

Report from the President

It was a pleasure to have the Spring Workshop meet in Durham. Being hostess and presiding officer was made easier by the wonderful cooperation received from my NCCU colleagues and the participants in the Workshop.

Approval of a new dues structure was the most important decision that had to be made by the Executive Board. We have tried to keep the increase as small as possible while accomplishing the objective of financing our general and section operating expenses. All members are urged to study the recommendation carefully and vote during our business meeting on October 8.

The Reference and Adult Services Section, under the leadership of Brian Nielsen, is to be commended for the tremendous progress that it has made during this first biennium of its existence. They have not only organized, but sponsored a workshop which was timely and well attended.

A brief visit was made to the Trustee-Librarian Conference held at the Institute of Government in April. Discussions of budgeting and of the statewide community analysis project will improve our public libraries and may enable our state to serve as a model for others.

Legislative Day 1977 was rewarding. We visited the offices of our congressmen and we left with the feeling that our 1976 visits and letters had been remembered. On the other hand, state library legislation was disappointing. Our Governmental Relations Committee, Association of School Librarians, Intellectual Freedom Committee, and Documents Librarians Section worked very hard, but the gains were small. State aid to public libraries was increased by \$50,000, but not the \$200,000 that we need to cope with inflation. We lost the additional school librarians gained through Bill 999 in the last biennium. We now



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have a more stringent pornography law. We were not successful in initiating a plan for state documents. A bill was passed to give the State Library the authority to plan and to coordinate multi-type library cooperation on the state, regional, and national levels. We are most grateful to Bill O'Shea, Jean Johnson, Judie Austin, and Bob Gaines for representing us in Raleigh. We decided at the Spring Workshop that our efforts to influence legislation will remain at the membership level. This means that we must all be alert and respond when our committees ask us to do so.

Leonard Johnson, our President-Elect, has chosen as our 1977 Conference theme "The Future: Planning for Library Service." The program is full and you should plan to move forward with him. I am very pleased that our youngest sections have scheduled a pre-conference (Children's Services) and have engaged a nationally known speaker (Documents). We will proudly present our first Philip S. Ogilvie Lecture. Come to Winston-Salem on October 5-8 to see and hear for yourself!