Mr. Morley. Mr. Morley declined and the nominations were closed.

Chairman Ware appointed Dr. Joffe, Mr. Billerbeck, Mr. Hurlong and Mr. Burrison to act as tellers and Mrs. Gerstine to write down the nominations on the board.

The chairman called attention to the fact that they would call the roll from a list of the residents of Arden which was as accurate as they could make it and that

anyone could challenge another person on their right to vote if he thought that that person was ineligible. The question arose as to who would be considered an eligible voter. It was pointed out that the definition of a resident would be taken from the By-Laws - Article I, Section I. The roll was called by Mr. Gerstine and the votes were cast.

Mr. Green's eligibility to vote was challenged on the basis that he had not lived in his home the specified time. Mr. Frank stated that he thought Mr. Green should be allowed to vote. Mr. Green was allowed to vote.

The chairman asked for nominations for the Board of Assessors. Mr. ~~Frank~~ Sam Harrison nominated William Frank, Victor Lance, William Ford, Clement Wood, Cy Liberman, Miriam Hetzel, and Henry Smolens. Mr. Levy nominated H. J. Pressman, John Broecker, Frank Harrison, Louis Marmorstein, A. S. Watson, Thomas Farrell, and Earl Brooks. It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. It was pointed out that these nominations would be turned over to the Registration Committee which will prepare a referendum ballot that will be sent to the residents of Arden.

The chairman asked for a report from the Committee on By-Laws. Mr. Sam Freeman, chairman of the committee, reported that the By-Laws Committee started out as a group of five but with the whole-hearted cooperation of Trustee Ware and Cohen it soon found itself to be a committee of seven. Mr. Freeman stated that the results of their efforts were the By-Laws which have been submitted and that these By-Laws represent the best efforts of the group, trustee and By-Laws Committee included, possible within the time at their disposal. Mr. Freeman further stated that it was the committee's hope and desire that the past differences and factualism disappear and that we build anew to live in peace and in anticipation of better times to come.

Trustee Cohen took charge of the meeting to handle the discussion of the By-Laws and asked whether it was necessary to go over the By-Laws paragraph by paragraph. It was moved and seconded that the By-Laws be adopted as a whole. Mr. H. J. Pressman said that there might be a few changes made in the By-Laws if they were discussed and asked that the motion be withdrawn. It was withdrawn.

A suggestion was made that the Budget Committee which

was to be elected in October be ~~moved~~ elected in July or August. Chairman Ware pointed out that if such a thing were done the Committee would go out of office before it had submitted its budget to the Town Assembly. He suggested that in the future we arrange for a By-Laws Committee to consider such changes in the By-Laws.

Mr. Gelatine referring to Article II - Section 1 asked why the winter residents were allowed to hold only one meeting, the one in October, and moved that meetings also be held in January and April. Mrs. Frankel said that she thought that the winter residents should have more meetings if they want them. Mr. Morley stated that past experience had shown that it was extremely difficult to obtain a quorum at winter meetings but that he thought if the meeting night were changed from Saturday to a week-day that better attendance would result. Mrs. Berkowitz suggested that the meetings be held on some other night than Monday because of Library and Gardeners Guild. Mr. Gerstine moved that meetings be held at 8:30 P.M. on the fourth Monday of June, July, and August and of

the fourth Tuesday of October January, and April. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Gerstine stated that the most important committee was the Board of Assessors and that he thought that a separate copy of all of their proceedings should be turned over to the trustees. Mr. Aughey said that he didn't see the necessity of doing so. Mr. Pressman pointed out that Article IV - Section 3 - subsection e of the By-Laws thoroughly covered the above request.

Mr. Levy asked that there be no amendments to the By-Laws. Chairman Ware stated that since the meeting had voted for the amendment changing the number of meetings that he thought that the By-Laws containing this amendment should be submitted to the people. A motion to this effect was made, seconded, and carried.

Mr. Cohen stated that if any provision in the By-Laws conflicts with the Deed of Trust or with the contracts which the trustees have made with the leaseholders that the conflicting provision becomes null and void.

The tellers reported the results of the vote on the Registration Committee. The vote was as follows:

Mary Morley	106	votes
Sylvan Levy	101	"
Robert P. Woolery	95	"
Samuel Freeman	94	"
Edward L. Owens	89	"
Pat Liberman	84	"

Mr. Frank stated that the aim of the Good and Welfare Committee of Arden was to organize the little corps of people who have hung around the fringe of the old Town meetings and that this organization believed that the fundamental charter is the Deed of Trust and that it would support candidates who are for a progressive Arden.

A motion was made and seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion was carried.

Signed: Katherine S. Bowers

Witnessed: Russell W. Peterson