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NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## From the President

*Elections:* This is written just a few days after the fall elections, and the feeling of relief from hearing "this is a paid political announcement" is a good one. But knowing that there are "paid political announcements" is reassuring, for it means that we are all part of a democratic process which, though imperfect, is the best in the world. For NCLA this was a first, at least in my memory, for each of the candidates for the office of governor wrote to each member of NCLA indicating his support for libraries ... and asking for our support. I believe it is a sign that NCLA is "coming of age" and that the hard work of our members in the political arena is paying off. Our thanks to Mr. Edmisten and Dr. Martin for writing to us. Our best wishes to Governor-elect James Martin and Lt. Governor-elect Robert Jordan. NCLA looks forward to working with them during the coming years for the betterment of our state, which includes the betterment of library services to our citizens in 100 counties.

*More Elections:* This spring you will find a special mailing from NCLA, ballots for the election of officers for the association. The slate of candidates is a very fine one, as you will see when you read their names and biographical data in this issue of the journal. Read the information carefully, and "don't forget to vote!"

*A Balanced Budget:* Starting with the Spring Workshop in April, 1984, the Finance Committee has struggled with formulating a budget for our association for the next two years. (We operate on January-December budgets.) There have been many meetings, phone calls, letters, etc. At the Oxford meeting of the Executive Board the budget for the calendar years 1985 and 1986 was

adopted unanimously. And it's a balanced budget! This is thanks to the profits of the last conference and to the size of our membership. NCLA has budgeted almost \$99,000 for this period of time. Elsewhere in this issue you will find the actual line items. Indicated there is an active association, investing its money in the membership. The budget also is predicated on the tradition of NCLA members being willing to serve in positions of responsibility within the association. You have every right to be very proud of NCLA. And not incidentally, it is a bargain dollar-wise!

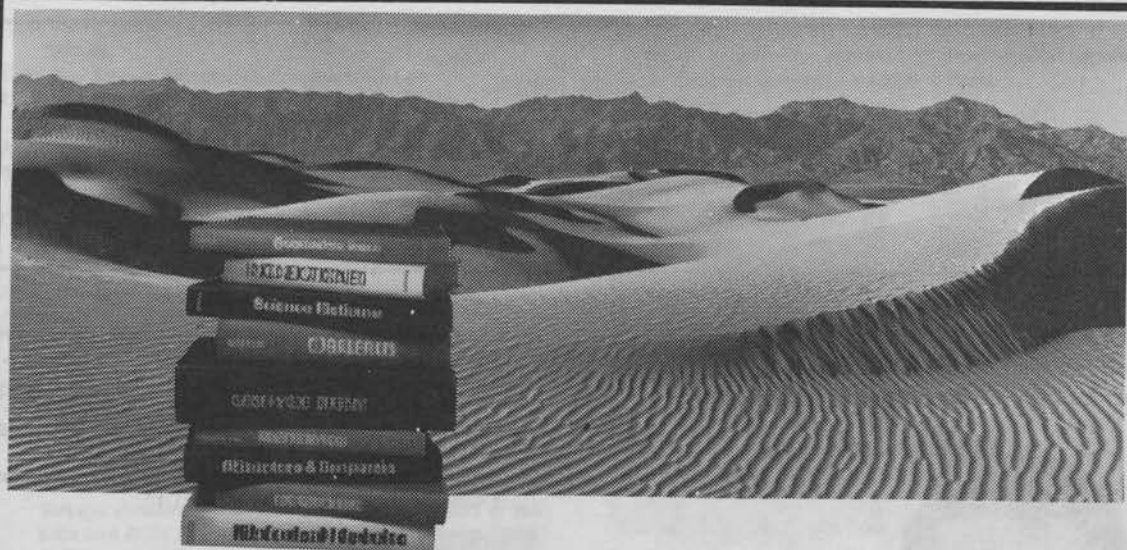
*SELA in Biloxi:* The October conference of SELA was a fine one in a beautiful section of the Gulf Coast. NCLAsers were everywhere, and I shared in the pride of our members when it was reported that North Carolina has the second largest number of members in SELA (of the 1,774 members, Georgia has 273, North Carolina has 243). NCLAsers Dr. Benjamin Speller and Dave Fergusson were elected chairmen of SELA sections, Library Education and JMRT. Congratulations to them!

*Once again* a year ends. There is hardly time for reflection, given the schedules we all keep. I hope, however, that the holidays were ones of joy for you and yours. My thanks to all 2,000 NCLAsers for your contributions toward making North Carolina a state that cares for the welfare of others. And I pray with you that the new year will be one of peace and progress ... everywhere.

*Happy 1985!*

**Next Executive Board Meeting:** January 25, 1985, Forsyth County Public Library, Winston-Salem, NC

**Leland M. Park, President**



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