# NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Minutes of the Executive Board

July 17, 1998, Watauga County Public Library

Attending: Beverley Gass, Al Jones, Maureen Costello, Susan Adams, Martha Davis, Rhoda Channing, Eleanor Cook, Dave Fergusson, Tracy Babiasz, Carolyn Price, Shirley Gregory, Marilyn Miller, Carol Truett, Carol Freeman, Gayle Keresey, Catherine Wilkinson, Diane Kester, Peggy Quinn, Karen Gavigan, Melinda Ratchford, Ann Miller, Ginny Gilbert, Lila Friday, Peter Keber.

President Beverley Gass called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the April minutes. They were approved with one correction: the spelling of the name Wilkerson to Wilkinson.

President Gass asked the group to introduce themselves, giving name and position with NCLA.

#### President's Report

President Gass and Al Jones revised the vision statement to include the comments from the last meeting. Discussion was held and the statement was approved and accepted as the Vision Statement for the North Carolina Library Association.

A request was presented from Janet Freeman, chair of NC Live, for funds to purchase a 4-panel display at a cost of \$2,200. The display would be "checked out" across the state for exhibit opportunities. Discussion included questions regarding the clarification of the availability of the unit throughout the state, the cost of one unit, versus two, and the cost(s) for shipping the display. The motion to approve the expense was passed with the recommendation that NC Live be encouraged to purchase two units with the \$2,200. President Gass will work with Janet Freeman regarding the concerns of access to the display.

# **Treasurer's Report**

Diane Kester asked for discussion regarding the Association's treasurer's report. Each section and round table received an individual report reflecting its own financial status as of the 2nd quarter. Questions about the Children's Book award money was directed to both the Children's Services Section and NCASL. It was recommended that Maureen Costello, Administrative Assistant, develop a "head count" form to be used at all workshop/events to calculate the funds to be received by the Association.

# Section/Round Table Reports Children's Services Section

Susan Adams reported that the Children's Services Section met on June 1, 1998 to finalize plans for the biennial retreat. The retreat, entitled "Reading Renaissance: a Retreat to Rediscover the Book," will begin at noon on October 26, end at noon on October 27 and will be held at the Brown's Summit Hotel.

Speakers will include Jim Rossinia, who will discuss the "ages and stages" of adolescence, Dr. Denise Palas, who will discuss physiological stages and pre-reading in school children, and Dr. Dudley Shearborn of Salem College will energize the group to "go forth and discuss" books. A "mock" Newbery book discussion – led by individuals who have actually participated in the real discussion, and a relaxing evening featuring storytelling around the fire will be included also.

# **College and University Section**

Shirley Gregory, Director of the Library at Barton College and new chair, reported that the College and University Section has reorganized after the resignation of chairman Dr. Clarence Toomer in May. Bobby C. Wynn, Director of Library Services Fayetteville State University, has accepted the position of vice chair. The section is discussing union with the Community and Junior College section, but has not been able to meet with their representative.

A fall workshop is being planned for November 6, 1998. The title of the workshop is "Fulfilling the Promise of the Millenium: Purposes, Perspectives, and Possibilities." The keynote address will be given by Dr. Benjamin Speller of North Carolina Central University. Break out sessions will focus on the future that is here, NC Live. These sessions will address education and access.

# Community and Junior College Section

Martha Davis reported that CJCLS is working with the NC Library Paraprofessional Association on a joint workshop that will tentatively be scheduled for the fall. This will allow the NCLPA to survey their group for a topic of interest.

#### **Documents Section**

Ann Miller reported on the section's spring program "The Old North State: State, County and Local Information in North Carolina" which took place May 15, 1998 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. It was a great success, with attendance at around 60 participants. Nancy Kohlenbrander, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect is now planning the Fall Program, to take place in October, focusing on coping with electronic documents.

Candidates for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Treasurer will be sought in the coming months.

The State Depository System Advisory Board has asked the Documents Section to create a task force to examine the changing formats in which state information is being issued and the impact that will have on public access. The task force will identify core state information which needs to be preserved in printed form, examine the change from print to electronic distribution and the issues involved and begin to examine possible legislative action needed. The details of the charge and the membership of the task force are still being established.

Marilyn Schuster of UNC-Charlotte and Mike Van Fossen of UNC-Chapel Hill have agreed to serve as section liaisons to the Publications Committee. Marilyn will work with the newsletter project and Mike with the Web page.

# Library and Management Section

Rhoda Channing reported that a Treasurer's report indicating the section to be in poor financial position was cleared up once preconference expenses charged to the section and revenues allocated to the section had been analyzed.

The joint mentoring initiative between the New Members Round Table and LAMS has gone forward with the appointment of a Steering Committee to prepare a brochure and survey information. Appointed from LAMS are Mary McAfee from Forsyth Public, Robert Canida II from UNC-Pembroke, and Kate Hickey of Elon College.

Rhoda Channing attended a meeting of the Resources and Technical Services Section Board to continue planning the RTSS/LAMS workshop on assessment. All of the details of the meeting seem to be working out and a large attendance is anticipated.

The LAMS Board met on July 10 at Wake Forest University. Reports were heard on the budget, the mentoring program, and the fall workshop. Gwen Jackson spoke about the need to include school library media specialists in the mentoring program. Robert Burgin will head the nominating committee for LAMS, and will make suggestions as to other members. Martha Davis, Chair-Elect, gave a comprehensive report on the Council of LAMA Affiliates' meeting she attended at ALA. Martha had several ideas for possible programs that could be pre-conference sessions at the next NCLA biennial conference. It was decided to get more information about the various Institutes offered by the divisions.

Martha will also be following up on lapsed members of LAMS. Various ways of increasing and marketing membership were considered. It was felt that the mentoring program will increase personal involvement of members and possibly attract new ones to LAMS.

# NC Association of School Librarians Section

Melinda Ratchford and Karen Gavigan reported that the NCASL Conference are scheduled be held September 16-18, 1998, offering outstanding speakers and presenters. The theme "Tool Time" is so appropriate because of the vast array of "tools" media specialists are being asked to provide and use.

The AASL meetings at ALA were attended by both Melinda and Karen. A tremendous effort is under way to get the Information Power advocacy plan into effect.

The NCASL Executive Board met on June 3, 1998. Details about the upcoming conference were discussed. The board voted to nominate Laura Williams and Vicki Stanfield to attend the NCLA Leadership Institute in October. NC Book Awards were given to *Roses Are Pink, Your Feet Really Stink* by Diane DeGroat, and *Shiloh Season*, by Phyllis Naylor. Information concerning awards and scholarships have been sent out with a July 10, 1998 deadline for their return. Awards and scholarships will be presented during the

opening session on Thursday morning. A decision was made to present "A Lifetime Achievement Award" during this time also. Marilyn Shontz reported that she is still making revisions to the Profile of NC School Libraries Survey. It is hoped that the data in this report, expected to be out after Labor Day, can be used to support library programs across North Carolina. A boost in NCASL membership is anticipated with the upcoming conference. Laura Williams is looking for a permanent place to host the NCASL web page. It was suggested to check with East Carolina University. A suggestion was also made to put an application for membership on the web page. Melinda Ratchford reported that she and Sue Spencer are on the NC State Library Committee for Sharing Resources. They are looking into the possibility of a State-Wide Union Catalog. A conference was discussed to hear issues from all kinds of libraries. Laura Williams and Marilyn Shontz will be responsible for finding someone to be in charge of the newsletter. The next Executive Board meeting will be held on September 16, 1998 at 5:00 PM in the 3rd floor boardroom of the Benton Civic Center.

# NC Library Paraprofessional Round Table

In a written report, Frances Lampley, the new chair reported that an Executive Board meeting was held on June 19, 1998 in Hendersonville. Discussion was held regarding programs planned – whether to continue the plans for workshops, whether or not to conduct one as a test, or whether to change the workshop altogether. After much discussion, it was decided that since the plans had been approved by the board at the last meeting, workshops should continue as planned. Contact was to be made with Martha Davis of LAMS concerning the progress made.

Lou Bryant submitted her resignation as chair. A replacement director is being sought for District 2. The next meeting will be scheduled for late August or early September.

NC Public Library Trustee Association There was no report.

#### New Members Round Table

The board of the New Members Round Table met on June 9. The board is proceeding with an implementation of the mentoring program for NCLA members. After discussion with members of the LAMS board, a steering committee (made up of Jennie Hunt and Jane Casto from the NMRT board and Robert Canida, Kate Hickey and Mary McAffee from the LAMS board) was formed and will begin to pull together a brochure to describe the program and request applications. Workshops for the participants will be considered also.

The 2nd Annual NMRT's Big Adventure was held on July 10 in Greensboro. Fourteen librarians met and mingled as they visited several local libraries. More Big Adventures will be planned for the future. Jennie Hunt, Director for Programming, is looking towards another fall program in the fall with a possible theme of fundraising and grant opportunities in libraries.

The NMRT newsletter should be mailed sometime in the new few weeks. A great deal of time has been spent discussing means of publishing more online to reduce the amount of printing necessary and the speed with which information is distributed. Plans are being made to survey members regarding their needs in an upcoming newsletter issue.

The board agreed to support NCLA Leadership Institute 1998 with a donation.

Members have been queried about the type of program(s) they would like to see at the next biennial conference. The topic will be discussed in detail at future board meetings.

# **Public Library Section**

Steve Sumerford was unable to attend this meeting but reported through Beverley Gass that PLS committees were making progress.

# Reference & Adult Services Section

Carolyn Price reported that the RASS Executive Committee met on Friday, May 1, 1998 at the Durham County Public Library. Philip Banks was voted Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Lisa Sheffield will take Philip's place as the public library representative to the Board.

Materials are still being formulated for the Fall Workshop relating to the impact of the NC Live project on reference and public services. Sue Cody has contacted Crit Stuart from GALILEO as a possible speaker to talk about what Georgia has learned from its statewide project. A representative from the State Library will be sought to give an update on NC Live. The afternoon will include sessions that look at differing aspects of the network that will interest librarians from various types of libraries.

The low budget report and low membership and their effect on the upcoming programs were discussed at length. Revised financial reports offered a more encouraging picture of the balance.

The next meeting will be held August 7 in Asheville.

#### **Resources & Technical Services**

The board members met on April 23 and June 11 in Greensboro. At the first meeting, initial plans were made for the fall workshop. Margaret Foote, membership chair, agreed to represent RTSS on the NCLA Publicity Committee. Vice-chair, Lisa Smith, volunteered to maintain the RTSS web site.

Rhoda Channing, LAMS chair, joined RTSS at the June meeting to make detailed plans for the fall workshop, which is being co-sponsored by LAMS. The workshop, entitled "Moving Ahead While Honoring the Past: Assessing Our Operations," will be held September 24, 1998 at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill. Ellen Altman will speak on why and how we assess library operations. Robert Burgin will speak on assessment tools. And Lea Wells will discuss staff morale during assessments and implementation of changes. A brochure will be sent to all NCLA members in early August. Information about the workshop, including the registration form, will be on the RTSS web site.

The board agreed to contribute \$250 to the Leadership Institute.

The chair attended the Council of Regional Groups on June 28 at ALA in Washington, DC and reported on RTSS activities since the Midwinter meeting.

# Round Table for Ethnic Minority Concerns

Barbara Best-Nichols reported that Dr. Clarence Toomer will not be able to fulfill the role of archivist. He is moving from the area.

A fall workshop entitled "Technology for the New Millenium – Are Your Public and Technical Services at Risk?" is planned. Panelists from universities, public libraries, and commercial information providers will present information on changes taking place in the library and information environments. In addition to a panel, there will be an extensive question and answer period. Demonstrations of technologies affecting the roles of public and technical services areas will also be held. The workshop is set for the McKimmon Center at NC State University on September 18, 1998. Brochures will go out within the next few weeks.

#### **Round Table on Special Collections**

The Round Table on Special Collections sponsored three practical workshops on oral history basics, "Telling Our Stories," in Williamston, Pinehurst, and Lenoir during April, May, and June. Presenters were from East Carolina University, the North Carolina Museum of History, and the Southern Oral History Program at UNC-Chapel Hill. Approximately 60 representing public libraries, academic libraries, historical societies and geneological societies attended.

### Round Table on Status of Women in Librarianship

On May 1, 1998, Dr. Richard E. Rubin, Associate Professor, School of Library and Information Science at Kent State University, presented a very successful workshop on Motivation, Satisfaction and Commitment in the Library Workplace. The Public Library Section co-sponsored the workshop and the 36 attendees reflected both units. Attendees were from public, academic, and school libraries.

The forthcoming RTSWL board meeting will begin planning for the 1999 conference.

#### Technology & Trends Round Table

Eleanor Cook reported that they plan to meet soon and are presently working on plans for a workshop on technology and trends. She reminded other board members that TNT is always ready to co-sponsor an event with any other group(s).

# Committee Reports

Administrative Advisory Committee The committee's organizational meeting was held on June 19, 1998. This group will deal with issues related to the move of the NCLA office, the future of the office after the move, the position of Administrative Assistant including implementing a procedures manual and personnel, and providing guidance on matters of office technology such as database maintenance and Internet presence and its maintenance, and hardware/software standards.

The committee will write (with assistance of the incumbent) a job description and personnel manual concerning the position of Administrative Assistant. It will cover roles, responsibilities and priorities, to whom the position reports and how often, work hours, leave, training, probationary period, salary and benefits, work related travel compensation, and method of evaluation. The committee chair will interview previous Administrative Assistants to get their perspective on the position. Past position holders, or anyone knowing their whereabouts, are encouraged to contact Liz Hamilton at 252-335-2511 or at *ehamilton@ncsl.dcr.state.nc.us*.

#### Archives Committee

The Archives Committee met on July 2, 1998 at the State Library. The members began reviewing the subject heading list, the scope and contents and the description records of the subgroups. After reviewing the lists, the committee discussed the possibility of adding other headings, although no changes were made.

A complete inventory of all received materials is planned for the next meeting. The committee will continue working on older materials and preparing them for transfer into the archives. Records from the mid-1980s – early 1990s will be the committee's first priority.

The committee discussed the need to invite the archivist to the next meeting to offer suggestions and instruct the committee on various preservation techniques.

#### **Conference** Committee

Al Jones reported that the 1999 NCLA Biennial Conference will be held September 21-24 at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem. The 2001 Conference will also be held in Winston-Salem.

The full Conference Committee met on May 15 at Catawba College. A theme was decided for the 1999 Conference. "Imagine the Future" will give librarians in every type of library an opportunity to think about how to shape the future of librarianship in the new milennium. Program planners were urged to incorporate a futurist perspective in the planning of meetings for the conference.

Monthly meetings of the full Conference Committee will begin on September 11, 1998. Registration and exhibit booth fees will be decided and a budget for the conference will be approved.

The convention centers of Charlotte, Greensboro, High Point, Raleigh, and Winston-Salem were contacted as possible sites for the 2003 and 2005 biennial conferences. Proposals have been received from all five potential sites. The dates requested for the 2003 conference are September 23-26 and for the 2005 conference, September 20-23, dates that will not conflict with the Jewish High Holy Days. The Vice-President asked the board to approve Winston-Salem as the site for the 2003 conference. It was approved.

Most roundtable committee chairs have sent Al information on their respective program planners, which has been forwarded to Phil Barton, Program Chair for the 1999 Conference. Any further information on program planners or requests about the program planning can be sent directly to Phil at bartonp@co.rowan.nc.us. He needs to know the name, address, telephone number(s), and email address of the person in the section or round table who will be responsible for programs at the Conference.

Signers for the deaf among the Board members or NCLA members at large are encouraged to contact Al Jones at *pajones@catawba.edu*.

# Constitution, Codes and Handbook Committee

Chair Gayle Keresey reported that the committee will meet within the next Six weeks.

# **Development Committee**

The NCLA Development Committee met on June 12. The committee discussed ways to handle and invest funds donated to the planned endowment. There seem to be three options: do it ourselves; pay a professional to do it for us; or contact with one of North Carolina's two community foundations to do it. Consensus was that it was impractical for the association itself to manage an endowment, and that a professional would be too costly. Thus, the committee decided to explore investing with either the North Carolina Community Foundation, based in Raleigh, or the Foundation for the Carolinas, based in Charlotte. These organizations provide a variety of development services for non-profit organizations and also distribute grants of their own to local funding agencies. A representative from each organization will be asked to make a presentation to the Development Committee in early September. NCLA officers and members of the Finance Committee will be invited to this presentation as well.

Although both these foundations offer to acknowledge donations on behalf of the non-profit for which money is being raised, the committee agreed that NCLA should initially receive and acknowledge all donations itself. An acknowledgement letter with the appropriate statements to the effect that the donation is tax deductible has been drafted.

The committee discussed the possibility of

carrying out a silent auction and drawing at the biennial conference to raise money for the endowment. Similarly successful events have been held at other state conferences. The Development Committee will contact the Conference Committee about this idea. Discussion was also held about soliciting corporate donations to the endowment as sponsorships of NCLA activities.

# **Finance Committee**

Catherine Wilkinson reported that the Finance Committee discussed the Membership Committee request "to change the dues structure to \$10/year for all years in school for library school students." Slightly amended, the proposal is now "to change the dues structure to \$10/year for degreeseeking library school students (six year maximum)." This change establishes a time limit equal to the time limit for earning the Master's degree. It also eliminates those who occasionally enroll in a course or courses for the purposes of continuing education, etc. The current policy calls for full-time library students to pay dues of \$10/year for only two years. There is no clear indication of the impact this change in the dues structure for library school students would have on the budget.

On June 10, 1998, President Gass asked the Finance Committee for a recommendation regarding reimbursement for travel to NCLA Executive Board meetings. Preliminary investigation has resulted in the fact that the implications of providing reimbursement for travel to Executive Board meetings are far reaching, ranging from budgetary implications to choice of meeting locations. The Finance Committee needs additional time to gather information, including polling each section/round table as to its current and future practices regarding travel expenditure reimbursement.

Some current funding practices were noted. NCLA provides funds for the ALA Councilor to use to attend ALA meetings. Funds are available for discretionary use by the President and Treasurer. Some sections do use section funds to reimburse the section chair's travel to Executive Board meetings. Approximately 40 attend board meetings.

Governmental Relations Committee There was no report.

### Intellectual Freedom Committee

In a written report, Gene Lanier noted the numerous activities of this committee. Some examples of involvement are: lobbying against "Parental Rights and Child Protection" bill in General Assembly; co-sponsored Judith F. Krug as general session speaker at the 1997 Biennial Conference; presented the NCLA/SIRS Intellectual Freedom Award to Susan Cannady, media specialist at Grimsley High School in Greensboro; provided Web sites on NCLA listserv for information on many intellectual freedom issues including Internet use policies, sites for children and library filters; tracked states/federal proposed legislation connecting library filters and e-rates; helped numerous libraries formulate Internet use policies and update selection policies.

# Leadership Institute

Cover letters and applications for the 1998 Leadership Institute went out to library directors and school system media coordinators in May and every NCLA member received a postcard. Both are also available on the NCLA web site. Thus far, the Nominations committee has received 24 applications. The original June 30 deadline was extended to July 17 to provide time to received additional applications. The goal is to have 30 participants.

The following people have agreed to serve as mentors for the 1998 Institute: Barbara Baker, Durham Technical Community College; Phillip Cherry III, Hickory Public Library; Janet Freeman, Meredith College; Alice Naylor, Appalachian State University; Benjamin F. Speller, NC Central University; and Jerry Thrasher, Cumberland County Public Library and Information Center.

The full planning committee met on July 22. Final decisions were made regarding possible additions to the mentor list at that time.

The fundraising sub-committee has been seeking corporate donations for the Institute. Also, NCLA sections and round tables have been encouraged to contribute with a suggested donation of \$250.00. Authorized funds can be transferred into the Leadership Institute budget by Maureen Costello.

Details regarding program plans, local arrangements and participants will be finalized soon in preparation for the October 28 – November 1 experience.

# Literacy Committee

There was no report.

#### Membership Committee

The Membership Committee met on July 9. Joining the committee were Beverley Gass and Maureen Costello. A discussion was held on developing and implementing a long-range membership plan for NCLA. Beverley outlined the 3 Rs - Recruitment, Retention & Reward - for increasing membership. The Committee will contact and/or visit web sites of prominent state library organizations such as Texas, Michigan, and Ohio for assistance in formulating a written plan. A draft of the plan of action will be presented at the October Executive Board meeting. The committee is planning to mail personalized letters to North Carolina librarians, citing the benefits of membership.

Peggy Quinn presented a report of membership totals for 1998, comparing them with 1997 totals. Information was divided by section/round table and type of membership. The Membership Committee will assume this responsibility from the Administrative Assistant.

A new membership application was distributed. This application will be the only official application and will be used for both new members and renewals.

# Nominating Committee

Beverley Gass reported that Gwen Jackson, Chair, is preparing a slate for 1998 SELA representatives.

# Publications and Marketing Committee

The Publications and Marketing Committee met June 12, 1998. Three working groups have been formed and representatives from some of the other committees, sections, and round tables have joined them. The Website group is considering a move to a new server. Possibilities include commercial sites such as Mindspring or Geocities, and Institutional sites such as East Carolina or UNC-Greensboro. Registration of a distinctive url, ideally, www.ncla.org, would entail a onetime cost of about \$50. Assurance of access to the page by successive NCLA webmasters (if security of the server is an issue) may need to be secured by a letter of agreement. A meeting with the original webmaster, Michael Roche, is scheduled for July 31.

The electronic newsletter will be edited by Pam Burton and launched in a one-day workshop to be held at East Carolina University August 14, 1998.

The marketing group met on July 10. They will be working with the new Consultant for Communications and Evaluations at the NC State Library to produce one or more jointly sponsored radio Public Service Announcements. Other possible projects were discussed, including promotion of NCLA's role in continuing education and sponsorship of a workshop for NCLA committees dealing with the marketing of specific committee programs.

Another idea discussed is the possible sale of advertising on the web page. Possible sponsors include library schools, vendors, and people seeking positions (a "Positions Wanted" page). It was also suggested that links could be provided on the conference exhibit page to vendors' home pages.

Section, round table, and committee chairs who have not already done so are encouraged to appoint representatives.

# Scholarship Committee

Carol Truett reported that selections had been made for receipt of the two scholarships and student loan. They are

NCLA Memorial Scholarship of \$1000

 Carrie McClean of Knightdale, NC;
Query-Long Scholarship for Work with Children or Young Adults of \$1000

- Lynda H. Stewart of Wingate, NC

McClendon Student Loan of \$300

- Charles P. Wiggins of Asheville, NC. Letters of award have been sent to the three

#### students.

Beverley Gass suggested that the committee look into whether or not more scholarships should be offered. A suggestion was also made to work in conjunction with the Development Committee for developing a follow-up process for recipients. Carol will contact Frances Bradburn concerning publishing the awards in North Carolina Libraries.

# North Carolina Libraries

The summer issue of *North Carolina Libraries*, "Turning Points: An Oral North Carolina History of Librarianship," has been sent to the printer with a projected mailing date of July 21.

Two new editorial board representatives are John Zika (Person County Public Library) of the Public Library Section and Lisa Driver (Pitt Community College) of the Community/Junior College Section.

Upcoming issues are: Fall 1998 – Advise and Consult (Artemis Kares, Guest Editor)

Winter 1998 – Children's Services

(Beth Hutchinson and Mel Burton, Guest Editor)

Spring 1999 – Outreach

Summer 1999 – North Carolina Writers Fall 1999 – Life and Limb

(Page Life, Guest Editor) Winter 1999 – Conference Issue Spring 2000 – The Millennium: Celebration or Disaster Summer 2000 – Preserving Local History Fall 2000 – Research and Librarianship Winter 2000 – The Call of Story.

#### SELA

SELA will hold its biennial conference jointly with the Arkansas Library Association in Little Rock on September 30 – October 3. The theme of the conference is "Southern Libraries: Diamonds of Information." Information can be gathered at SELA's new web page at http://www.seflin.org/sela/ conf.html or on the listserv at LISTSERV@LISTSERV.VT.EDU.

The Southeastern Librarian has been revived. The journal will have two issues of news, association business and various informational notices and reports. The other two issues will focus on significant research and articles addressing trends, developments and issues related to library and information access and services. It has been recommended that the journal move to having the research issues juried.

SOLINET now provides administrative services for SELA.

The SELA Leadership and Planning Workshop was held in Atlanta, March 28-30 "to provide a continuing education/staff development experience for leadership and members as recommended by the Executive Board" and to have "the opportunity to begin to flesh out long-range planning aspects recommended by the Future Directions Committee to the SELA Executive Board."

# North Carolina State Library Commission

Chair Lila Friday offered the appreciation of the State Library Commission to NCLA for the work they do in the field of librarianship.

#### **New Business**

Rhoda Channing announced a teleconference that will take place on August 12, 1998 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Rhoda also reported that she met with Congressman Richard Burr regarding House Bill 2281 "Fair Use Issues for Copyright Laws." She reported a positive response to the Krug-Boucher amendment and positive follow-up with the congressional office.

Dave Fergusson announced the National Conference of Rural Librarians to be held in Winston-Salem at the same time as the NCASL Conference, September 16-18, 1998.

Beverley Gass announced her plan to sponsor a non-conference year "event" to celebrate NCLA membership and asked each board member present to provide a list of three names of people who could meet with her to discuss and plan this event.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, — Liz Jackson

