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One meeting of the Hall of Records Commission was held during the year. It was called by the Chairman, Judge Brune, on September 11, 1962 at the Hall of Records. The Commissioners present were the following: Judge Brune, Dr. Weigle, Governor Tawes, Mr. Goldstein, Senator Radcliffe, and Mr. Watt.

Following the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, new staff members were appointed. The Archivist gave a full account of the records storage problems in Maryland and of the steps which had been taken to improve them wherever necessary.

The Chairman was interested in the large turnover in our clerical and stenographic staff. Mr. Goldstein and the Archivist explained the difficulty of recruitment and of retention of subprofessional personnel in an area where the federal government competes with us. The federal scales are higher and leaves are more liberal; as a result we cannot blame ourselves or the young women who are normally applicants for these posts.

The question of the ultimate disposal of the land record abstracts which we inherited from the Land Office was discussed but a firm decision was postponed until such time as our land record microfilm project is completed. After that the Attorney General and the Board of Public Works will be asked for counsel.

The problem of retrieving archival strays for the State of Maryland was discussed at great length. It was decided, on the advice of the chairman and concurred in by the other Commissioners, that the Archivist's proposal to sue the Library of Congress for the release of Maryland records in its possession be done only as a last resort, and that another effort be made to persuade the federal authorities to renounce them willingly. Failing in that the Archivist was authorized by a Resolution of the Commission to seek the return of records in the Library of Congress through a resolution in the Congress.