

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

The fifth annual meeting of the American Name Society, first session, was held in the Statler Hotel in Washington D. C. on Thursday, December 27, 1956.

Margaret M. Bryant, vice-president, presided and called the meeting to order at 9.17 A. M. Elsdon C. Smith recorded the proceedings.

The seven papers listed in program (*Names*, September, 1956) were presented.

The results of the mail ballot were read by Mamie J. Meredith, the chairman of the Nominating Committee. The following were elected:

President	George R. Stewart
First Vice-President	Margaret M. Bryant
Second Vice-President	J. B. Rudnyékyj
Third Vice-President	T. M. Pearce
Executive Secretary and Treasurer	Fritz Kramer
Board of Managers (three year term)	E. Wallace McMullen
Editor	Jack Dabbs
Editorial Board	Madison S. Beeler
	E. C. Ehrensperger
	Elisabeth K. Gudde
	Atcheson L. Hench
	Albert H. Marckwardt
	Allen Walker Read
	Francis L. Utley

The chairman read the report of Erwin G. Gudde, retiring Executive Secretary, and also the report of Fritz Kramer, Treasurer, and same were ordered filed.

The following statement, prepared by George R. Stewart, was read by Elsdon C. Smith:

The American Name Society, in accepting the decision of Professor Erwin G. Gudde to retire from the editorship of *Names*, wishes to express its thanks and its appreciation of his services.

A long-time member of the Department of German of the University of California (Berkeley), Professor Gudde had been interested in western Americana for many years, and in 1944 undertook the systematic and comprehensive study which culminated with the publication of his *California Place Names* in 1949.

This monumental volume has been universally recognized as one of the outstanding studies of names.

Professor Gudde participated in the organization of the American Name Society in 1951, and was the chief agent in interesting the University of California Press in the publication of a journal and in obtaining a three-year grant from that University. He was the natural choice for editor of *Names*, which he established with Volume I, Number 1, for March, 1953. He has continued as editor until the present time.

It is not too much to say that *Names* is Professor Gudde's creation. Without his participation it would certainly not now have attained its present prestige, and it might well never have existed at all. He performed the arduous and tedious duties of editorship not merely conscientiously but even with a sense of dedication. He exercised his mature scholarly judgment in the selection and editing of articles, and at the same time maintained the sense that *Names* should be of some interest to the general intelligent reader and thus form a bridge between the scholarly and every-day worlds.

Professor Gudde was, however, more than an editor. He served also as Executive Secretary of the Society, thus assuming responsibility for the management of *Names*, its printing and mailing, and the maintenance of its subscription list. This last task he did not merely interpret as a clerical one, but he also went to many devices to publicize the Society and thus to stimulate interest and to obtain members. After the expiration of the period of subsidy, he made other arrangements, and managed to effect such economies that publication has still remained possible.

In these activities Professor Gudde was ably seconded by his wife, Elisabeth K. Gudde, to whom also the Society wishes to express its thanks, at the same time noting with pleasure that she continues to serve on the Editorial Board.

Professor Gudde has now attained emeritus status with the University, and so, to our loss, he has felt it better that he should also withdraw from the editorship. Happily, he retains his interest in names and in *Names*, and will be available for consultation upon editorial policies and upon other matters of concern to the Society.

This statement was ordered put into the form of a Resolution, and, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A. M.

The second session, was held in the Statler Hotel in Washington, D. C. on Thursday, December 27, 1956.

J. B. Rudnyćkyj, vice-president, presided and called the meeting to order at 12.30 P. M. Elsdon C. Smith recorded the proceedings.

Demetrius J. Georgacas was called upon and read a tribute to the late Albert Dauzat, after brief opening remarks by J. B. Rudnyćkyj.

The six papers listed in the program were presented. Levette J. Davidson's paper was read by Margaret M. Bryant in the absence of Mr. Davidson.

Demetrius J. Georgacas suggested that in the future more time be provided for the reading of papers, and also that time be given to their discussion by the members present, and this was the general opinion of those present.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 P. M.

Respectfully submitted

Elsdon C. Smith, Secretary pro tem.

On January 28, 1957, a dinner was given at the Faculty Club of the University of California in Berkeley in honor of the retiring editor of the journal, Erwin G. Gudde, by members of the Society in the San Francisco Bay area, their wives, and friends. Appropriate remarks were made by Professor C. Grant Loomis, President George R. Stewart, the Secretary-Treasurer Fritz Kramer, the toastmaster John B. Leighly, and the incoming editor. Universal assent was given to the wish that Mr. Gudde will have many happy and productive years in his retirement, and that the Society will be able to profit for many years to come from his advice and counsel.

President George R. Stewart has appointed Demetrius J. Georgacas to take charge of arranging the program at the September meeting in Madison, Wisconsin. Persons wishing to read papers should communicate with Professor Georgacas, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N. D., as soon as possible.

The editor reports with regret the death of Professor George D. Louderback, in Berkeley, California, on January 28, 1957. Professor Louderback, of the Department of Geology at the University of California, was born in San Francisco on April 6, 1874, and had a distinguished career in his chosen profession. He was one of the earliest members of the American Name Society and had taken an active interest in the Society and its journal from the beginning.