

North Carolina Library Association Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting

July 31, 1981

The North Carolina Library Association Executive Board met on July 31, 1981 at 10:00 A.M. in the Randolph Technical College Resource Center, Asheboro, North Carolina.

Members present were: Bill O'Shea, Mertys Bell, Bob Pollard, Emily Boyce, Carol Southerland, Mae Tucker, Dottie Butler, Carolyn Oakley, Phillip Ritter, Martha Davis, Norma Royal, Nathaniel Boykin, Ann Webb, Lillie Caster, H. K. Griggs and David Harrington. Members absent were: Jon Lindsey, Arabelle Shockley, Leonard Johnson, Eugene Huguelet and Bill Snyder.

President O'Shea presided. He introduced and thanked Merrill Smith, Dean of Learning Resources Center, for hosting the summer meeting.

The minutes of May 8-9, were read and approved.

Bob Pollard gave the treasurer's report for the period of April 1, 1981-June 30, 1981. He presented a thorough explanation of the financial status of the association.

Mr. O'Shea recognized Herb Williams, NCL Associate Editor, who reported for Jon Lindsey. Mr. Williams stated that NCL did receive the H. W. Wilson Award at ALA. He mentioned that a check for \$500.00 was included in the award. Mr. Williams said that there was an editorial vacancy for JMR. He discussed the themes for the upcoming issues of NCL.

Emily Boyce made a motion that the Executive Board send a letter to Jon Lindsey and the editorial staff applauding them for their work for NCL. The motion was seconded and carried.

Under items of communication, President O'Shea mentioned that he had received information concerning the Annual Conference in Fayetteville, sponsored by the North Carolina Media Council. A lengthy discussion followed concerning NCLA's participation at the conference. The Board felt that perhaps the Audiovisual Committee of NCLA could accomplish the same goals as the NC Media Council. Mr. O'Shea suggested that the Board give consideration at a later date of NCLA's withdrawing from the Council.

Mr. O'Shea mentioned that he had received a call from the governor's office asking him for the names of three people to serve on the NC Public Library Certification Committee. President O'Shea stated that the governor would select one person to serve on the committee. He asked Martha Davis (Public Libraries Chairman) to submit names to him as soon as possible.

President O'Shea called for the committee reports.

Mertys Bell reported for Leonard Johnson from the Handbook Committee. She praised the committee for doing such an outstanding job in compiling the handbook. She said that it would be in draft form until the association voted on the constitutional revisions during the fall conference. In order to have more input, Ms. Bell suggested that the membership be given the opportunity to vote on the revisions at the beginning of the conference instead of at the end.

Gene Lanier gave a report from the Intellectual Freedom Committee. He discussed with the Board Senate Bill 295, stating that due to the hearings, the bill received an unfavorable report. He said that in the future a research commission might be established by the NC Legislature to study obscenity legislation. The Board moved to have the NCLA President appoint Gene Lanier to serve as the librarian designee on the commission should it come into existence. Mr. Lanier said that he had received an offer from the Social Issues Resources Series to establish a NC Intellectual Freedom Award. He stated that the recipient would receive a cash award as well as the library in which they worked. Emily Boyce made a motion that the Board accept the offer from the Social Issues Resources Series to establish a NC Intellectual Freedom Award. The motion carried.

A report was given by Mertys Bell on the NCLA-SCLA Conference '81. She stated that plans were being finalized. She mentioned that Charles Kuralt's speech would be, "America Behind the Headlines", and Leon Martel's speech would be, "What the Future Holds for Libraries and Librarians". Ms. Bell introduced Mary Frances Crymes (local arrangements). Ms. Crymes presented to the Board a proposed program and asked Members to let her know of any changes. She stated that the program would soon be sent to Ruzika for binding. Ms. Crymes reported that information concerning registration for the conference had been mailed.

Norma Royal stated that Pat Scarry from the ALA Chapter Relations Office had expressed interest in obtaining a table for the ERA Task Force. A discussion by the Board followed concerning

free space at the conference. Mertys Bell suggested that the request be turned over to the Joint Conference Committee for consideration.

Paula Fennell reporting for Arabelle Shockley from the North Carolina Association of School Libraries stated that Ms. Shockley attended ALA as a delegate and would report later about activities in San Francisco. Ms. Fennell did announce that Jeannette Smith (NC) was elected chairman-elect of the non-public schools section of AASL. She mentioned also that Katherine Paterson would be speaking at the biennial work conference.

A list of nominees to be awarded Honorary and Life Memberships at the conference were presented by President O'Shea. Ann Webb made a motion that the Board accept the nominees. Lillie Caster seconded. The motion carried. President O'Shea presented to the Board copies of proposed bylaws from Children Services Section, College and University Section and Resources and Technical Services. Emily Boyce moved that the Board accept the bylaws. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reports were given by Dottie Butler (Children's Services), Carolyn Oakley (College and University), and Martha Davis (Public Libraries), concerning plans for the fall conference.

Nathaniel Boykin from the Documents Section stated that the conference held in April between North Carolina and Virginia was very successful.

The Reference and Adult Services Section was reported by Ann Webb. She told of a change the section had made in the bylaws concerning the election of a chairman. Ms. Webb said that all elections would be done by mail before the meetings in order to give more members an opportunity to vote.

Lillie Caster of the Resources and Technical Services Section discussed plans for the conference and noted that there would be a breakfast business meeting for the election of officers.

The Trustees Section was reported on by Mr. H. K. Griggs. He discussed plans for the NCLA/SCLA Conference. He announced that the trustee luncheon will be October 9th, with Nancy Stiegemeier as guest speaker. He mentioned also that the first NC Public Library Citation Plaque is expected to be presented to a State Trustee at the conference.

Valerie Lovett reported from the Goals and Objectives Committee and presented a survey to the Board that the committee developed for use by the association. Ms. Lovette felt that the survey would be a useful tool in helping the association meet the needs of its members. Philip Ritter moved that the Board approve the survey. The motion was seconded and passed.

Elizabeth Laney from the Scholarship Committee announced that three people would receive scholarships — Margaret Crownfield, Cora Ball and Frances Bradburn. Ms. Laney gave a report from the State Council for Social Legislation. Philip Ritter made a motion that Ms. Laney and her committee continue with the goals of expanded library services to the institutionalized, early childhood and elderly. Lillie Caster seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A report from the Roundtable on the Status of Women in Librarianship was given by Valerie Lovett. She stated that plans were being finalized for the fall conference. Ms. Lovette discussed several successful workshops that had been sponsored by the roundtable.

Normal Royal reported from ALA. She gave a comprehensive report on activities at the conference in San Francisco. She stated that the theme of the conference was: "Libraries and the Pursuit of Happiness". Ms. Royal announced that over 12,000 people were in attendance.

Mae Tucker reporting from SELA announced that ribbons would be available for members at the NCLA/SCLA Conference in Charlotte. Ms. Tucker mentioned that a display table would be set up during the conference.

Under items of new business, Mertys Bell announced plans for an orientation meeting of both old and new NCLA Boards to be held at Meredith College.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

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