

From the Editor

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A Call to Lead, A Call to Serve

*A*s Past-Past President of the North Carolina Library Association, I am serving as Nominating Committee chair for the 2003-2005 biennium. To assist me in putting together a slate of officers for the 2005-2007 biennium, I appointed Carol G. Walters, Director of Libraries, Sandhill Regional Library System, and graduate of the NCLA Leadership Institute, and Deb Schultz-Fidali, School Media Specialist in the Forsyth County Schools.

The Nominating Committee must identify NCLA members to serve as Vice President, President Elect; Secretary; Treasurer; two Directors at Large; Southeastern Library Association (SELA) representative; and American Library Association (ALA) councilor. Nominees must be NCLA members in good standing.

The Vice President, President Elect position requires an eight-year commitment: two years as Vice President, who also serves as the chair of the biennial Conference Committee; two years as President, the chief executive officer of NCLA; two years as Past President; and two years as Past-Past President and chair of the Nominating Committee. The Vice President, President Elect and the President both serve on the State Library Commission, each for a four-year term. The President leads all executive board meetings and is spokesperson for NCLA.

The Secretary serves a two-year term and is responsible for taking minutes of eight quarterly executive board meetings during the biennium. NCLA minutes are published in *North Carolina Libraries*.

The Treasurer serves a four-year term and is responsible for all of the finances of NCLA. The Treasurer works closely with the Vice President in planning and hosting the biennial conference and with the President in carrying out executive board decisions involving financial obligations, including dues and scholarship and loan funds.

Two Directors at Large serve two-year terms and assist the Membership Committee in addressing the concerns of NCLA members. The SELA representative and the ALA councilor serve four-year terms and keep the NCLA executive board informed of activities and meetings of SELA and ALA. Candidates for these offices must be members of NCLA as well as either SELA or ALA respectively.

Please contact me at jonesp@mail.ecu.edu, Carol Walters at carol.walters@ncmail.net, or Deb Schultz-Fidali at dfidali@wsfcs.k12.nc.us to let us know of your interest in serving. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominees for NCLA offices in the fall. There will be two nominees for every office with the exception of the Directors at Large, for which there will be four nominees of whom two will be elected.

The Nominating Committee challenges each NCLA member to consider very carefully and seriously the prospect of serving as an NCLA officer. You will be rewarded by the opportunity of working closely with the leaders of the library profession in North Carolina. Paraphrasing NCLA President Pauletta Bracy, I urge each of you to get professionally engaged!