MEETING #222

Upon written request of six Board members, a special meeting of the State Board of Higher Education was held on May 29, 1953 in the Council Room of the Portland State Extension Center building.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the President of the Board, Edgar W. Smith, and on roll call the following answered present:

George F. Chambers  
Leif S. Finseth  
Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge

Cheryl S. MacNaughton  
William E. Walsh  
Edgar W. Smith

Absent: Henry F. Cabell, A. S. Grant, and Herman Oliver.

Others Present: Chancellor Charles D. Byrne

DISCUSSION OF POSITION OF VICE-CHANCELLOR AND SEC. OF BOARD

President Smith reported that the nominees for the position of Vice-Chancellor and Secretary of the Board had been screened from about a dozen names to two men who had been interviewed by Board members. He also stated that, in addition to studying the educational and administrative records of the two men and the letters of recommendation from leading educators, individual Board members had made inquiries into their qualifications.

Following a complete discussion of the qualifications of the two men interviewed for the position, the Board unanimously voted to elect Dr. John R. Richards to the position of Vice-Chancellor and Secretary of the Board, at an annual salary of $12,500, yearly tenure, with the rank of Professor.

It was reported by Mr. Smith and Mr. Walsh that Mr. Grant and Mr. Oliver had expressed by phone their endorsement of Dr. Richards for the position.

The Board also authorized the Chancellor to tender the offer of the position by telephone under the terms stipulated with the understanding that Dr. Richards' appointment be effective as soon as possible. It was also agreed that if and when Dr. Richards accepted, President Smith be authorized to announce the Board action in naming Dr. Richards to the position.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Edgar W. Smith, President  
Charles D. Byrne, Secretary