



OFFICE OF DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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National Association of Deans & Advisers of Men  
Mr. F. H. Turner, Secretary-Treasurer  
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Urbana, Ill.

Dear Mr. Turner:

Your application for permit to hold  
a conference in St. Louis on April 25th to the 28th,  
1945 has been reviewed by the Committee.

It is the consensus of the Committee  
that this meeting should be deferred until such time  
as the necessity for the present restrictions ceases  
to exist. Permit is therefore denied.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Clare, Secretary  
War Committee on Conventions

CC: Hotel Jefferson, St. Louis, Mo.

March 23, 1945

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF DEANS AND ADVISERS OF MEN,-

No doubt you have been wondering what is to happen to the planned meeting of the Association at St. Louis on April 25 to 28. We have been greatly concerned about the matter and following the announcements of the Office of Defense Transportation filed an application for permission to hold the meeting. After considerable delay, we received word that the request had been denied. Thereupon we talked to Doctor Francis J. Brown of the American Council on Education and at Doctor Brown's suggestion, and with his assistance, made a reapplication. This reapplication has just been denied. Therefore, we are confronted with several possibilities -

1. Abandon the meeting for 1945.
2. Attempt to set up several regional meetings, which would number less than 50.
3. Plan to hold the meeting but limit the attendance to a number below 50 based on the age of the membership in the Association.
4. Postpone the meeting until later in the year in the hopes that the situation might improve to such an extent that the regulations would be lifted.

The Executive Committee has considered all proposals and a majority opinion is not available since three members of the Committee voted for each of three of the above propositions. Therefore, President Miller and I have decided by telegram to submit the following proposition to you:

1. The entire membership of the organization will be polled to inquire if the members plan to attend the St. Louis meeting if held.

2. If less than 50 reply in the affirmative, the meeting will be held. If more than 50 indicate that they will plan to attend the meeting, we will then postpone the date until the Defense Transportation regulations are modified. I am enclosing an addressed post card and will appreciate your returning this to me at the earliest possible moment.

Sincerely,

*Fred H. Turner*



April 4, 1945

TO THE MEMBERS OF N.A.D.A.M., -

We now have most of the ballots in in regard to the proposed St. Louis meeting. Fifty-five members stated they would attend the meeting and several others who said they could not promise definitely would probably come if the meeting were held - therefore, the number would run over the 50, which is the limitation placed by the Office of Defense Transportation. A number of the members stated that they would come to the meeting if it were held but would do so with a certain feeling of failure to cooperate with the government and some feeling that we should postpone the meeting.

With the number planning to attend standing at 55, I have recommended to President Miller that the meeting be postponed indefinitely until the transportation regulations are lifted, and President Miller has concurred in this recommendation. Therefore, we are calling off the meeting scheduled for April 25-28, with the understanding that if transportation regulations are lifted we will plan a meeting just as soon as possible after that.

In the meantime, as secretary of your Association, I will have in the mail in the near future a long news letter concerning the Association and will attempt to get out frequent news letters, probably about once a month, until we can get together again. Also we would urge, if small groups can get together informally for discussion of mutual problems, that they do this, that reports be made to the secretary so that suggestions and useful material coming from the small meetings can be included in the news letters to be sent to all members.

It is with great regret that I write this letter to you as I have felt sincerely that our meeting was badly needed this year and that it could render a distinct service to the students still in college and to the veterans who are returning in greater numbers all the time.

Sincerely,

