

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

September 29, 1978

The Executive Board of the North Carolina Library Association met at 10:00 a.m. on September 29, in the Administration Building of the Greensboro Public Schools. Present were Leonard Johnson, Alice Coleman, Richard Barker, Louise Boone, Fred Roper, Norma Royal, Mae Tucker, Elvin Strowd, Jean Porter, Suzanne Levy, Rosalind Campbell, Elizabeth Detty, Arial Stephens, Jane Snyder, Cordelia Inks, William Roberts, and Artemis Kares. Judy Letsinger, chairman of the Governmental Relations Committee of NCLA was also present. Leonard Johnson, President, presided.

The minutes of the April 7th Board meeting were approved after the date of the meeting was corrected. Richard Barker presented the Treasurer's report.

Norma Royal, ALA Representative reported that the most discussed topics at the ALA Conference in June were Proposition 13 and ERA related issues. Mrs. Royal expressed the need for input from NCLA concerning proposals to move ALA Headquarters, to make by-law changes, to make the ALSC President's term two years, and to change the dues structure. These are to be acted upon at either the Mid-Winter or Annual Conference. After considerable discussion on the proposal to move ALA Headquarters and meetings to states that have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment, the consensus of the Board was that this would be costly and inadvisable. However some members suggested scheduling meetings only in ratified states as a show of support for the ERA. Mrs. Royal announced that she will begin serving on the Status of Women in Librarianship at the 1979 ALA Mid-Winter Conference.

Leonard Johnson, introduced Mae Tucker, who will become NCLA's SELA Representative in October at the SELA Conference in New Orleans. Outgoing SELA Representative, I. T. Littleton, was unable to be present but Mr. Johnson read a memo from him expressing his appreciation for having had the opportunity to represent NCLA. Mr. Johnson reported on the meeting in Atlanta of the presidents of state library associations that have membership in SELA. He indicated that some possible changes in the SELA Constitution were discussed, including a proposal that state presidents serve as SELA representatives.

Mr. Johnson asked for reports from the section chairmen.

Children's Service Section — Christopher Barr-Lindsay has resigned as Chairman, because of her involvement in her husband's business. She is succeeded by Gail Terwilliger.

College and University Section — Elvin Strowd reported:

- The Section is now an ACRL chapter.
- Bob Tydeman has resigned as secretary to pursue doctoral studies in another state.
- A letter has been sent to the membership asking for suggestions for a spring shop.
- One topic being considered is the freezing of the card catalog at the Library of Congress and the implications for academic libraries.

Documents Section — Jean Porter reported:

- A successful conference on state documents was held in Raleigh on September 23.
- Tapes of the meetings are available.

- A task force is being set up to deal with distribution and bibliographic control of North Carolina State documents.
- A letter on access to State documents will be distributed to the delegates at the Governor's Conference.
- Announced that Suzanne Levy is the new Chairman of the Documents Section. Ms. Levy was introduced and indicated that the Section would like more input from public librarians on the problems of State documents.

Junior College Section — Rosalind Campbell reported:

- Future activities will be planned following the Governor's Conference.

Junior Members Roundtable — Carlton Sears was unable to be present but reported in writing:

- The Roundtable issued a newsletter giving information about the State Council for Social Legislation and soliciting views on the appropriateness of NCLA's participation on the Council.
- Consensus of those responding indicated that NCLA should not be affiliated with the Council.
- Short-term goals for JMRT will be formulated early in 1979.

Trustees Section — William Roberts reported:

- Trustees were looking forward to the Governor's Conference.
- Plans are being made for a spring meeting.

N. C. Association of School Librarians — Betsy Detty reported:

- NCASL with the help of Raleigh/Wake County, Charlotte/Mecklenburg, and Salisbury City will have an exhibit at the Governor's Conference.
- The NCLA Biennial Work Conference will be held in Winston-Salem on November 16 and 17 and will deal with the effects of current legislation on school media programs.
- The North Carolina Media Council will hold a workshop in Fayetteville in January.

Public Libraries Section — Ariel Stephens reported:

- A successful Trustees-Librarian Workshop was held in Chapel Hill in April.
- Planning Council of the Section met on April 12 and voted to:
 - Ask State Librarian David McKay to open participation in the Governor's Conference to all interested persons (Mr. McKay has now done this).
 - Suggest to the NCLA Board that before a new editor of *North Carolina Libraries* is named, the publication be suspended until its purpose, philosophy and cost are reassessed.

Reference and Adult Services Section — Jane Snyder reported:

- The Section's Board has met twice since April.
- The membership is being polled to determine the topic for a workshop to be held in the spring.

Resources and Technical Services Section — Cordelia Inks reported:

- The Section sponsored a workshop in Raleigh on the practical preservation of library materials. Approximately 100 persons attended.

Old business discussed:

1. The Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services:
 - Conference is open to all who wish to attend.
 - Regional meetings across the State have generally been successful.
 - Mr. Johnson explained the delegate selection procedure which was based on representation from each of the Congressional Districts.
2. State Council for Social Legislation:
 - Mr. Johnson requested the return of the legislation checklist with an indication of which items should be included.

New business presented:

1. Report from the Governmental Relations Committee:

Judith Letsinger, chairman, distributed a document entitled "Statewide Legislative Appropriations Requests for 1979-81 Proposed for NCLA Endorsement." The five library areas listed in priority order for NCLA support were (1) State aid to public libraries, (2) allotment of positions for school librarians, (3) State Library film service, (4) State documents depository and (5) up-grading collections in community colleges and technical institutes. Justification for funding was listed for each item and explained by Ms. Letsinger.

After much discussion the following decisions were made:

- Ms. Levy moved and Mr. Roper seconded a motion to change the title of the fourth item from "State Library as Official Comprehensive State Documents Depository" to "State Library Documents Branch Staffing", that the first paragraph under "Justification for Funding" under this item be deleted, and the last sentence of this section be changed from "At the present time there is no way to know what is being published by N. C." to "At the present time there is no timely way to know what is currently being published in N. C." The motion carried.
- Ms. Detty moved and Mr. Roper seconded a motion that the Committee's recommendations be accepted with the first two items (State aid to public libraries and allotment of positions for school librarians) as first priority. The motion carried.

Ms. Letsinger concluded the Governmental Relations Committee Report by reading a resolution that was passed unanimously by the Committee on August 15 recommending that NCLA employ a professional to coordinate the governmental relations program. Mr. Johnson read a letter from the Alabama Library Association indicating that the Internal Revenue has ruled that library associations do not lose their tax-exempt status if they employ a lobbyist.

2. Membership brochures and dues schedule.

Alice Coleman, chairman of the Membership Committee presented proposed changes in the membership brochure and the estimates for printing. Mr. Barker, Chairman of the Finance Committee distributed copies of the dues schedule. The Board suggested that the dues schedule categories on the brochure be consistent with categories in the NCLA Constitution. Ms. Boone moved and Mr. Roberts seconded a motion to print the brochures at the cheapest price. The motion carried with the suggestion that it be printed on a different color of paper from that used in recent years.

3. Location for the Spring Workshop.

After discussion of several possible sites for the Spring Workshop, it was decided to accept Mr. Roper's invitation to use Manning Hall in Chapel Hill.

4. *North Carolina Libraries*

Mr. Johnson reported that he had notified the Board by mail of Herb Poole's resignation as Editor of *North Carolina Libraries* and had asked for recommendations for a new editor. Those individuals who were recommended were contacted and several have applied for the position. After reminding the Board of the recommendation from the Public Libraries Section to suspend publication of *North Carolina Libraries* until its purpose, philosophy and cost could be reassessed, Mr. Johnson asked for discussion. Mr. Barker noted that the publication of *North Carolina Libraries* is now costing NCLA approximately \$11,000 annually. Following discussion, the Board directed Leonard Johnson to appoint a committee made up of a representative from each section to study *North Carolina Libraries* and make recommendations concerning its future at the next Board Meeting.

5. Letters received by the President:
 - A.L.A. President Thomas Galvin is encouraging participation on ALA committees. Those interested should contact Dr. Galvin.
 - FOUNT announced that the State Librarian David McKay will be the guest on "North Carolina People" on October 15.
6. Mr. Barker announced that Pauline Sellers is the new executive secretary for NCLA.
7. The next meeting date for the Board was set for early December in Greensboro. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Executive Board

December 1, 1978

The Executive Board of the North Carolina Library Association met Friday, December 1, 1978 at 10:30 a.m. in the Administration Building of the Greensboro Public Schools. Board members present were Leonard Johnson, William O'Shea, Richard Barker, Fred Roper, Elvin Strowd, Suzanne Levy, Carlton Sears, Gail Terwilliger, Elizabeth Detty, Ariel Stephens, Jane Snyder, Cordelia Inks, Mae Tucker, and Artemis Kares. Also present was Cora Paul Bomar. President Johnson presided.

Ms. Bomar reported on her attendance of a meeting of the North Carolina Council for Social Legislation as the representative of NCLA. The Council will lobby on four issues in the General Assembly, with the Equal Rights Amendment as the highest priority.

The minutes of the last board meeting and this meeting will be processed and sent to members by mail.

Mr. Barker presented the report of the Finance Committee. The first part of the report was a proposed budget for the Association for 1979-1980. Mr. Barker explained various items in the proposed budget, noting that the new dues structure made estimating income from dues more difficult than usual and that it had been necessary to transfer \$9000 from savings to cover expenditures for 1977-1978. During the discussion that followed, Mr. Johnson noted that Judy Letsinger of the Governmental Relations Committee had requested that the Board consider to what extent it could fund activities of the Committee. Mr. Barker noted that he had sent a letter to all committee chairpersons asking for comments on their proposed activities so that provision could be made for them in the budget. He received no response and suggested that the Board urge committees to plan ahead so that funds can be included in the budget.

Mr. O'Shea pointed out that it was important for NCLA to participate in ALA's Legislative Day through the Governmental Relations Committee. Mr. Stephens moved that the Board authorize the Governmental Relations Committee to go to Washington on Legislative Day. Mr. Roper seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Johnson will report to Ms. Letsinger that the Governmental Relations Committee should proceed with its plans for Legislative Day, with the money coming from the amount budgeted for committees. Mr. O'Shea recommended that one person representing each type of library attend. Ms. Levy noted that it is also important to include various types of library personnel.

Mr. Barker moved adoption of the proposed budget for 1979-1980. Mr. Strowd seconded. Mr. Sears requested that approval of the budget be postponed until the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on *North Carolina Libraries* was considered. Mr.

Johnson proposed that the vote on the budget be tabled until the report on *North Carolina Libraries*.

Mr. Barker pointed out that the Finance Committee recommended that the subscription price for *North Carolina Libraries* be raised to \$7.50 and that a ceiling of \$24,000 be placed on the amount spent on the journal. Discussion of this item was held for the report on *North Carolina Libraries*.

Mr. Barker then called the Board's attention to the section of the Finance Committee's report which states:

At present, sections and other groups are permitted to keep all of their income from such preconferences, with rental of space (which is rather expensive) paid for from NCLA funds. The Committee recommends that these groups pay all of their conference expenses in the future or share their profit with NCLA.

Following much discussion of this matter, it was decided to table this recommendation until the Spring Workshop, giving time for section chairpersons to take this issue back to their respective sections. In the meantime, Mr. Stephens and Mr. Barker will work on the 1979 biennial conference with this recommendation in mind.

Mr. Barker presented a proposal from the Finance Committee requesting sections and committees to plan their work so that labels for mailings could be run in batches on a regular basis coinciding with regular NCLA runs when possible. (A preferred schedule of every 60 days.) It was decided that Mr. Barker would work out guidelines for the printing of labels, based on this recommendation.

SELA Representative Mae Tucker reported on the October SELA Executive Board meeting in New Orleans. She noted that the Board recommended that SELA state representatives be voting members of their state associations. The proposed revised constitution of SELA was presented at the October meeting, but has since been withdrawn because it would allow each state association to decide whether or not it wants to be a member of SELA.

Mr. O'Shea reported on plans for NCLA's Biennial Conference in Charlotte on November 17-20, 1979. "Libraries, The Way to Know", the theme for the Governor's Conference may also be the theme of the NCLA Conference. The Board discussed various ways of scheduling the conference, including having fewer general sessions and eliminating the Saturday session. The consensus was to wait until the Spring Workshop to get input from the sections before a decision is made on scheduling.

Mr. Roper reported that plans have been made for the Spring Workshop to be held March 30-31 at Manning Hall at UNC-Chapel Hill. The Executive Board meeting will be at the Carolina Inn on March 30.

In the interest of time, Mr. Johnson moved to the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on *North Carolina Libraries*. The Committee was composed of the following members representing each section of NCLA: Hope Gooch, Children's Services; Tommie Young, College and University Libraries; Ridley Kessler, Documents Librarians; Rosalind Campbell, Junior College Libraries; Patsy Hansel, Public Libraries; Carol Nielson, Reference and Adult Services; Deborah Bell, Resources and Technical Services; and Bill Pendergraft, N. C. Association of School Librarians. The Ad Hoc Committee met on November 15 and formulated the following recommendations to be presented to the NCLA Board:

1. N.C. Libraries should be continued in some form with the following considerations:

- Remove all the "news" from the journal (specific examples: "AV News Exchange", "N.C. Library Education News", "Library Roundup").
- The journal should include articles, "N.C. Books", book reviews, etc. to record "the state of the arts in library service."
- Maintain a publication for current news — three possibilities to investigate are:

- a. Tie-in with *Tar Heel Libraries* with *N.C. Libraries* investing support, using representatives from each section, and the expansion of mailings to all members.
 - b. The section newsletters — can they be utilized and/or combined?
 - c. Issuing a *N.C. Libraries* news sheet.
- Improve and receive more advertising.
2. The *N.C. Libraries* editorial board should be made up of 2 members selected by the editor and one editor appointed by each section. The section editors would serve as non-voting members of the section executive boards and would be responsible to the sections. The editor would use these editors as he sees fit to organize, administer, receive input, and publish *N.C. Libraries*.
 3. Accept the NCLA Budget Committee recommendations concerning *N.C. Libraries* with the following exceptions:
 - Increase the yearly subscription rate to \$10.00
 - Increase the price per issue to \$3.00

Following discussion, Mr. Roper moved acceptance in principle of the first recommendation. Ms. Levy seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Stephens moved acceptance of recommendation three after adding "To be effective with the 1980 subscription" after "exception." Ms. Levy seconded. The motion passed. Mr. O'Shea moved acceptance of recommendation two after deleting "non-voting". Mr. Strowd seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Johnson stated that although selection of the editor of *North Carolina Libraries* is made by the President, he would like input from the Board. Following discussion of four candidates by the Board, a secret straw ballot was taken, with the ballots turned over to the President.

Next the Board heard reports from section chairpersons.

Following their reports, announcements were made. Mr. Johnson noted that the Nominating Committee has prepared a ballot. It was noted that the South Carolina Library Association has appointed a committee to look towards a joint meeting with NCLA in 1983. The Board agreed to pursue this proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.

Artemis C. Karis
Secretary