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3	19	n.d.	Report	"Minutes of The Fourth Annual Meeting of Former Members of Congress" held on 5/24/73, sent by FMOC to Fellow Members. Recorded by Dorothy Bageant, includes membership and financial reports, officer nominations. 2 pgs, front/back. 4 pgs.
3	19	07/25/1973	Newspaper	Washington-Star News clipping: "Nixon Law Office Found Lacking Historic Moment" re: California's rejection of RN's former CA office as historic landmark. Clipping taped to letter page beneath note from Rose Woods alerting "M" to news. 1 pg.



## FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

July 4, 1973

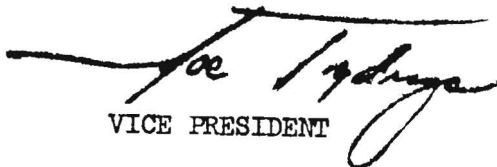
Dear Fellow-Member:

Because FMC is a new organization seeking to fill a too-long-neglected need for an "Alumni Association" of former Members of the U. S. Senate and House, your Board of Directors felt all of you would be interested in its progress and plans. Hence more complete minutes than usual were taken of discussions and actions at the annual business meeting on May 24, 1973, and a copy is enclosed. If you find any need for corrections in the minutes, please advise.

Following the letter sent you last month enclosing the Congressional Record report of our reunion on the House floor on May 24th, fifty-two additional members sent in their 1973 dues of \$25.00 - tax-deductible. We hope this letter will remind the rest of you to do the same - if you have not already done so!

This letter is our last as your outgoing officers. We believe FMC can play an increasingly satisfying role for all of us in preserving old friendships and associations, and continuing in an unofficial but important way our service to our country and to the Congress as an institution.

Sincerely,

  
VICE PRESIDENT

  
PRESIDENT

Enclosure

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MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

May 24, 1973

The Annual Meeting of FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS was called to order in Room 2200, Rayburn Building, at approximately 10:30 a.m. on May 24, 1973, Walter H. Judd (Minnesota) presiding. The minutes were recorded by Mrs. Dorothy Bageant.

Members stood individually and introduced themselves, giving their name, state, and period of service in the Congress.

The minutes of the Seventh General Business Meeting on December 7, 1972 were approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 434 persons have joined FMC, 34 have died, 17 of those within the last year, including Honorary President Lyndon B. Johnson. The names of the 17 were read and the group stood for a moment of silence in remembrance.

Letters were read from Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson in response to telegrams sent her at the time of former President Johnson's death. She expressed deep appreciation of the friendships they had formed with Members during their service in the Congress.

It was reported that 5 members have resigned, and 11 were suspended in 1972 while running for election to the House or Senate. One (Gillis Long, Louisiana) was elected to the House and, in accordance with the Bylaws, his FMC membership was automatically terminated. The other 10 were restored to membership. The total membership now is 393.

Ten members have not paid their dues for 1971, 1972, or 1973. Thirty-six more have not paid dues for 1972 or 1973. The Board of Directors at its meeting on May 3, 1973 discussed how long it should carry delinquent members on our list. The Board felt we should not hurry to cut anyone off the list, but agreed that any member who, after notice, does not pay his dues for three consecutive years must be dropped. Dr. Judd expressed the belief that in most cases the payment had simply been overlooked.

John Hansen (Iowa) remarked that FMC is a unique organization and urged that no harsh action, such as suspension of membership, be taken. Walter Riehlman (New York) suggested sending notices again to delinquent members telling them of the Board's decision. Edward Garmatz (Maryland) urged that a thorough check of addresses be made to ensure that members are getting dues notices before taking any action, perhaps sending letters registered. Pat Jennings (Virginia) suggested that FMC members who are in contact with delinquent members might talk to them and ask them to keep their memberships active. The fact that dues are tax-deductible should be stressed. It was agreed not to drop from membership any member delinquent in previous years who pays his 1973 dues. A motion was made, seconded and passed confirming the action of the Board of Directors.

FMC LAPEL PINS: Members were advised that Art Craft, Inc., maker of the FMC lapel pins, would, without charge, re-make the back of any member's pin into a stick-pin type if desired.

CERTIFICATES: All members present had received their Certificates of Service and thanks were expressed to Pat Jennings (Virginia) for his signing and sealing each Certificate as Clerk of the House. The hope was expressed that the 41 former Senators in FMC would succeed in getting the Senate leadership to authorize similar Certificates for service in that body, along with identity cards.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer Joseph W. Barr (Indiana) has appointed Mr. James F. Rogers, Vice President of American Security and Trust Company, to be in charge of

FMC's accounts. They have been audited by Price Waterhouse & Company. All members present were given a financial report as of May 15, 1973 and it was approved. On March 1, 1972, FMC had been \$3,693.21 in debt. Without expenses for rent, Executive Director, and full-time secretarial services, all bills have now been paid and FMC has almost \$11,000.00 in the bank with \$8,000.00 of it earning interest on a Certificate of Deposit.

HEADQUARTERS: In the absence of Fred Schwengel (Iowa), President of the U. S. Capitol Historical Society, Dr. Judd reported on Mr. Schwengel's proposal in January that if the USCHS Board of Directors approved, that organization might be able to share office space and part-time secretarial service with FMC, with appropriate compensation. This was not considered feasible by that Board. So a Headquarters Committee was appointed, consisting of Walter Moeller (Ohio) as Chairman, Joseph Barr (Indiana), and James Van Zandt (Pennsylvania) to seek office space for FMC on or near Capitol Hill. Mr. Moeller reported that only one suitable property has been found but the asking price is high. He understands that the Women's Congressional Club is considering sale of its clubhouse at New Hampshire and U Streets if it can find more desirable quarters. It might consider joining with FMC to secure a suitable building for both. Kenneth Roberts (Alabama) moved to authorize the Board to consult with the Women's Congressional Club on this matter and to take whatever action it decides is advisable and feasible. The motion was seconded and passed. It was suggested that the Committee should also consult again with the U. S. Capitol Historical Society to see if something mutually advantageous can be arranged.

Brooks Hays (Arkansas) reported that FMC might be able to secure Jed Johnson, Jr. (Oklahoma) as Executive Director on a part-time basis.

ACTIVITIES:

Appreciation was expressed for the favorable action of Senators Howard Cannon and Marlow Cook in response to our request for seats for FMC members at the Inaugural Ceremonies.

CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER: Dr. Judd read a letter just received from Emanuel Celler (New York) regretting that he could not attend the meetings of the day as planned. The Board hopes Mr. Celler can be helpful in getting favorable action by the Judiciary Committee on a Congressional Charter for FMC.

CONGRESS DAY: FMC will continue to work for enactment of a Resolution by the Congress establishing March 4th each year as "Congress Day".

ORAL HISTORIES: The Board feels that getting oral histories recorded is FMC's most important service at this time because some members with irreplaceable memories are well along in years. Dr. Judd advised that the U. S. Capitol Historical Society is also interested in doing oral histories of Members and several members felt that FMC should explore the possibility of the two organizations cooperating on this project.

FMC REGISTER: It is planned to prepare and issue a register listing the names of all FMC members willing to visit colleges in their own states to speak before classes or seminars on legislative processes or issues within the area of their particular expertise. There was general approval for the Board to consult regarding possible joint efforts with the National Foundation to Increase Public Understanding of Congress, whose Chairman is FMC member Frank Ikard (Texas).

REGIONAL MEETINGS: Mr. Hays suggested that since FMC is now in a better financial position, meetings could be held in large cities, such as San Francisco or

Chicago or Boston, with members from those areas attending in order to learn more about FMC first-hand and have opportunity to participate more actively. Authorization to arrange such regional meetings was voted.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS: The members were asked to vote on a two-part recommendation made by the Board of Directors at its May 3rd meeting:

(a) that life memberships at \$200.00 each be authorized, and;

(b) that an endowment fund be established into which dues for life memberships will be placed with only the income to be used for general expenses of the organization.

After discussion, each part of the motion was passed unanimously.

It was voted that legacies or bequests should be placed in this endowment fund unless the donor designates otherwise.

ELECTIONS: Mr. Meader (Michigan) on behalf of the Nominating Committee, consisting of George Meader (Michigan), Page Belcher (Oklahoma), Pat Jennings (Virginia), Thomas Kuchel (California), Mike Monroney (Oklahoma), Clark Thompson (Texas) and Dr. Judd, ex-officio, reported its nominations as follows:

For Directors for three-year terms:

J. Caleb Boggs of Delaware  
John W. Byrnes of Wisconsin  
Jeffery Cohelan of California  
Walter Moeller of Ohio

There were no other nominations and they were elected.

For Directors for two-year terms:

B. Everett Jordan of North Carolina  
Fred Schwengel of Iowa

There were no other nominations and they were elected.

For Honorary Directors, without term:

FMC Co-founders: Brooks Hays and Walter Judd

They were elected.

For President for a one-year term as stipulated in the Bylaws:

Former Senator B. Everett Jordan of North Carolina.

There was no other nomination and he was elected.

Dr. Judd recognized Pat Jennings to report the Committee's nomination for Vice President:

George Meader of Michigan

There was no other nomination and he was elected.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: Dr. Judd advised that about 175 wives and widows have now joined FMC Auxiliary with 141 having already paid their dues for 1973. They are touring the Kennedy Center this morning with a luncheon and business meeting to follow, and will join FMC members at the reception at 5:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS: In the absence of Mike Monroney, who originally made the proposal, Dr. Judd advised that the Architect of the Capitol is preparing sketches for appropriate plaques to be placed at the graves of deceased Members of Congress.

Mr. Alfred Sieminski (New Jersey) advised that a friend, Mr. Merrill Fox, would exhibit his paintings during the luncheon, and would be pleased to contribute to FMC a part of the funds from any sales of his paintings.

The program for the remainder of the day was announced, as follows:

12:30-1:30 p.m. - "Reunion" on the House floor with remarks by former Senators John Bricker of Ohio and Ross Bass of Tennessee, and by former Representatives Abraham J. Multer of New York and Howard W. Pollock of Alaska.

1:45-3:00 p.m. - Luncheon, Rayburn Building.

BRIEFINGS ON CURRENT ISSUES:

3:15-4:00 p.m. - Honorable George Shultz, Secretary of the Treasury.

4:00-4:45 p.m. - Honorable Warren Burger, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

5:00-7:00 p.m. - Reception with FMC Auxiliary and sitting Members, Caucus Room (345) of Cannon Building.

Dr. Judd expressed his regret that he had not been able during his fifteen months as President to make more progress toward the most important goals of FMC as an educational organization; but as an honorary director he would continue to help all he could because of his conviction that FMC can play an increasingly useful role in America at this time as well as preserve treasured friendships and associations for its members. The members expressed their appreciation with a standing ovation.

The members adjourned to the House floor for the "reunion" ceremonies at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Dorothy E. Bageant  
Recorder

LATER NOTE:

Three more former Members have joined FMC.

Five have already taken life memberships at \$200.00 each.



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## **NIXON LAW OFFICE FOUND LACKING HISTORIC MOMENT**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — President Nixon's former law office in Southern California has been rejected as a state historical landmark.

The California Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee rejected the plan in a May 3 letter to the organization that came up with the idea, said John Michael, the committee's assistant executive secretary.

The "Nixon Law Office Building Preservation, Inc., La Habra Group" was the group making the application.

The request was rejected because the Orange County structure did not meet the criteria of "statewide impact and importance" that a state landmark must have, Michael said yesterday.