

# NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Executive Board

*August 7, 1996, High Point, North Carolina*

Members and guests present: Elinor Swaim, Clarence Toomer, Mary Louisa Bryant, Barbara Best-Nichols, David Fergusson, Beverley Gass, Wanda Brown, Steve Sumerford, Marsha Wells, Beth Hutchison, Kathryn Crowe, Sheila Core, Robert Burgin, Karen Perry, Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, Sue Ann Cody, Janet Flowers, Carol Freeman, Cristina Yu, Betty Meehan-Black, Helen Tugwell, Ross Holt, Teresa McManus, John Via, Gene Lanier, Barbara Akinwale, Jackie Beach, Edna Cogdell, Patrick Valentine, Martha Davis, Nancy Clark Fogarty, Barbara Levergood.

President David Fergusson called the meeting to order and asked for approval of minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved (with some spelling corrections).

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Wanda Brown reported that there were receipts of \$19,170.50 this quarter and expenses of \$30,569.88. Wanda noted that she had not received any final bills for the last biennial conference. Robert Burgin made a motion to accept the report and Jackie Beach seconded. The motion carried.

### **Administrative Assistant's Report**

Marsha Wells reported that membership has increased since the last board meeting by 195, but new memberships and renewals are coming in slowly. The total is now 1736, but 545 people who were members in 1995 have not renewed.

### **• Sections & Round Tables**

**Children's Services Section:** Beth Hutchison was not available to give a report because she was giving a presentation at the NCASL conference.

**College & University Section:** Kathryn Crowe reported that the section will sponsor a workshop on October 18 at the Cone Center. The workshop title is "Bringing It All Together: Campus Collaboration for Information Technology." Also, the board has discussed the possible merger of the College and University Section with the Community and Junior College Section.

**Community & Junior College Libraries Section:** Sheila Core reported that the section is looking at the possibility of sponsoring a program at the Learning Resources Conference. They have not yet polled the section about the possible merger with College & University Section.

**Documents Section:** Barbara Levergood reported that the spring workshop was a big success. The Section is planning a workshop on October 4 on "Legal Resources and Services Using Government Documents."

**Library Administration & Management Section:** Robert Burgin reported that the section will sponsor a workshop November 21 and 22 at Shell Island. The board voted to oppose the recommendation of the NCLA Governance Study to change the make-up of the NCLA Executive Board.

**NC Association of School Librarians:** Karen Perry reported that the number of pre-registered individuals for the biennial conference was 311, compared to an average of 600 pre-registered from the last two conferences.

**Other news from the NCASL:** Section representatives Linda

McDaniel and Karen Perry met with Rep. Howard Coble on ALA Legislative Day in May. They discussed concerns about pending copyright legislation for libraries. The Children's Book Award Committee selected the lists of nominees for 1997 from children's suggestions across the state. The Battle of the Books Committee worked on formulating questions for the 1997 book list. The NCASL Executive Board met in Raleigh on May 23. The Board empowered Karen Perry to negotiate a contract for convention services for 1999 and 2001. The dates selected were August dates with the understanding that the contract may need to be renegotiated for October or November if August does not meet the needs of the membership.

**Public Library Section:** Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin reported that the A-V committee will host a workshop on audio books on October 25 in Wilmington and November 8 in Hendersonville. The Young Adult committee now has a homepage. The Technical Services committee is updating the Technical Services Directory. The Adult Services committee also has a homepage. The Trustees/Friends committee has completed the revision of their handbook. The committee voted to financially support the NCLA Leadership Institute.

**Reference & Adult Services Section:** Sue Ann Cody reported that the section will host a program called "Providing or Policing: Internet Access Dilemmas in Libraries." It will be held at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh, November 8. The board also approved a \$250 donation of the NCLA Leadership Institute.

**Resources & Technical Services Section:** Janet Flowers reported that the section will sponsor a workshop entitled "The Interconnected Information Systems Environment: Perspectives for Resources and Technical Services." Also, the board has discussed various matters such as the proposed restructuring of NCLA, NCLA's finances and membership recruitment. They have distributed a membership survey.

**New Members Round Table:** Carol Freeman reported that the round table sponsored a very successful workshop on the World Wide Web. Also, the premiere issue of the "New Members Roundtable Bulletin" was published in July 1996. The NMRT presented the following petition to NCLA with the required fifteen signatures. "We the undersigned members of the New Members Round Table of the NCLA hereby request that the Executive Board of the NCLA approve a mail ballot for the purpose of amending the NMRT by-laws. The by-laws must be amended to reflect the Executive Board's August 1994 decision to give a two-year automatic NMRT membership to those joining NCLA for the first time. The proposed language for the amendment is as follows:

Individuals joining the NCLA for the first time will receive free membership in the New Members Round Table for each of the first two years of paid membership in the Association. In addition, individual membership shall be open to any other member of the NCLA who has not been an Association member for more than two years and for fewer than ten years, and now states a preference for this Round Table at the time of payment of Association dues.

**NC Library Paraprofessional Association:** Louisa Bryant reported that the NCLPA executive committee discussed the proposed restructuring and recommended that the Association should request retaining voting rights on the NCLA Executive Board. Also, the membership committee has sent letters to academic libraries to encourage larger participation. Four children's programs are planned for each region. These workshops will focus on puppetry, flannel boards and storytelling. The executive members participated in the Virginia Library Association Paraprofessional Forum where program chair Meralyn Meadows was a guest speaker.

**Round Table for Ethnic Minority Concerns:** Barbara Best-Nichols reported that REMCO will be finalizing plans for a conference in the spring of 1997.

**Round Table on the Status of Women:** Betty Meehan-Black reported that the round table will sponsor a Hiring Smart workshop.

**Technology & Trends Round Table:** Cristina Yu has become the chair. She reported that they will sponsor a workshop called "Working Wisely on the Web" on October 18. They are working on a homepage.

#### • Committee reports

**Conference:** Beverly Gass

**Constitution, Codes, & Handbook Revision:** Ross Holt reported that the Conference Handbook has been added to the *NCLA Handbook* as Appendix I, as per Executive Board action. The committee also modified the Conference Committee's duties by adding, "To keep and maintain the Conference Handbook (Appendix I)." The committee incorporated the IRS rate for mileage reimbursement for travel. The committee made some changes in the Honorary and Life membership pages and added a list of Distinguished Service Award recipients.

**Finance:** Teresa McManus reported that the committee has worked on drafting a budget proposal. The resulting budget shows a shortfall of \$20,000. The Finance Committee will submit an annual budget for 1997 at the November 1 Board meeting. Robert Burgin made a motion to change to an annual budget. Karen Perry seconded. The motion carried.

President Fergusson has appointed a committee to make some recommendations about our financial situation, including consideration of the impact of annual dues, increasing costs for Administrative Assistant, etc. The following people have been asked to serve: Larry Alford, Nancy Fogarty, Teresa McManus, Beverly Gass, Gwen Jackson, Wanda Brown, Karen Perry, Rose Simon, Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, Robert Burgin.

**Governmental Relations:** John Via reported that NCLA was represented by 14 members and friends for the 1996 National Library Legislative Day. He also reported that he had posted a message on NCLA-L to encourage members to contact their representatives asking for support of LSCA. He shared some tips he learned from attending "Lobbying 101" at the ALA conference. Recent victories and partial victories are evidence that the Washington ALA office is very effective: Communication Decency Act was stalled; the Telecommunications bill gives reduced rates for libraries; and the digitalization of government documents was slowed to give librarians chance to respond to it. Elinor Swaim added that this is very important time to advocate for support for LSCA. She also encouraged us to thank state legislators for their support for State Aid

**Intellectual Freedom:** Gene Lanier reported that the committee receives about one request per week from librarians facing censorship challenges. In January the ALA Intellectual Freedom bill passed. The committee is also working on a document to help clarify interpretation of access to electronic information (Acceptable use policies on Internet use)

**Literacy Committee:** Dr. Pauletta Bracy was giving a presentation at NCASL. The committee will meet quarterly and will work closely with the various literacy programs throughout the state.

**Membership:** Barbara Akinwale and Jackie Beach reported. In an effort to recruit and retain members, the Membership Committee proposes to provide recruitment displays, send membership posters to all types of libraries, revise the membership form, place special membership recruitment ads in *NC Libraries* and *Tar Heel Libraries* and send thank you notes to new and renewing members. President Fergusson suggested that we charge a substantial higher registration fee for non-members to attend workshops; Jackie agreed that reduced rates for members is a benefit of membership. Patrick Valentine agreed, adding that less money will be available for sponsoring workshops this year. John Via suggested that we put a statement regarding higher fees for non-members into the Bylaws of each roundtable and section. President Fergusson asked Barbara Akinwale and Jackie Beach to consult with Ross Holt to develop such a motion to bring before the board. Beverley Gass asked about how we would monitor this to determine who is a member. Teresa asked the committee to think about adding legislators as honorary members.

**Scholarships:** Edna Cogdell reported that the Query-long Scholarship for the 1996-97 academic year has been awarded to Marni Jo Overly. Melanie Terry, a student at NCCU, is the recipient of the NCLA Memorial Scholarship.

**Special Projects Committee:** Patrick Valentine reported that the funding available is lower than last year. The committee is concerned that there is a lot of overlap in programs. He reminded the Board that bills need to be sent to the Administrative Assistant, not the Treasurer and he reminded people to observe NCLA rules before they submit a grant.

#### • Other reports

**North Carolina Libraries:** Rose Simon reported that the most recent issue has been published. She distributed a list of upcoming issues and editors.

**SELA Representative, NANCY CLARK FOGARTY** Everyone is encouraged to attend the Oct 22-26 SELA conference in Lexington KY.

**NCLA Web Page Ad-hoc Committee:** The NCLA Web page URL is: <http://library.rcpl.org/ncla/>. The purpose of the page is to serve the membership and the library profession by providing information about NCLA library-related sites. Rockingham County Public Library has agreed to host the site at no cost to the organization.

#### New Business

Ross Holt presented the by-laws changes that were recommended by the New Members Round Table (see above). It was moved by Jackie Beach and seconded by Robert Burgin that we change the bylaws as requested by the board of the New Members Round Table). The motion carried.

Martha Davis noted that in ALA there is a drive to increase funds for ALA minority scholarships. She asked the board to consider whether NCLA wants to make a contribution. President Fergusson asked her to postpone the discussion until the next board meeting when we know NCLA's financial situation.

Jackie Beach asked us to be aware that there is a major revision of PLA Bylaws; proposing elimination of sections. She asked us to carefully consider our vote on this very controversial change in bylaws.