

# NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Executive Board

*February 15, 1991*

The North Carolina Library Association Executive Board met Friday, February 15, 1991, on the High Point campus of Guilford Technical Community College. The meeting had been postponed from January 25 because of inclement weather. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Barbara Baker, who recognized guests and introduced Martha Davis, of the Guilford Tech Library, who introduced Mr. Rob Everette, Director of the High Point campus. Mr. Everette welcomed the Committee to the college and gave a brief history of the development of the High Point campus.

Board members present were: Janet Freeman, Michael LaCroix, Amanda Bible, David Harrington, Ann Thigpen, David Gleim, Nancy Bates, Nancy Ray, Barbara Anderson (for Johannah Sherrer), Susan Janney, Karen Purcell, Steve Sumerford, Pat Siegfried, Pam Jaskot, Laura Benson, Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, Pat Langelier, David Fergusson, Cathy Van Hoy, Nancy Fogarty, Martha Ransley, Renee' Stiff, Doris Anne Bradley, Mae Tucker, Jane Moore, State Library representative, Martha Fonville, Administrative Assistant, and Gail Buckrham, guest.

Minutes of the October 19, 1991 meeting were corrected as follows: paragraph 11 - "requested that committees (delete), and (insert) all program planners get information about programs. . .", and change "Martha Fonville" to "Martha Ransley moved that the motion . . ." Janet Freeman moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Seconded by Pat Langelier, the motion carried.

Treasurer Michael LaCroix presented an annual and quarterly report. The balance, as of 12/31/90, was \$237,484.36 and includes a checking account balance of \$4,674.88, all CD's/savings accounts in the General Fund, Scholarship Funds, McLendon Loan Fund, Ray Moore Fund, NCASL Funds, NCLA Conference Grants, and the NC Humanities Grant. Disbursements for the quarter ending 12/31/90 were \$37,664.98. Martha Ransley moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by Nancy Bates, the motion carried.

Doris Anne Bradley acknowledged members of the Constitution, Codes and Handbook Revision Committee, distributed the newly revised looseleaf HANDBOOK OF THE NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION and explained the different sections. Two replacement pages, "NCLA Bulk Mail" and "Request for Reimbursement of Travel Expenses" were also distributed.

Janet Freeman, Conference Committee Chair, presented a recommended schedule of rates for the November 12-15, 1991 Biennial Conference to be held in High Point. Registration rates increased \$5.00 over the 1989 conference, but there was no change in the cost for exhibit space. Preregistration for the full conference will be \$40-members, \$55-nonmembers; one day rates will be \$30/\$40 and \$20 for students. At-conference registration for the full conference will be \$50/\$70 and one day rates will be \$30/\$40. Exhibit space rates before May 1 will be \$300 for one booth and \$200 each additional booth. Rates increase \$50 for each after May 1. A question was asked about

the need for shuttle buses and adequate meeting rooms. The committee report was approved as presented.

Doris Anne Bradley, Constitution, Codes, and Handbook Committee Chair, presented a committee report recommending changes/additions to the Constitution which are: Article VI. Section 1. Executive Board. The Administrative Assistant shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member. Section 7. [new] The Executive Board shall have the authority to appoint an administrative assistant and to determine the responsibilities and remuneration of the position. (Renummer existing sections 7, 8, and 9 as 8, 9, 10.) Article VII. Finances. Section 7. [new] There shall be an annual audit of all accounts. Article II. Duties of Officers. Section 1. Treasurer. Insert after fourth sentence ending with Association, "He shall contract annually for an audit of all accounts." The Committee moved that the amendments be endorsed by the Executive Board for presentation to the membership at the biennial meeting. Motion carried.

Martha Ransley asked if efforts were made to make the Constitution gender-free. Mae Tucker, a member of the Committee, stated that it was decided to consistently use the traditional terms of Chairman and the pronoun, he, because in this context they are considered generic, not masculine.

Nancy Fogarty, Chair Finance Committee, reminded section chairmen that March 1 is the deadline for submitting project grant applications for up to \$1,500 for conference programs. Sections were also reminded of the \$500 automatic grant for conference programs only, but a letter requesting this grant is also due by March 1. Sections can combine funds and jointly sponsor a program that is more costly.

Dave Fergusson, Chair Governmental Relations, announced National Legislative Day on April 16 during National Library Week, distributed a memorandum about plans for the day, which will follow the small group visiting a specific legislator at a specific time format that was successfully used in 1990. Registration forms are due March 8. Registration will be paid by NCLA. He also reminded the Board of State Legislative Day on February 20, which will be a pig pickin' luncheon at the State Library followed by visits to legislators. The Public Library Section of NCLA is one of the sponsors.

Steve Sumerford, Literacy Chair, reported three areas of emphasis for the Committee: 1. Partnering with UNC-G Library School to offer a credit course/conference, "Libraries & Literacy: Entering a New Era," to be held June 20-21 with a speaker from the Baltimore literacy program. 2. Walter Anderson, editor of PARADE magazine, will be the conference speaker. 3. Plans are being made to update the LITERACY PROVIDERS DIRECTORY. The NC literacy program, "Community of Readers," was selected for one of the "Thousand Points of Light" awards and also received an award at SELA in Nashville in December.

Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, Membership Chair, reported that the Committee met January 18 to plan for the biennial conference. Nomination forms for the NCLA Distinguished Service Award, Honorary and Life Members Awards should be received by June 14. The awards are being promoted through NORTH

CAROLINA LIBRARIES, "Tar Heel Libraries," and a mailing to accompany the election ballots. Membership brochures have been revised and as of January 16, there were 2,577 members; 2,527 individual and 50 institutional.

Technology & Trends Chair, Ed Shearin, sent a report stating that the committee has planned a preconference, "Navigating Through Networks," with speakers George Bratt, UNC Educational Computing Service, Howard McGinn, State Librarian, and others not yet confirmed.

Gene Lanier, Intellectual Freedom Chair, sent a report listing action since October 18. Complaints have been filed against the following books: *THE MAMMOTH HUNTERS* by Jean Auel at Lee County Library; *THE UPSTAIRS ROOM* by Joanna Ries at Durham County Schools; *BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA* by Katherine Paterson, *THE BOY WHO REVERSED HIMSELF*, *STRANGER WITH MY FACE*, *THE THIRD EYE*, and, *A WRINKLE IN TIME*, Burlington City Schools because of their "new age" content. The Chair has had several interviews, assisted with intellectual freedom questions, spoke on "Confidentiality of Library User Records" at SELA, and has confirmed presentations in Virginia, Kentucky, and Louisiana in February and March.

Frances Bradburn, NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES Editor, sent a report because of a conflicting editorial board meeting. The winter 1990 issue, "Supporting the Support Staff" was mailed January 31. Suzanne Wise and Belinda Daniels replace Ilene Nelson and Euthena Newman on the editorial board. The redesigned NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES will be unveiled with the Spring 1991 issue, "Law and the Library." An NCLA grant helped defray the redesign costs. NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES is looking for unique black-and-white photographs of libraries which depict summer, fall or winter. Negatives would be helpful. The editorial board annual retreat was held in November. Major changes adopted will be the submission of all manuscripts on computer disk and meeting with guest editors and writers one year before actual publication deadline. The editor was appointed to the executive board of the Chapter Editors Subcommittee of the Chapter Relations Committee of ALA. This subcommittee is composed of state association journal and newsletter editors from across the country. Themes and editors have been selected for issues through Winter 1993. The list is published in NCL.

Nancy Bates presented a request from Phil Barton, who is the guest editor of the Fall 1991 issue, "Library Buildings." He would like photographs which would exemplify adaptive reuse of buildings, unique/innovative exterior designs and interior designs, focus on furniture, shelving and display, specialized areas, renovations/expansions, libraries designed to fit the environment, light and space, function versus beauty, and libraries as "inviting places." He especially needs examples of college/university and public school libraries.

Pat Siegfried, Children's Services Section reported that their Board met Nov. 30 and approved a winter issue of *Chapbook* for a January mailing. Instead of printing a special issue for the conference, current and previous issues will be distributed. Cal Shepard and Satia Orange are co-editors of the Summer 1993 issue of NCL. They are soliciting serious and humorous articles from children's librarians. For the biennial conference, plans are being made for a booktalking session on Friday afternoon in addition to the author breakfast and the Thursday night reception, which will be held at the Theatre Gallery.

An LSCA grant was received for the "Changing Needs...Changing Behaviors Conference, Part II," to be held May 6-7 at the Episcopal Diocese's camp and Conference Center at Brown's Summit near Greensboro. The main speakers will be Julie Cummins, Director of Children's Services for New York Public

Library and Pat Feehan, University of South Carolina, School of Library and Information Science.

Martha Ransley, College/University Section Chair, reported that Barbara Ford, President of ACRL will be the speaker for their conference program. She will be addressing the topic of "Information Literacy." Responders to the speech have not been confirmed. The Bibliographic Instruction Interest Group is sponsoring two workshops, "Instructional Design for Bibliographic Instruction" on Feb. 22 at Meredith College and on March 1 at Salem College. The Section's Executive Board will be meeting Feb. 18 to complete plans for a spring workshop, "Creative Learning Designs for Librarians and Library Users", to be held April 26 at Elon College.

Susan Janney, Chair of Community/Junior College Section, distributed copies of the section's first newsletter and announced that their conference programs would be readings and music featuring Steve Smith, poet and musician, and Bland Simpson of the Red Clay Ramblers accompanied by Alice Wilkins on banjo.

Arlene Hanerfeld, new Documents Section Chair, sent a report presented by President Baker. The Section's fall workshop "Technical Literature Collections in NC: Awareness and Access," was held at McKimmon Center in Raleigh on Nov. 9, with approximately 40 people attending. Speakers were: Sandra Rigby, National Technical Information Service; Tony Pollard, NC Science and Technology Research Center and Documents librarians, Dawn Hubbs, UNC-Charlotte and Lisa Abbott, NCSU. New officers for the section are Arlene Hanerfeld, chair; Araby Greene, vice-chair/chair-elect; Linda Frank, Secretary/Treasurer.

The Section is preparing a packet of information pertaining to preservation of library materials to be supplied to each federal depository in NC by next fall. The packet consists of materials prepared by the Rare Books and Manuscripts Division of ACRL, copies of presentations presented at a preservation workshop, a bibliography of sources on preservation and a list of organizations and people who specialize in preservation. The Executive Board met Jan. 25 to make plans for a spring workshop, "GPO CD-ROMS," to be held in Chapel Hill on May 10, and to plan a biennial conference program. This will be a panel discussion on the impact of the GPO's distribution of electronic products.

Nancy Ray, Library Administration and Management Chair, reported two meetings had been held on Nov. 28 and Jan. 30, to plan a spring workshop and a biennial conference program on May 3, "On the Ropes, An Outdoor Adventure in Group Interaction, Self-discovery and Confidence," will be conducted by a trained facilitator from the Alamance County Recreation and Parks Department in a wooded area south of Graham. Registration is limited to 16 people. The section will be co-sponsoring with Barbara Baker two leadership training program meetings at the biennial conference. The second issue of the newsletter, *On the LAM(S)* will soon be out. The Executive Committee will meet again March 5, at UNC-Greensboro.

Laura Benson reported that she and Martha Davis attended the AASL Affiliate Assembly at ALA Mid-winter and reported for NC on the progress of the WHCLIS Governor's Conference. The NCASL winter board meeting will be held Feb. 21 at the Sheraton Imperial in Research Triangle Park where guidelines for the children's book award will be finalized and planning for the biennial conference will continue. Biennial elections will be held in March.

Nancy Bates, Public Library Section chair, stated the Planning Council had met Nov. 2 at the Gaston County Library and on Feb. 8 at the Charlotte/Mecklenburg County Library. Reporting on the Nov. 2 meeting, the Adult Services Committee has planned the third annual Bookmobile Conference in



Greensboro in the spring and is planning a workshop on services for the older adult to be held in March or April. The Audiovisual Committee reported excellent response to the Video Repair Workshops held in Asheville and Fayetteville with almost 50 counties being represented. The Committee plans to mail its Audio-Visual Services Directory in December or January. The Development committee will distribute the 1989-91 NC Public Library Development Award guidelines by January with a deadline of August 15 for nominations. The Genealogy and Local History committee is gathering data which will be compiled and serve as a guide to local history and genealogy collections statewide. The committee is also planning a workshop on local history collection development policies and practices for the fall conference. The Governmental Relations Committee will assist with the biennial Library Legislative Day on Feb. 20. A "pig-pickin'" sponsored by the Public Library Section, Public Library Directors Association and the Public Library Trustees will be held at noon at the State Library. The Public Relations Committee has planned a workshop, "PR101: Basic Tips and Techniques," to be held in Fayetteville on Nov. 29-30. The Young Adult Committee has redesigned the format of its *Grassroots* and the third issue will be mailed in Dec. Both Public Relations and Young Adult Committees received NCLA project grants. The chair also announced that author Jerry Bledsoe would be the speaker for the Public Library Section biennial conference program on Friday morning.

Barbara Anderson reporting for Johannah Sherrer, Reference and Adult Services Chair, announced that the "Reference Trainer Training" workshop would be held Aug. 14-16 at the Quail Roost Conference Center in Chapel Hill. This program for improving reference performance and accuracy is based on the Maryland Model and reinforces skills of personal interaction, not knowledge of reference content.

Herb White of Indiana University and Charles Martel of the University of California-Sacramento will be speaking on "The Human Connection in Service" for the Section's biennial conference program. A tentative speaker will be a Federal Express executive speaking on their service mission.

David Gleim, Resources and Technical Services Chair, announced that the Oct. 25-26 conference on "Menu-driven Libraries" held at the Durham Hilton was quite successful with 107 attending and CD-ROM exhibits by six vendors. Georgianna Francis, Asheville- Buncombe Public Library, was asked to complete Helen Reed's term as Secretary-Treasurer since Ms. Francis has accepted a position at Colorado State. The committee met Feb. 8 at Fayetteville State to plan for the biennial conference program. Tentative plans include updating and distributing the NC Cataloging Network, a directory of NC catalogers and their specialties, a program panel of NC librarians discussing switching from old to new generation online catalogs, the breakfast business meeting with election of officers and presenting awards for the best article in NC Libraries, significant contribution and student awards, a program with a representative from OCLC and a panel of NC librarians discussing the impact on OCLC and local catalogs of LC member copy cataloging and cataloging from foreign national libraries, a panel of NC librarians discussing collection development and cataloging policies for remote access online journals and databases with possible emphasis on the statistical data base service, Log into NC (LINC), and table talks on PRISM/Passport tips and traps and Life without an OPAC.

Katherine Mahood, from Rowan County, reporting for Melanie Collins, New Members Round Table Chair, presented the plans for their biennial program, "A Day in the Life of—," which will feature a library director and a head of technical

services. This would give new professionals a detailed look at position responsibilities other than reference.

Janet Freeman stated that the Conference Committee has asked the New Members Round Table to assume the responsibility for the conference scholarships awarded to two students from each NC library school. These students will receive room and conference registration and will be expected to help with the conference.

Ann Thigpen, Paraprofessional Association Chair, reported they are putting together a workshop planned for the summer, "Self-esteem for the Paraprofessional." Plans for the biennial conference program are still tentative, but a new slate of officers has been selected. Marilyn Meadows, vice-chair, attended ALA Midwinter and learned that the MIG Membership Initiation Group was studying the paraprofessional group to determine if they can become an ALA round table. Marilyn Meadows was featured in *Library Mosaics*, a publication for library support staff. ALA has been referring people who want to form a paraprofessional association to the NC group for guidance. Virginia has organized and Florida is in the planning stages. The association will be presenting a poster session at ALA in Atlanta.

Reneé Stiff, REMCO Chair, reported an attendance of about 37 for the fall workshop, "Communication and Conflict Resolution," held in Winston-Salem, and 21 were not members. The fall issue of the newsletter was mailed in December. Kaycee Hale of the Fashion Design Institute of Merchandising in California, will be the speaker for the biennial conference program. She was featured in a Jan. 1991 *Library Journal* article. REMCO will be presenting their second biennial award to a Road Builder. The Board will be meeting April 17 in Charlotte.

There was no report from the Round Table on Special Collections, but a workshop on Developing Local History Collections is being planned.

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Karen Seawell Purcell, Roundtable on the Status of Women in Librarianship Chair, reported an executive committee meeting in January to continue planning the biennial conference program. Author Jill McCorkle, will be speaking and will have an autographing session as well as attend the reception at the Theatre Gallery which is cosponsored by the Children's Section. There will be no summer workshop because of tight budgets.

Patricia Langelier, ALA Councilor, presented a lengthy, detailed report on the midwinter conference held in Chicago, Jan. 12-16. Items that she highlighted were the ALA Chapters booth where any chapter can display items created by libraries, the association or a unit within the association, the opportunity to submit a tribute or a memorial to an ALA member who has died since the last conference (Bill Robert's 106 year old grandmother was honored), the opportunity to nominate someone for an ALA honorary membership (Robert Frase was given one for his work on the permanent paper bill), the offer of ALA leadership to visit and speak at state association meetings, the President's commendation of actress Glenn Close in recognition of her support of ALA and literacy, the National Reference Service available from the Library of Congress (202/607-5522), the establishment of the ALA Video Round Table, and an announcement at a chapter caucus meeting that the Colorado Library Association provides a \$500 scholarship to a rural library director to attend the ALA Annual Conference.

The last item was discussed and President Baker will refer it to the Scholarship Committee for a proposal.

Dave Fergusson, SELA Representative, reported the conference was very successful with some outstanding programs. The award Greensboro received was included in the program. SELA will meet jointly with the Louisiana Library Association in New Orleans March 17-21, 1992. The 1994 meeting will be in Charlotte. President Baker commented that even though NCLA would not be an official sponsor, for sections planning fall meetings, it might be nice to schedule them in conjunction with the SELA Conference.

Pam Jaskot, Public Relations Chair, announced that Night of a Thousand Stars during NLW is being promoted again this year. They plan to compile evaluations of programs for an article for NCL.

President Baker reported the result of the mail ballot regarding NCLA support of the continental breakfast for the Governor's Conference was to contribute \$500, which was done. Support was requested from NCLA because state funding had been reduced.

Jane Moore presented a report from the State Library. The budget situation is serious. Even though the State Library is included in the Governor's budget proposal for the same level of funding as in 90-91 (10.9 million), the current book budget was reduced \$22,000, three positions have been lost, travel is extremely limited and only with federal funds, and \$205,500 in State Aid has been earmarked to be cut from the 4th quarter allotment. If this reduction is made, it could affect the maintenance of effort for LSCA funds, which would require repayment of \$1.9 million.

Tyrrell County has begun a joint trial project, (Nurse on a BKM) with Pettigrew Regional Library System/ECU Nursing School and the State Library. A nurse rides the bookmobile 3 days a week to do health care screenings and provide information on prenatal and infant care. The bookmobile schedule is revised to include church stops and evening stops.

The State Library has joined the Library and Information Science Long Distance Education Consortium to aid in developing satellite library science courses which could be

offered in areas not close to library schools. NC Central University and UNC-G have also joined the consortium, which was begun by the University of South Carolina.

Interlibrary Loan training workshops, 10 libraries per class, are being offered beginning March 14. First sessions are being offered to community colleges, then to new members of NCIN, then to other members.

State Library staff attended the NCLIS Anniversary Reception at the Library of Congress on Jan. 23. Mrs. Bush presented the Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner, Gene Corrigan the NCLIS award for the PSA videos promoting libraries. CBS has asked for permission to use the videos.

Dates to remember are April 6, annual meeting of the Friends of NC Public Libraries; April 25, open house for the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; and May 16-17, the annual trustee conference.

While discussing the condition of the state budget, Nancy Bates moved that the Executive Board draft a resolution or letter stating the value of libraries to the educational process in NC, to be sent to the office of Budget and Management and to each legislator. Emphasis should be given to the crucial role state funds have for public libraries and their service to school and literacy programs. Loss of additional state aid will jeopardize federal funds, resulting in the repayment of over \$1 million-plus interest to the US Department of Education. Seconded by Laura Benson, the motion carried. President Baker will do this next week.

Martha Fonville, Administrative Assistant, reported that 1,263 memberships expired Dec. 31, first notices were sent in January, second notices will be sent in March and those who have not renewed by April 1, will be dropped. Letters were sent to 18 McLendon Loan recipients regarding payment with the following responses: 3 sent checks to pay loan; 4 said they had paid, but do not have cancelled check; 2 sent copies of cancelled check; 1 to graduate later-loan not due; 1 returned, no forwarding address; 7 no response, letter not returned. The NCLA brochure has been revised and reprinted with the State Library address and courier number, 52-31-33. A revised bulk mail form reflecting the increase in postage and a revised travel reimbursement form reflecting the increase to 27.5 cents per mile were distributed to insert in the NCLA Handbook. A list of current membership by type, section and round table was distributed. As of Feb. 11, there were 2,589 members.

President Baker reported that she had attended ALA Midwinter and emphasized the importance of attending the Chapter Relations Committee meetings. Other meetings attended were SELA, where Lee Smith, a NC author, was selected for the Author Award; the State Library Commission meeting and the Governor's Conference, where she was elected a delegate to the White House Conference. Eric Childress, from Elon College, had inquired about the possibility of a bus to ALA in Atlanta. A straw vote indicated no interest. The date of the next meeting was changed and April 30th was selected. It was decided to hold the meeting in a central location because of tight travel budgets, so Durham Tech. was selected. Doris Anne Bradley paid tribute to the outstanding contributions Mae Tucker and Richard Barker have made to her committee and to the Association.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

— Amanda Bible, Secretary

