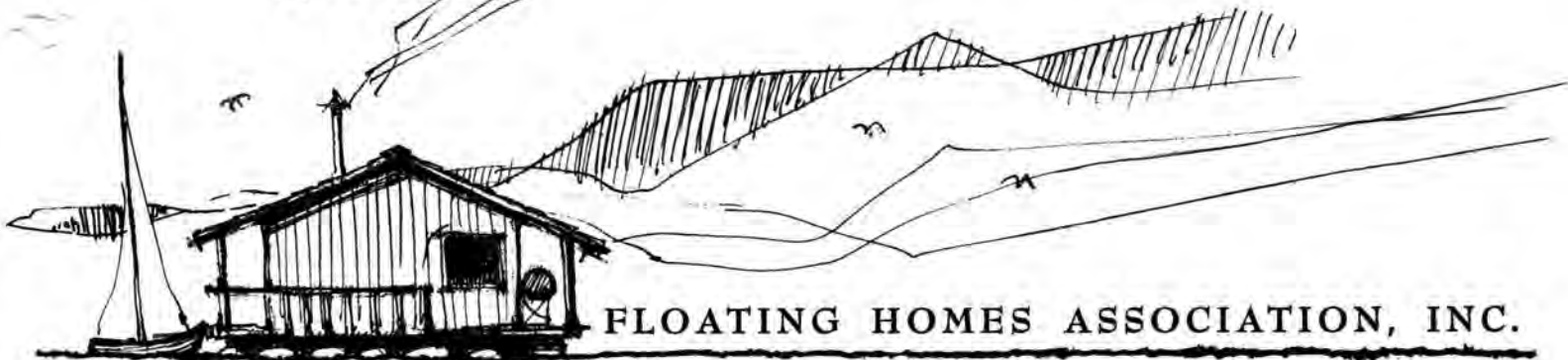


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## NEWS LETTER

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POST-INTELLIGENCER TO PUBLISH HOUSEBOAT FEATURE: In its Pictorial Magazine for Sunday, Feb. 16th, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer will publish a four-page illustrated article entitled:

Seattle's Houseboat Colony:

SUBURBIA AFLOAT IN CITY'S CENTER

The article was written by Jim Halpin, P-I reporter, who contacted the Association early in December. Photographs are by Phil and Janet Webber and the late Frederick L. Wightman, 2017 Fairview E., whose lovely floating home has long been a Lake Union attraction. Don't miss this issue of the Post-Intelligencer. Order extra copies through your news dealer. Mark the date, Sunday, Feb. 16.

### BE SURE TO ATTEND THE SECOND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Our second annual business meeting and election of officers will be held in the Queen Anne Field House (upstairs auditorium), 1st West & West Howe Sts., Friday, February 28th:

**TIME:** 7:45 p.m. sharp. Please be prompt. Meeting must adjourn by 10 p.m.

**AGENDA:** Executive Committee report: "Where We Have Been--Where We Are Now--Where We Are Going". Election of Officers and action on proposed amendments to By-Laws. See details below.

It is with regret that the Executive Committee announces that President George Neale will not be a candidate for re-election. For three years George has given unstintingly of his time and knowledge and were it not for his persistent pioneering efforts Seattle's Houseboat Colony would not now have the security of a strong and functioning organization. The Executive Committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors, has designated George as "President Emeritus" and will ask the membership to concur.

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TWO IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS ARE PROPOSED: It is proposed that Articles 1 & 2 of Section 3 be amended to separate the presently elective office of Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary would continue to be elective, the Treasurer to be named by the Executive Committee: Article 1 of Section 4 would be amended to read: "The Treasurer shall be a person qualified to perform bookkeeping and other financial duties and shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds and conduct the Association's banking business; make an annual financial report and such other financial reports as may be required by the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and the membership. All funds must be deposited in a bank account, maintained in the name of the Association and all checks issued against such account must carry the signatures of at least two officers." The Executive Committee has named Mrs. Jo Windus, 2025 Fairview E. as Treasurer. Mrs. Windus has been working with Muriel Eklund, Secretary-Treasurer, in working out details for the transition. Mrs. Windus is on the staff of the Peoples  
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National Bank and has the qualifications needed for the position. She has generously agreed to serve.

The second proposed amendment is to Article 1, Section 2 under MEMBERSHIP and calls for the addition of another clause reading: "The charter membership rolls of the Association shall close as of April 15th, 1964. Thereafter applicants for membership who were the owners of record of a houseboat or of a houseboat moorage, as of Jan. 1st, 1964 shall be assessed an initiation fee in an amount to be set by the Executive Committee but in no case shall be less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00). Such initiation fee shall not be assessed against anyone acquiring a houseboat or a houseboat moorage after Jan. 1st, 1964, provided that they become members of the Association within six months (6) after being eligible." This amendment is directed at the small minority who have not responded to repeated invitations to join but who have benefited from the work done and paid for by others. In blunt language it could be called an anti "free-loader" amendment.

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HERE ARE SOME NOMINEES FOR OFFICES TO BE FILLED: For several months the Executive Committee, in consultation with the Board of Directors, has been seeking persons who are in a position to give the time necessary for holding important offices. In making its nominations, the Executive Committee calls attention to Article 2, Section 6, which reads: "The Executive Committee may make nominations but this will in no way preclude the right of any members to make nominations from the floor..."

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Executive Committee will place the following in nomination: All have agreed to serve if elected. For President: Esther Carhart, 2814 Westlake N. Miss Carhart is a teacher in the Seattle Public Schools and participated in the early organizational activities which led to the founding of the Association. For Vice President: James Bain, the incumbent. For Secretary: Mrs. Kenneth Kennedy, 3631 15th N.E. For Trustee: (Three to be elected), Muriel Eklund, 2203 Fairview E., Howard Larson, 2029 Fairview E. and Kenneth Kennedy, 3631 15th N.E. Holdover Trustees are: George Johnston and Terry Pettus.

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NEED LISTINGS OF FLOATING HOMES AVAILABLE FOR RENT: As the result of classified advertisements in both daily newspapers, the Association has exhausted its listings of houseboats for rent. We have a number of applicants seeking floating homes. Those having houseboats for rent should contact the Association so we can make referrals. There is no fee charged either party for this service but we do expect the rentor to become a member of the Association and the owner to make membership a condition for renting.

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MORE MOORAGES ELIMINATE UNSIGHTLY GARBAGE CANS: Three more moorages have done away with garbage cans by installing the large, attractive containers under an arrangement worked out by the Association with the National Disposal Service. They are: Dan Brackett, 2818 Boyer E.; George Moore, 2319 Fairview E. and Mrs. Lois Lewis, 2420 Westlake N. Those interested can get full details in the special Memo which can be had for the asking.

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MORE INFORMATION NEEDED ON FIRE INSURANCE: Our Fire Insurance Committee needs more information from members on fire insurance now carried. Need (1) name of company (2) name of agent (3) amount carried (4) rate paid. Get it to Chairman Kenneth Kennedy, 3631 15th N.E. (ME 3-4883) or bring it to the membership meeting February 28.

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