Amending the by-laws to bring the election of officers as well as the board of directors before the membership, instead of leaving the choice of officers with the directors, the Watertown Chamber of Commerce elected a board of directors and officers to perfect its final organization in an enthusiastic and largely attended meeting in the Goss hall that lasted until 12 o’clock last night. The officers chosen by the chamber members by secret ballot were: President- J.W. Dougherty; First vice president- C.R. Winslow; Second vice president- Dr. L.G. Hill; Treasurer- H.D. Rice. The choice of a secretary, who will be a paid expert in this line of work and probably selected outside of Watertown, was left with the board of directors. Three projects of great importance to Watertown were also discussed at the meeting: a railroad to Lake Kampeska, an auditorium and the boulevard around the lake shore.

The Watertown Junior Chamber of Commerce, host to Jaycee guests from five South Dakota cities, took the final step in organization here last night in a banquet program highlighted by presentation of state and national charters and climaxing an organization process begun six weeks ago. An estimated 200 attended the banquet in the Lincoln hotel at which Walter A. Simmons, Sioux Falls Argus Leader columnist was main speaker. State and national charters were presented by Gardner Thompson, state Jaycee president, to R. F. Manson, first vice president of the Watertown Junior Chamber, who received them in the absence of Lawrence Westphal, president, who was called to Wisconsin earlier this week. The banquet program was also the occasion for presentation of the national traffic safety contest honorable mention award won by Watertown with R. S. Wallace of Aberdeen, state safety council president, awarding the bronze plaque to Mayor John E. Low.

Hunter safety was stressed during a two-Saturday course presented by members of the Codington County Sportsman’s Club in cooperation with the Watertown regional office of the S.D. Game, Fish and Parks Department. More than 100 youngsters completed the course. Among the participants during Saturday’s final were Chuck Zellner, Robert Clar, Keith James, Dean Spooner, Mike Chlopokowiak and Mike Calvert. Zellner, James and Spooner were part of the instructor corps. ... The Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) of Watertown held a spring banquet and program at Harmony Hill. Cindy Meadows, CYF President, visited with members of the “Son Seekers,” the musical group providing entertainment for the evening. ... Maybe it’s the frontier spirit, or maybe it’s the sportsman’s love of the hunt. But whatever it is, South Dakotans appear to be crazy about guns. The state DCI makes a conservative estimate of 400,000 guns in the state.

The Watertown Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 750 honored Watertown Municipal Band director Doug Carpenter for his contributions to the post during a ceremony at the VFW building. Carpenter has directed the band through many veterans holidays, including Memorial Day and Veterans Day and has also played taps at many funerals for local veterans. He was given an honorary VFW Post 750 t-shirt in appreciation for his efforts. Presenting the award were post commander Phil Pederson and post quartermaster Bill Peyton. ... Al Vanderlaan of Watertown received the local Ducks Unlimited Chapter’s Conservation Award for his ongoing efforts for water and wetland quality. Vanderlaan was one of several people recognized during the chapter’s annual sponsor banquet in Watertown. The chapter’s Distinguished Service Award went to Brian Pellish of Watertown, who has been active in DU for years and currently serves as treasurer of both the local and state organizations. Originals donated by Watertown artists Josh Spies and John S. Wilson were auctioned off during the event.