

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Executive Board

April 30, 1991

The Executive Board of the North Carolina Library Association met Tuesday, April 30, 1991, in the continuing education building of Durham Technical Community College. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Barbara Baker.

Present at the meeting were: Anne Berkley, Patricia Langelier, Arlene Hanerfeld, Susan Janney, Renee Stiff, Nancy Bates, Nona Pryor, Steve Sumerford, Doris Anne Bradley, Pat Siegfried, Melanie Collins, Martha Ransley, John Via, Ed Shearin, Johannah Sherrer, David Gleim, Frances Bradburn, Janet Freeman, Michael LaCroix, Barbara Baker, David Fergusson, Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, Karen Seawell Purcell, and Martha Fonville. President Baker recognized guest Jane Moore, Chief of Library Development, who represented Howard McGinn, Director of the State Library.

The minutes of the last meeting were not distributed or approved because the secretary was not present.

Treasurer Michael LaCroix's report showed \$6,311.21 in the checking account and \$34,407.01 in a seven-day certificate of deposit as of March 31, 1991. January—March disbursements totaled \$40,275.71.

Committee Reports

Anne Berkley, Archives Committee chair, presented an outline of Archives Committee personnel, functions and material to be solicited. She reported that the NCLA archives have been turned over to the N. C. State Archives; anyone wishing to use NCLA archives for research can contact Cheryl McLean or John Welch in the State Library for assistance. Photographs donated to the archives should be labeled with a No. 2 pencil and include names, date and occasion. Newspaper articles should be photocopied, preferably on acid-free paper. The Archives Committee will prepare a disposition and retention schedule. Barbara Baker suggested that this schedule become a part of the Policies and Procedures Manual which the Constitution, Codes and Handbook Revision Committee is preparing.

Janet Freeman, Conference Committee chair, passed out a conference planning calendar with deadlines for the 1991 conference and reported that the Conference Committee had met once every month or six weeks. John Via, Conference Program chair, reported good progress and gave out a preliminary schedule of conference events. He stated that in order to have more uniform starting times, the schedule might change somewhat. He announced an arrangement with USAir for reduced air fare for speakers. Nancy Bates moved that the Conference Committee reconsider its decision to increase registration fees for the NCLA Conference in High Point. Pat Siegfried made the second and the motion carried. David Fergusson moved that registration fees for NCLA in High Point be maintained at the level of the 1989 conference. Pat Siegfried seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion passed.

Constitution, Codes and Handbook Revision Committee chair Doris Anne Bradley reported that the committee met April 11 and discussed revisions to the Handbook. She passed out replacement pages and instructions for inserting them in the Handbook. She reminded the board that in February it had approved an amendment to the bylaws to provide for the administrative assistant and for an annual audit to be arranged by the treasurer. The committee is now addressing the issue of gender-specific language in the handbook. She distributed a bylaws revision with gender-free language and moved that it be substituted for the amendment approved by the board in February. The motion passed. In November the entire membership will vote on the amendment. Martha Ransley commended the committee for its effort toward gender-free language. Bradley then requested Executive Board approval for the committee to change the bylaws from

gender-specific language. Martha Ransley moved that the Constitution, Codes and Handbook Revision Committee be authorized to make those editorial changes necessary to render gender-free the language of the NCLA Constitution and Bylaws. The motion passed. Bradley pointed out a disclaimer in the introduction of the handbook about gender-specific language and asked for comments on the handbook as the Executive Board uses it. President Baker thanked the committee for its work.

Martha Ransley, reporting for Finance Committee Chair Nancy Fogarty, said the project grants letters have been mailed.

Steve Sumerford, chair of the Literacy Committee, noted that the thrust of his committee is to support librarians involved in literacy. Walter Anderson who is involved in efforts toward literacy will be the committee's speaker at the conference. The committee soon will meet with library school deans to ask them to make a major commitment to teach literacy. The committee will co-sponsor a one-hour credit course on literacy, "Libraries and Literacy: Entering A New Era," at UNC-G on June 20-21. Additionally, the committee plans a survey to see what libraries are doing to promote literacy.

Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, co-chair of the Membership Committee, reported that requests for nominations for awards have been mailed to the membership and will be publicized in *North Carolina Libraries* and *Tar Heel Libraries*. The deadline for submitting nominations is June 14; the committee will meet in Raleigh on June 19 to select awardees. Barbara Baker reminded the group that each section and round table should have a representative on the Membership Committee.

Technology and Trends Committee Chair Ed Shearin handed out a draft of a brochure for a pre-conference workshop, "Navigating the Networks," and stated that presenting the workshop is predicated on receiving a project grant.

President Baker passed around a copy of the *Durham Morning Herald* newspaper from March 1991, in which the name of the North Carolina Library Association was used in the illustration accompanying a story about North Carolina legislators.

David Fergusson, chair of the Governmental Relations Committee, reported a very successful North Carolina Legislative Day in Raleigh on February 20. He also stated that fewer people than usual were able to go to Washington for National Library Legislative Day on April 16, but most of our Congressmen promised to do their part to support libraries and library funding.

Frances Bradburn, *North Carolina Libraries* editor, reported that the redesigned spring 1991 issue of *North Carolina Libraries* was mailed last week and asked for feedback about the new design. She announced a one-year contract with a new publisher, TeamMedia. For the fall library buildings issue, she asked for seasonal black and white or color photographs of new, old, or redesigned libraries.

Section and Round Table Reports

The North Carolina Public Library Trustees Section and the Round Table on Special Collections did not give a report.

Johannah Sherrer, chair of Reference and Adult Services Section, reported that their conference program is "The Human Connection in Service" and plans are well on the way to completion. Charles Martell and Herbert White and a representative from Federal Express will speak at the conference. She reported good response to the section's efforts to initiate a reference training network in North Carolina based on the Maryland Model.

Nancy Ray, Library Administration and Management chair, sent a written report stating that registration for the Ropes Course on May 3 is at capacity and that planning continues for the NCLA Leadership Training Course to be presented at the conference.

President Baker suggested that chairs of sections and round tables identify potential leaders for sections and round tables and encourage them to attend the session.

Reporting for the Community and Junior College Libraries Section, Chair Susan Janney said Mike McCabe represented the section at National Library Legislative Day and that the section will sponsor a program of music and poetry at the conference.

David Gleim, chair of Resources and Technical Services Section, reported the RTSS Executive Committee met on April 12 and is working on nominations for new officers and for three awards, as well as the next issue of the section's newsletter and the second edition of *North Carolina Cataloging Network*, a directory of North Carolina catalogers. The section plans several programs at the conference.

Nancy Bates, chair, Public Library Section, reported that the Planning Council of the section met February 8 in Charlotte. The Adult Services Committee co-sponsored the Third Annual Bookmobile Conference in Greensboro in April. At the NCLA Conference, the Audio Visual Committee will sponsor "Shakespeare: From Page to Stage" at the High Point Theatre to be followed by a reception. The Development Committee has mailed nomination forms for the NC Public Library Development Award to all public libraries in the state; the forms are due by August 15. The Genealogy and Local History Committee is compiling a survey on genealogy and local history collections. The Governmental Relations Committee co-sponsored a barbecue luncheon for the Library Legislative Day in Raleigh on February 20. The Personnel Committee appointed a Recruitment Committee to assist library schools in increasing their students' awareness of the public library field and its opportunities. The Public Relations Committee held a seminar, "PR 101," in November. The brochure for the seminar won an excellence award from the Printing Industry of the Carolinas. The annual Trustees/Librarians/Friends Conference will be held on May 16 and 17 in Winston-Salem. The Young Adult Committee has applied for a Project Grant to assist with the conference program which will feature Jane Pratt, editor of *SASSY* magazine, a periodical for teens. The Public Library Section's conference program will feature NC writer Jerry Bledsoe. Barbara Baker, Barbara Best-Nichols, Carol Lewis, and Nancy Bates were elected as

library representatives to the White House Conference on Library and Information Services to be held in Washington, DC in July.

Nona Pryor, representing NCASL Chair Laura Benson, reported that considering potential statewide cuts by state legislators, school librarians have begun a campaign to inform legislators of librarians' role in the educational process. On April 17, school library media specialists celebrated School Library Media Day with a program on the TIIN network. The section is working on electing new biennial officers and with Children's Services Section on a Children's Book Award. She noted that two NCASL members are running for President of NCLA and two members of NCASL attended National Library Legislative Day in Washington.

Documents Chair Arlene Hanerfeld reported the section will hold its spring workshop, "GPO CD-ROMS: 1987 Economic Census, National Trade Data Bank," in Chapel Hill on May 10. The Documents Executive Board will meet the same day to discuss plans for the conference, which include a panel discussion on the impact of the distribution of electronic products to depository libraries. The Docket will change from quarterly to semi-annual publication. The section supports two bills that have been introduced in the General Assembly: H. 186 requires certain state documents to be printed on acid-free paper and S. 350 transfers responsibility for state publications procedure manuals from the Department of Administration to the State Library.

Children's Services Section Chair Pat Siegfried stated that the section's Executive Board met March 18 and discussed final plans for the conference. Timmy Abell, a NC musician and recording artist, will perform at a reception co-sponsored by CSS and the Round Table on the Status of Women in Librarianship. Additionally, the section will offer a booktalking program at the conference. Preparations are nearing completion for a May 6 and 7 workshop, "Changing Needs, Changing Behaviors, Part II." She discussed the NC Children's Book Award co-sponsored by NCASL and CSS and noted that nominations are being considered for officers for the next biennium.

Martha Ransley, chair of College and University Section, reported on the section's spring workshop, "Creative Learning Designs for Librarians and Library Users," held April 26. Barbara Ford, President of ACRL, and Joy Ormondroyd will speak at the conference.

Melanie Collins, chair of New Members Round Table, reported that the NMRT Executive Board met March 14 to finalize conference plans and to discuss the grants to attend the conference to be awarded by NCLA to students from each NC library school. The round table also is working on a slate of officers.

A written report from the NC Library Paraprofessional Association stated that a workshop, "Impact of the Library Paraprofessional: Influencing Quality Service in North Carolina," will be held June 13 at Durham County Public Library. NCLPA Conference Committee will meet April 24 to complete plans for the conference.

Renee Stiff, chair of Round Table for Ethnic Minority Concerns, reported that its speaker for the conference will be Kaycee Hale of the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles. REMCO is seeking nominations for the Roadbuilders Award to be presented at the conference. Also at the conference, the round table and NCCU School of Library and Information Sciences will co-sponsor a reception at Top of the Mart.

Karen Seawell Purcell, chair of Round Table on the Status of Women in Librarianship, reported that author Jill McCorkle will be at the round table's conference program and that the next issue of *Ms. Management* will address alternative careers.

ALA Councilor Patricia Langelier reminded the group that ALA meets June 29 - July 3 in Atlanta and that visiting the Chapter Relations Booth at the meeting is a good way to find out what other states are doing. This year, two areas will be highlighted: annual conference material and intellectual freedom handbooks. She recruited volunteers to work in the booth for an hour.

David Fergusson, SELA Representative, reported that the SELA Executive Board Meeting and Leadership Workshop, held in Atlanta on February 22 - 23, had a good turnout. The 1992 conference, held jointly with the Louisiana Library Association, will be March 18 - 21 in New Orleans. Nominations for Honorary Membership in SELA and other awards should be in early. The 1994 conference will be in Charlotte, NC. He said state and NCLA news should be sent to Elizabeth Curry, *Southeastern Librarian* editor. He announced that NC currently is third in membership among the 11 states of SELA and he

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gave out membership forms. SELA may offer traveling workshops through state associations; Janet Freeman has information.

There was no old or new business.

Jane Moore, Chief of Library Development, reported for Howard McGinn, Director of the State Library. She spoke about a possible revision of the State Library Commission to expand members from 11 to 15. One quarter of a million dollars in state aid has been cut from public libraries' budgets. Last week, about three hundred people attended an Open House at the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The State Library is revising the LSCA Grant procedure.

Martha Fonville, NCLA Administrative Assistant, reported that as of April 25, 1991, there were 2,051 members and that members who had not renewed by April 1 had been dropped from the count. She distributed to each section and round table chair a printout listing current members and announced that ballots for Association officers (except Treasurer) were mailed April 25.

President Baker discussed the Currents Conference, a conference for adult educators in NC. NCLA might participate in some way on the advisory committee. She reported a conversation with NC State Senator Basnight's assistant about closing a loophole on tax and distributing \$6.08 million to libraries; however, the money is not guaranteed. She presented two proposals from Benjamin Speller. The first is for NCLA to commit \$5,000 to library staff development and the second is for a two-year \$30,000 program for workshops on leadership. Following a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the president will refer the first proposal to the Finance Committee and the second to the Library Administration and Management Section for further study.

The next meeting will be July 26, 1991, at the Sheraton University Center in Durham.

Meeting adjourned.

— Minutes by Martha Fonville for Amanda Bible.



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