

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEETINGBeirut, LebanonMay 3, 19663:00 P. M.PRESENT

R. A. Wilcox, R. W. Wilmot, R. E. Anderson, C. V. Brauer,  
D. L. Chappell, A. A. Haddad, George Khoury, H. C. Lamp, M.D.  
Manoug Nazirian, K. L. Vine.

OPENING

Prayer was offered by K. L. Vine.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
TO NICOSIA, CYPRUS  
66/109

VOTED, To authorize A. A. Haddad, H. C. Lamp, and  
K. L. Vine to visit Cyprus for the purpose of viewing a  
piece of property that is available which would serve as  
mission headquarters, church, some housing, and a possible  
school.

GENERAL CONFERENCE  
H. M. DEPARTMENT  
REPRESENTATIVE  
66/110

VOTED, To approve the recommendation of the General Con-  
ference that Elder A. A. Esteb visit the Middle East Division  
from April 1 to May 15, 1968 in the interest of our welfare  
program.

IRAN SECTION BOOK  
AND PERIODICAL HOUSE  
ASSISTANCE  
66/111

VOTED, To approve the request of the Iran Section for an  
assistance of LL 2,500.00 in helping their Book and  
Periodical House provide stock. This is in accordance with  
Action 61/257.

MANOUG NAZIRIAN  
ACTING MV SECRETARY  
66/112

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference that Manoug  
Nazirian be the acting Division MV Secretary while Anees  
Haddad is in the US on a study program.

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL  
APPLICATION OF  
UTILITY ALLOWANCE  
66/113

VOTED, To authorize the Benghazi Hospital to apply the  
Utility Allowance for 1966. This is with the understanding  
that they have funds available to handle this.

PUBLISHING DEPT.  
REPRESENTATIVE AT  
GENERAL CONFERENCE  
SESSION  
66/114

VOTED, To ask R. E. Anderson to represent the Division  
Publishing Department at the General Conference session  
in Detroit.

ANEES HADDAD  
US ITINERARY  
66/115

VOTED, To authorize Pastor Anees Haddad to visit MV  
camps and camp meetings between the dates of August 18  
and September 18. This is in connection with the trip  
to Loma Linda University for Mrs. Haddad's heart examina-  
tion. An additional mileage allowance will be granted of  
2000 miles @  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per mile.

GENERAL CONFERENCE  
SESSION PLANNING  
COMMITTEES

66/116

VOTED, To appoint the following committees to handle Division affairs at the General Conference session:

Booth

V. A. Fenn  
W. J. Clemons  
R. C. Darnell  
A. A. Haddad  
Manoug Nazirian  
Russell Nolin  
Wives of delegates  
& single ladies

Program

R. A. Wilcox  
R. E. Anderson  
R. C. Darnell  
V. A. Fenn  
A. A. Haddad

Platform

R. E. Anderson  
Manuk Benzatyan  
W. J. Clemons  
R. W. Coon  
L. C. Miller  
Chafic Srour

Pageant

A. A. Haddad  
R. C. Darnell  
V. A. Fenn  
D. C. Ludington  
R. A. Wilcox

Costumes

A. A. Haddad

W. A. POTTER  
ACTING PRESIDENT  
JORDAN SECTION

66/117

VOTED, To ask W. A. Potter to be the acting president of the Jordan Section while W. J. Clemons is on furlough.

TEACHER'S  
CERTIFICATION  
POLICY REVISION

66/118

VOTED, To revise the Middle East Division Teacher's Certification Policy to read as follows:

I. The Professional Certificate shall be divided into Secondary and Elementary Sections.

A. The Professional Secondary Certificate is issued to teachers who meet the following requirements:

1. Meet the requirements for a Standard Secondary Certificate.

2. Hold a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in a content area and a minor in Education and have studied at Middle East College or equivalent SDA institution a minimum of one quarter or two summer sessions.

3. Complete four years of successful secondary teaching experience.

The Professional Secondary Certificate will remain valid unless revoked for cause as long as the teacher meets the annual requirements of the Board of Regents as approved by the Division Committee.

B. The Professional Elementary Certificate is issued to teachers who meet the following requirements:

1. Meet the requirement for a Standard Elementary Certificate.

2. Hold a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in either a content area or Elementary Education, and have studied at Middle East College or equivalent SDA institution a minimum of one quarter or two summer sessions.

3. Complete four years of successful elementary teaching experience.

The Professional Elementary Certificate will remain valid unless revoked for cause as long as the teacher meets the annual requirements of the Board of Regents as approved by the Division Committee.

## II. Standard Certificate

A. The Standard Secondary Certificate is issued to teachers who meet the following requirements:

1. Hold a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in a content area and a minor in Education from Middle East College or any other SDA college, or

2. Have SDA junior college standing having taken subjects with a view to teaching in secondary schools, or

3. If, having taken junior college work in outside institutions, having studied a minimum of one quarter or two summer sessions at Middle East College or equivalent SDA institution.

B. The Standard Elementary Certificate is issued to teachers who meet the following requirements:

1. Hold a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education or a content area major, with an Education minor, from Middle East College or any other SDA college, or

2. Have junior college standing from Middle East College or any other SDA college, having taken subjects with a view to teaching in elementary schools, or

3. If, having junior college, or above, in outside schools, having studied at Middle East College or equivalent SDA institution a minimum of one quarter or two summer session, or

4. (same as number 3 in present policy)

## ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Prayer was offered by C. V. Brauer.

R. A. Wilcox, Chairman

R. W. Wilmot, Acting Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEETINGBeirut, LebanonMay 5, 19663:00 P. M.PRESENT

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D. L. Chappell, A. A. Haddad, George Khoury, H. C. Lamp, M.D.  
Manoug Nazirian, K. L. Vine.

OPENING

Prayer was offered by K. L. Vine.

MRS. R. L. FENN  
VACATION  
OUTSIDE DIVISION  
66/119

VOTED, To approve the request of the Middle East College Board to authorize Mrs. R. L. Fenn to take her vacation in the US during the summer of 1966.

JUNE SOPER  
VACATION  
OUTSIDE DIVISION  
66/120

VOTED, To approve the request of the Middle East College Board to authorize June Soper to take her vacation in France during the summer of 1966.

HENRY MELKI  
VACATION  
OUTSIDE DIVISION  
66/121

VOTED, To approve the request of the Middle East College Board to authorize Henry Melki to take his vacation in the US during the summer of 1966.

JORDAN SECTION  
CALL FOR  
SAMI BISHAI  
66/122

VOTED, To pass on to the Egypt Section the call of the Jordan Section for Sami Bishai to serve as Bible teacher in the Amman school.

JORDAN SECTION  
CALL FOR  
GABRIEL GABRIEL  
66/123

VOTED, To pass on to the Egypt Section the call of the Jordan Section for Gabriel Gabriel to serve as pastor of the El Kerak district.

C. V. BRAUER  
DEPARTURE DATE  
66/124

VOTED, To authorize C. V. Brauer to leave the Middle East Division as of June 8 and that he attend the General Conference session as a nondelegate to represent the Middle East Division.

C. V. BRAUER, VOTE  
OF APPRECIATION  
66/125

VOTED, To record a vote of appreciation to Elder and Mrs. C. V. Brauer for their many years of faithful service to the cause in the Middle East.

K. L. VINE  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT  
66/126

VOTED, To authorize K. L. Vine to join the archaeological team at Biblical Ai for the summer of 1966 and that the Division provide the \$500.00 fees required.

REALLOCATION  
OF EGYPT  
SECTION FUNDS  
66/127

WHEREAS, The work in Egypt is in a transition period due to the change of leadership of the Section, and

WHEREAS, Special funds have been voted for churches that will not be able to be built this year, it was

VOTED, To rescind action 65/332 and to reallocate the following funds to be used in relocating the mission headquarters in Cyprus:

Beni-Sueff	LL 44,397.50
Sohag	23,023.28
Monsoura	<u>761.10</u>
	68,181.88

CYPRUS  
RELOCATION  
66/128

WHEREAS, The recent war between the Greek and Turkish Cypriots has caused us to lose our church and mission headquarters in Nicosia, Cyprus, and

WHEREAS, The available opinion including the unofficial opinion of the officers in charge of the current United Nations forces in Cyprus is that there is no end in sight for the present war emergency in the immediate foreseeable future, and

WHEREAS, At the present it seems advisable to relocate in the Greek area of Nicosia, and

WHEREAS, After viewing all present available sites of sufficient size, which vary in price from Cy£ 2.000 to 3.000 (Cy£ 1.000 = St£ 1.000 or \$2.80) per square foot, and

WHEREAS, Only one plot presented itself as fulfilling the present and projected needs of the mission at the phenomenally low price of slightly over Cy£ 1.000 per square foot (because of the owner's favorable attitude and relationship with the church), and yet being situated in the choicest sector of Nicosia, and

WHEREAS, The Middle East Division Committee, considering this war emergency situation, has made available from their funds an amount of \$23,000 for this project, it was

VOTED, To request the General Conference to grant an appropriation of \$80,000 for a war emergency to assist the Middle East Division in purchasing the land and meeting registration fees to relocate the church and headquarters of the Cyprus Section in Nicosia.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned. Prayer was offered by A. A. Haddad.

R. A. Wilcox, Chairman

R. W. Wilmot, Acting Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEETINGBeirut, LebanonMay 23, 19669:00 A. M.PRESENT

R. A. Wilcox, R. W. Wilmot, R. E. Anderson, C. V. Brauer,  
D. L. Chappell, A. A. Haddad, George Khoury, H. C. Lamp, MD,  
K. L. Vine.

OPENING

Prayer was offered by H. C. Lamp, M.D.

MINUTES APPROVED

VOTED, To approve the minutes of April 13, May 3, and May 5.

Y. O. SANGERLOO  
SUSTENTATION  
66/129

VOTED, To approve the recommendation of the Iran Section that Y. O. Sangerloo be placed on sustentation as of June 30, 1966.

YEAR-END MEETING  
DATES  
66/130

VOTED, To set the dates for the year-end meetings in the local Sections as follows:

Cyprus	November 20, 21
Benghazi	November 22, 23
Egypt	November 24 - 27
Jordan	November 28, 29
Iraq	Nov. 30 - Dec. 4
Iran	December 5 - 8
Lebanon	December 11, 12

MRS. CASSELAS  
SALARY RATE  
66/131

VOTED, To concur with the Cyprus Section in setting the salary of Mrs. Casselas, an hour-time worker in the Cyprus V. O. P. office, at Cy£ .225 per hour.

CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL  
FAIR BOOTH  
66/132

VOTED, To approve the Cyprus Section plans for a booth at the Cyprus International Fair and that they provide the funds from their excess operating capital.

J. S. RUSSELL  
TO LIBYA  
66/133

VOTED, To authorize J. S. Russell to visit Benghazi the week of June 2-8 to perform the wedding ceremony of Miss Alice Medina and Richard Bowers, and to hold a Week of Prayer at the hospital.

EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-  
ANCE--WORKERS UPPER  
GRADUATE STUDY  
PROGRAM  
66/134

VOTED, To grant an educational allowance of 50 per cent for children of our workers in the United States under the upper graduate study program. This allowance is to be paid on the amount actually paid by the worker. This is subject to any action taken by the General Conference officers in their presession meetings in Washington.

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL  
ADAPTIONS--MASTER  
PLAN  
66/135

VOTED, To authorize the Benghazi Hospital architects to adapt the master plan according to the changes discussed with the Division officers and the Benghazi Hospital administrators with the architects in Rome. This brings into planning to delete most of the individual houses and to build apartment houses to meet our needs and to conserve on the ground space available.

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AUTHORIZED SIGNA-  
TURES--SUPREME  
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
66/136

VOTED, To endeavor to have the following pastors have their signatures authorized by the Supreme Council of Churches to represent our church for any government business:

George Khoury	Beirut
Chafic Srour	Mountains
Manoug Nazirian	North Lebanon
Anees Haddad	South Lebanon
Maurice Katrib	Damascus
Ziki Hannawi	Western Syria
Gabriel Katrib	Northern Syria

IRAN SECTION  
1966 OPERATING  
BUDGET  
66/137

VOTED, To approve the 1966 operating budget of the Iran Section, a copy of which is on file in the treasurer's office.

ACTING PRESIDENT  
IRAQ SECTION  
66/138

VOTED, To appoint Salim Majeed as acting president of the Iraq Section during the absence of Behnam Arshat.

EGYPT SECTION  
SOCIAL SECURITY  
ASSISTANCE  
66/139

VOTED, To grant a monthly appropriation to the Egypt Section of £Eg 267.420 per month for a period of three years to assist them in their arrears payment to the government for social security. This is to be retroactive to January 1, 1966.

EGYPT SECTION  
REQUEST FOR  
MV CAMP FUNDS  
66/140

VOTED, To grant an appropriation to the Egypt Section of £Eg 400.000 to assist them with the expenses of their MV camp during the summer of 1966. This is with the understanding that the Egypt Section will provide the balance of funds needed from their own operating funds and fees collected from the campers.

SPECIAL APPROPRI-  
ATION TO EGYPT FOR  
MERCY HOME  
66/141

VOTED, To grant an additional appropriation to the Egypt Section amounting to £Eg 700.000 to help the Mercy Home with their operation for the current year.

NAIM AWAIS, ACTING  
EDITOR IN CHIEF OF  
MIDDLE EAST PRESS  
66/142

VOTED, To approve the recommendation of the Middle East Press that Naim Awais be the acting editor in chief when Jabbour Semaan leaves the Middle East Press.

H. C. LAMP, M.D. TO  
EDIT CALL TO HEALTH  
MAGAZINE  
66/143

VOTED, To approve the request of the Middle East Press Board to ask Dr. H. C. Lamp to edit the Call to Health magazine provided Jabbour Semaan leaves the Middle East.

ROGER COON TO EDIT  
HOPE MAGAZINE  
66/144

VOTED, To approve the request of the Middle East Press Board to ask Roger Coon to edit the Hope magazine provided Jabbour Semaan leaves the Middle East.

SALARY AUDIT  
WAJIH FADDOUL  
66/145

VOTED, To approve the recommendation of the Middle East Press Board to set the salary of Wajih Faddoul at 59 per cent. He will be joining the editorial staff of Middle East Press.

SALARY AUDIT  
PHILIPIA SEMAAN  
66/146

VOTED, To approve the recommendation of the Middle East Press Board to set the salary of Miss Philipia Semaan at 43 per cent. She will be serving as an office secretary.

WEEK OF PRAYER  
READINGS  
66/147

VOTED, To authorize the distribution of the 1966 Week of Prayer readings to our Division members.

RECESS

After prayer by K. L. Vine the committee recessed at 11:15 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. when it reconvened and the opening prayer was offered by R. E. Anderson.

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL  
CALL FOR  
NORMA ABDEL NOUR  
66/148

VOTED, To reactivate the call of the Benghazi Hospital for Norma Abdel Nour to connect with that institution as a secretary.

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL  
CALL FOR  
GEORGE A. KHOURY  
66/149

VOTED, To pass on to George A. Khoury, a 1966 graduate of Middle East College, the call of the Benghazi Hospital for him to be the desk clerk and out-patients cashier.

RENT CEILING--  
WORKERS ADVANCED  
STUDY PROGRAM  
66/150

VOTED, To set the rent ceiling at \$100.00 a month for a married couple studying for their advanced degree. This is subject to the General Conference officers pre-session meeting in Washington.

ASSISTANCE TO  
MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE  
FOR WORKERS ADVANCED  
STUDY RESERVE  
66/151

VOTED, To pass on to Middle East College an appropriation to assist them in caring for the expenses of their teachers taking advanced study outside of the Middle East, and that this fund be called Workers Upper Graduate Study Reserve (Outside of the Middle East) and that these funds come from the following sources:

Student Aid Fund	LE 1,894.75
F. D. Nichol Ministerial Fund	918.00
Emergency	<u>7,187.25</u>
	10,000.00

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL  
CALL FOR NURSES  
66/152

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the call of the Benghazi Hospital for four nurses to connect with their institution with the suggestion that two of these nurses be Filipinos and two be from the United States.

R. A. WILCOX  
U. S. ITINERARY  
66/153

VOTED, That while R. A. Wilcox is in the United States to attend the General Conference session he be authorized to visit the West Coast in connection with Division business to contact prospective personnel and Loma Linda University.

EDMOND HADDAD  
SALARY AUDIT  
66/154

VOTED, To approve the recommendation of the Middle East College Board that the salary rate for Edmond Haddad be set at 90 per cent.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE  
SESSION DELEGATE  
SUBSTITUTES  
66/155

VOTED, To appoint Behnam Arshat as a General Conference delegate to replace Ghanim Fargo and that Gabriel Katrib replace Ziki Hannawi in case he is unable to leave the country. If Gabriel Katrib is unable to get permission to leave, then Maurice Katrib be the delegate. If Maurice Katrib is unable to leave, then George Yared be delegated to go. It was further voted that should D. C. Ludington, M.D. find it impossible to leave the Benghazi Hospital to be a delegate at the General Conference session that H. C. Lamp, M.D., be authorized to attend in his place.

GERALD WHITEHOUSE  
FIELD STUDY PROGRAM  
66/156

VOTED, To ask Gerald Whitehouse to ship his goods direct to Benghazi and then to proceed to Heri Hospital for three months, which is part of his field work required by Loma Linda for granting the Master's degree in Health Education. Upon completion of this field work he is to return to Benghazi. His salary is to begin upon his departure for Heri Hospital. He is to proceed to Heri and Benghazi by air.

IRAQ LAND  
APPROVAL  
66/157

WHEREAS, The local government in Kirkuk, Iraq, is offering the Kirkuk School a piece of land next to the school property without cost, it was

VOTED, To accept with gratitude the offer of the local government for this piece of land.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 4:45 p.m. Prayer was offered by R. A. Wilcox.

R. A. Wilcox, Chairman

R. W. Wilmot, Acting Secretary