

Frederick J. England, Jr.

Frederick J. England, Jr. is a person who lent inestimable support to the Library in a wide variety of ways throughout his tenure as a Trustee (he was initially elected to the Board in 1969). Elected Treasurer at the annual meeting convened on October 31, 1972, he became President of the Board at the November 10, 1976 annual meeting (at which Miles J. Leavitt succeeded him as Treasurer). His continuous terms as Trustee expired at the meeting held on November 25, 2003, during which he was unanimously elected to the position of Trustee Emeritus.

Mr. England was the President of the Cambridge (later Woburn), Massachusetts Hastings–Tapley Insurance Agency, founded in 1961, which became a part of USI Insurance Services of Massachusetts through a stock purchase in 2003. The agency was a notably successful enterprise. His election as President of the Independent Insurance Agents of America for the 1984–1985 term is a testament to the esteem in which he is held by his peers outside the greater Boston area as well as within it. He was also an active member of the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter Society, and was President of the Boston Chapter of that organization during the 1968–1969 year.

His contributions to the continued viability and success of the Library were legion, as is reflected in the preceding pages. His collaborative efforts with J. Deane Somerville and Stephen Paris were particularly effective and crucial to ensuring the Association's future. A reading of minutes from meetings indicates that he could be firm and appropriately insistent when called upon to promote and defend the interests of the Library, while never compromising his courteous manner toward others. He always treated people with the respect they were due.

And Mr. England is also a kind man, as is demonstrated by his reaction when, apparently befuddled by the fact that there were Trustees named "England" and "Paris", I addressed him as "Mr. Europe". His quick laugh assured me that he saw the humor in it rather than any impertinence.