

Confidence Vote

CHICAGO, Jan. 13 (AP)—Ralph G. Newman, 64, who was fined by a federal judge last week after being convicted of altering former President Nixon's personal papers for a tax break, was re-elected unanimously today as president of the Chicago Public Library Board.

The literary appraiser was convicted Nov. 12 of back-dating Nixon's gift of vice-presidential papers to the National Archives. He was fined \$10,000 last week, but got no jail sentence.

Newman, on a 6-to-0 vote, was retained for another one-year term as the library board's non-salaried president. Two board members were absent.

The Lincoln scholar left the meeting when the vote was taken. Dr. John Hope Franklin, who presided, told the board, "I've served under Ralph Newman since I joined this board, and I hope to serve under him as long as I'm on the board . . . The sacrifices Mr. Newman gave on behalf of the board illustrate his selflessness and absence of greed or anything resembling that."