

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Executive Board

April 28, 1995

Members of the North Carolina Library Association Executive Board and guests met in the media center of East Mecklenburg High School on April 28, 1995, at 9:30 a.m. President Gwen Jackson presided. The following Executive Board members and committee chairs were present: Augie Beasley, Margaret Blanchard, Frances Bradburn, Joan Carothers, Wanda Brown Cason, John Childers, Cynthia Cobb, Martha E. Davis, David Fergusson, Nancy Clark Fogarty, Janet L. Freeman, Richard Fulling, Dale Gaddis, Beverley Gass, Gwen Jackson, Gene Lanier, Judy LeCroy, Maria Miller, Sandra Neerman, Christine Tomec, John Via, and Cristina Yu. Also attending were Vice Chairs Carol Freeman, Phyllis Johnson, Karen Perry, and Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin.

President Jackson thanked Augie Beasley who serves as media coordinator at East Mecklenburg for serving as host for the meeting. Principal Eugene Hawley welcomed the group.

Christine Tomec was introduced as the new administrative assistant for the association. Ms. Tomec began work in mid-January.

Minutes of the January 20, 1995, meeting were approved as was the Treasurer's Report.

Christine Tomec presented the Membership Report showing a current total of 1712 members. On December 31, 1994, 1804 memberships expired. Renewal notices have been mailed twice. As of this date 1146 have renewed their memberships. One hundred forty-nine new members have been received into the association in 1995.

President Jackson congratulated Frances Bradburn, Editor of *North Carolina Libraries*, for the recent announcement that NCL has won the 1995 H. W. Wilson Award. A blue ribbon was presented to Ms. Bradburn as a symbol of this honor.

Committee Reports

AIDS Materials Awareness Committee: Frances Bradburn reported that the committee will meet in June. A Friday morning program is being planned for the NCLA Conference in October.

Conference Committee: The NCLA Biennial Conference will be held in Greensboro October 2-6, 1995. David Fergusson reminded board members that the conference theme is *Libraries Link Lives*. In May a postcard will be mailed to association members, with full registration information being sent in August. Reg-

istration fees for the conference are the same as in 1993. Members are urged to make hotel reservations as soon as possible in order to get conference rates. The Program Committee has secured Hiram Davis, Deputy Librarian of Congress, as speaker for the Ogilvie Lecture. The Touring Theatre Ensemble of Greensboro will perform for the Friday luncheon. Those with suggestions for Table Talks should contact Waltrene Canada. SIRS will sponsor a gala reception from 5:00—7:00 on Thursday evening. Because of space limitations, exhibits will be in place on Wednesday and Thursday only. Helen Tugwell is in charge of local arrangements and has secured a dining room at Guilford College as site of the Executive Board Dinner.

Finance: Beverley Gass distributed a written report that told of the committee's meeting on April 7, 1995, to revise a draft of procedures that govern NCLA operating funds. This document is being written to define budgetary practice as NCLA moves to a system of fund accounting. Under the new system the administrative assistant will have more involvement in fiscal matters. Conference funds procedures will be developed as well as procedures for restricted funds that are managed by sections and committees. Ms. Gass asked that two forms be completed and returned to her by May 26, 1995—one asking for input about restricted funds and one regarding section accounts. Karen Perry noted that two areas of concern are the handling of conference funds and the delivery of cash to the administrative assistant. She also asked whether the reconciling of bank statements by the past president would be difficult under the new procedures. Janet Freeman answered that this should not be a problem. Ms. Perry expressed concern about the procedures regarding investments. Chair Gass responded that an Investments Subcommittee would probably be needed to make recommendations on this topic. She said that there would be further revision of the NCLA Financial Procedures statement and that the Finance Committee would meet again in early June. President Jackson asked that board members be notified of the revision by e-mail and asked the administrative assistant to print and distribute a list of board members' e-mail addresses so that there could be correspondence about this matter.

Governmental Relations: Carol

Southerland was not present, but President Jackson reported that plans are well under way for Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. on May 9, 1995.

Intellectual Freedom: Gene Lanier presented a written report detailing activity of this committee for the first quarter of 1995. He is serving on the ALA committee to formulate a new interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights. The committee hopes to finalize its work at the ALA Conference in Chicago in June. The Chair urged all those who are using or planning to use the Internet to formulate an Acceptable Use Policy. He and Frances Bradburn will present a program on this topic in Chicago.

Membership: John Via distributed a list of those recommended by the committee for special honors to be awarded at the Biennial Conference. Frances Bradburn made a motion that "NCLA Membership Committee recommendations for Life Membership, Honorary Membership, and NCLA Distinguished Library Service Award be accepted as presented." Dale Gaddis seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously. Chair Via offered NCLA posters with attached membership forms to any who wanted to distribute them. Such posters have brought in 23 new members in the past two years. Cynthia Cobb asked if minuses in the current membership report were to be expected. Christine Tomec responded that the decline in April was expected; figures should climb by July. President Jackson said that letters promoting NCLA membership have been sent to both ALA and SELA members who live in North Carolina but are not currently NCLA members.

Publications: Sandy Neerman reported that committee members met in Matthews on April 18, 1995. Since the committee now incorporates two former groups (Publications and Marketing), discussion centered around how the two will work together. Other topics were conference planning and the Pass the Buck campaign.

Special Projects: Patrick Valentine was not present, but President Jackson pointed out that the committee has been hard at work approving grants for the Biennial Conference.

Reports of Work Groups

Intellectual Freedom: Gene Lanier stated that the group has met all of its benchmarks.

Organizational Issues: Janet Freeman

distributed a report that showed the combined section and round table responses to a survey measuring reaction to the five vision statements formulated by the work groups. The report was for information only and required no action. Chair Freeman asked that board members reflect on the survey results.

Personnel: The work group had no formal report, but David Fergusson noted that there seems to be a current trend toward reducing professional staff in the public libraries of North Carolina. President Jackson asked that the Personnel Work Group investigate this situation and report to the board.

Technology: President Jackson said that the progress of NCLA-L and the growth of the Technology and Trends Round Table both reflect the work of this group.

Other Reports

North Carolina Libraries: Frances Bradburn thanked the board for financial and personal support that has enabled the journal to win the H. W. Wilson Award for the 1994 publishing year. She noted that there were some problems of distribution with the last issue through no fault of the NCL staff.

ALA Councilor: Martha Davis gave a report on the ALA Midwinter Conference held in Philadelphia in February. A record number attended. The hot topic for discussion was ALA Goal 2000 which includes a recommendation for a \$25 dues increase to be spread over three years in order to support the work of the Washington Office. The issue of the composition of ALA Council was debated in round table discussions at the conference. In the general session it was decided not to address the issue at this time. Whenever the matter is introduced at general session Councilor Davis will present the NCLA recommendation which was approved in January, 1995, regarding election of at-large Council members.

SELA Representative: Nancy Clark Fogarty presented a written report with information on the SELA Leadership Workshop held in Atlanta March 24-25, 1995. The October conference in Charlotte was successful financially, and attendance was good for a stand-alone conference. The 1996 Conference will be held in Lexington, Kentucky. Since the decision about the 1998 Conference is not final, board members were presented the following motion by Ms. Fogarty: "...that the NCLA Executive Board inform me by vote of its preference for the location of the 1998 SELA Conference, with the choices being Greenville, SC, and Little Rock, AR." Janet Freeman seconded this motion. Board members voted to support the Greenville location, and President Jackson asked that Ms. Fogarty vote accordingly.

Section and Round Table Reports

Documents: Rich Fulling noted that the section's spring meeting will be Friday, May 12, at North Carolina State University. Title of the session will be *Electronic Processing of Federal Documents: An Update on What North Carolina Libraries Are Doing*.

Library Administration & Management Section: Dale Gaddis reported that the section met on March 17. Plans were finalized for the NCLA Conference program. There will be a preconference session presented by Abigail

Hubbard using LAMA's Leadership Survival Kit. In addition, three conference programs are planned. The Ropes Course scheduled for April 6 was canceled due to insufficient number of registrations. A meeting was also held on March 17 to plan the first biennial NCLA Leadership Institute which will occur in 1996. The institute will be modeled after the Snowbird Institute offered in Utah, and participants will be limited in number and selected for diversity and leadership potential. Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin has agreed to co-chair the steering committee for the Institute; another co-chair is yet to be named. The next meeting of the section will be on June 16 in Durham.

NC Association of School Librarians: Augie Beasley informed board members that the 1996 NCASL Conference will be held August 7-9 in High Point. The NC Department of Public Instruction will provide assistance for this conference. NCASL plans to have one-day meetings in August the years of NCLA conferences.

NC Public Library Trustees Association: John Childers said that the association has been working on its conference program. There will be a newsletter issued by mid-May.

Public Library Section: Margaret Blanchard reported that the Planning Committee met in Asheboro in February to discuss the program for the Biennial Conference. A reporter for National Public Radio will be speaker. The committee will meet again in May in Greensboro. The emphasis in the North Carolina public library community is on the support of legislation that would increase state funding from \$10.9 million to \$18.5 million. Bills to this effect have been introduced in the current General Assembly.

Reference & Adult Services Section: Bryna Coonin was unable to be present but sent a written report. The RASS Board met on March 10 in Durham. The Spring Program was held on April 28, 1995, at UNC-Charlotte and was entitled *Tool or Toy: The Role of Internet in Information Services*. Planning continues for the RASS program scheduled for the Biennial Conference.

New Members Round Table: Maria Miller reported that the round table's Internet workshop in November was successful. The conference program will be on the subject of customer service.

NC Paraprofessional Association: Joan Carothers told board members that author Tim McLaurin will speak at the Biennial Conference.

Round Table for Ethnic Minority Concerns: Cynthia Cobb stated that the Executive Board met March 31 in Greensboro. The round table will celebrate its anniversary at the Biennial Conference. Nominations are being sought for Roadbuilders Awards. Chair Cobb asked David Fergusson when awards would be presented at the Conference, and he responded that the Thursday General Session would include an awards ceremony.

Technology & Trends Round Table: Cristina Yu spoke about the teleconference on the subject of copyright to be aired May 1 at several sites around the state. Five sponsors have helped to underwrite cost of the teleconference: the *Winston-Salem Journal*, the *Charlotte Observer*, Faxon, UMI, and Yankee Book Peddler.

Old Business

John Via reminded board members of the motion passed in October that would offer free membership to the New Members Round Table to all those joining the association. He questioned how this membership would be funded until it could become a part of the budget. The amount agreed upon to provide the New Members Round Table with \$2.00 per new member, and Christine Tomec reported that approximately 200 persons would qualify for the free membership. Mr. Via offered to provide funds for this from the Membership Committee's budget as long as the total amount did not exceed \$500. President Jackson thanked the Membership Committee and asked that a letter be written to all new members saying that they have automatically become members of the New Members Round Table. David Fergusson asked that all new members with e-mail addresses also be automatically added to NCLA-L.

New Business

President Jackson presented a request from the Public Library Association asking that NCLA endorse their 1998 meeting to be held in March or April in Charlotte. Margaret Blanchard stated that the NCLA Public Library Section would support this endorsement and made the following motion: "NCLA endorse PLA to be held in Charlotte, NC in March 1998." David Fergusson seconded this motion. The motion was carried.

In regard to the *Proposed Revision of the ALA Code of Professional Ethics* dated February 7, 1995, President Jackson requested the Board's endorsement. David Fergusson made the motion that "NCLA endorse the ALA Code of Professional Ethics. (Revised 2/7/95)." Augie Beasley seconded this motion. The motion was carried.

President's Report

President Jackson thanked board members for much hard work. In the current issue of *North Carolina Libraries*, she has asked for feedback on three specific questions and she asked that board members give them consideration. The questions are:

- 1) Has NCLA made progress in realizing the visions that were established at the beginning of the biennium?
- 2) Does NCLA need to chart a new course or change direction to accomplish our goals?
- 3) Do we as members of NCLA need to renew our commitment to NCLA and to the profession?

The report of the Task Force on Governance is not complete but will be distributed to Executive Board members prior to the July meeting when it will be submitted to a vote. If passed, it will be presented at the Biennial Conference for approval by the membership.

Next meeting of the Executive Board will be July 21, 1995, in Greensboro.

Respectfully submitted,
— Judy LeCroy, Secretary