
NCLA Minutes

North Carolina Library Association Minutes of the Executive Board October 22, 1986

The Executive Board of the North Carolina Library Association met on October 22, 1986 at 10:00 a.m. at the Forsyth County Public Library in Winston-Salem. Executive Board members present were President Pauline Myrick, Leland Park, Patsy Hansel, Rose Simon, Dorothy Campbell, Nancy Fogarty, Frances Bradburn, Kieth Wright, Arial Stephens, Rebecca Taylor, Elizabeth Smith, Janet Rowland, Waltrene Canada, Nancy Massey, Jean Amelang, April Wreath, Mary Avery, Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, Mary McAfee, and J. A. Killian. Committee members present were Mertys Bell, Eunice Drum, Arabelle Fedora, William H. Roberts, III, Nancy Bates, William Bridgman, Marjorie Lindsey, Richard Barker, Frank Sinclair, David Fergusson and John Thomas. Also present was State Librarian Jane Williams.

President Myrick called the meeting to order. She recognized Bill Roberts, Director of the Forsyth County Public Library, who in turn welcomed the Board to the library. Mrs. Myrick congratulated Jane Williams for having been appointed State Librarian. She acknowledged the return of Mary Avery, Chair of the Community and Junior College Section, with a word of welcome.

The minutes of the meeting of July 25, 1986 were approved as distributed by the secretary.

President Myrick called for the treasurer's report. Nancy Fogarty distributed copies of the report for the period July 1, 1986 - September 30, 1986, showing a cash balance of \$4,484.82, disbursements totaling \$14,727.33, section balances totaling \$18,489.09 and a balance of \$12,993.69 for *North Carolina Libraries*. Fogarty also presented an unofficial report of total assets, including balances of sections, shown in categories of restricted and unrestricted funds. She explained that the latter report was prepared to provide answers to questions that have been asked about the Association's monies. The usefulness of the report was acknowledged with thanks by some Board members.

Fogarty recommended that bonding be established to cover the office of Treasurer. A motion made by Leland Park that the Treasurer arrange bonding in the amount of \$200,000 was seconded by Arial Stephens and passed.

President Myrick called for the report of the Futures Committee, stating that it had been appointed three years ago by Past-President Leland Park. Chairperson Arabelle Fedora introduced the other members of the Committee who were present and distributed the Final Report of the NCLA Futures Committee, dated October 22, 1986. She involved the group in the reading of the entire document of 24 pages, during which process she called attention to each issue and recommendation and provided comments about the rationale that influenced the Committee's decisions. The following issues and recommendations were noted.

Issue: What will be the future for the North Carolina Library Association? The Futures Committee has concluded that organizational constraints prevent the Executive Board from exploring critical issues. Thus, its recommendations focus

on the need for clearer articulation of goals and the removal of organizational barriers to working on the achievement of those goals.

Issue: Statement of Purpose. The Committee recommends that in Article II of the NCLA Constitution the word "Object" be changed to "Purpose."

Issue: Association Management. Are the administrative tasks of running NCLA being performed as efficiently as possible? The Futures Committee recommends that the Association establish a contract as soon as possible with InfoMarketing Inc. (IMI), for association management services. It is the opinion of the Committee that a membership vote on this recommendation is not necessary.

Issue: The Structure of NCLA. The Committee recommends comprehensive changes in the structure of the organization, for the good of the whole. According to new definitions suggested by the Committee, "A section shall be that group of Association members organized for membership alignment with a type of library." Thus a special libraries section would be created. "A roundtable shall be that group of Association members organized for membership alignment with special interests and objectives." Included among such groups would be Children's Services, Documents, Ethnic Minority Concerns, Junior Members, Reference and Adult Services, Status of Women in Librarianship, and Trustees and Friends.

It was pointed out that a number of past officers suggested that the positions of second vice-president and director be eliminated since their functions could be assumed by other positions. The Committee recommends that an executive committee consisting of the president, vice-president/president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and past-president (non-voting) be used to carry on the business of the Association, directing the association management firm. The executive board would consist of the executive committee, section chairpersons, the ALA councilor (non-voting), SELA representative (non-voting), the editor of *North Carolina Libraries* (non-voting), and a parliamentarian (non-voting) if appointed by the president.

It is recommended that standing committees should be only those that relate to the basic maintenance of the Association: Archives, Finance, Membership, Nominating, Publications, and Scholarship. All other committees should be formed by the President with specific purposes outlined, based on goals and objectives of the Association. The Spring Workshop should be discontinued and instead, the committees should meet at their own convenience as soon as they are formed.

The Committee recommends that a Publications Committee be established consisting of a chairman and five members representative of various sections. The editor of *North Carolina Libraries* would serve in an ex-officio position. The Committee believes that a broader approach to publishing could then be achieved and that the Publications Committee could serve as the mechanism for improving quality and increasing revenues.

Issue: Membership and Dues. The Futures Committee believes that if the Association's budget is not sufficient to support the basic expenses, its recommendation should be that membership dues be collected annually, on the basis of the calendar year, rather than increasing the amount of dues.

Issue: Annual Elections: The Committee recommends that NCLA seriously consider annual elections after establishing a relationship with an association management firm.

Issue: Annual Conferences. The Committee suggests that NCLA seriously consider holding annual conferences, after establishing a relationship with a management firm and after dues are collected annually.

Fedora distributed the roster of the Futures Committee. She offered to meet with anyone interested in discussing the recommendations.

Richard Barker, Marjorie Lindsey and John Thomas, other members of the Futures Committee who were present, were recognized by Mrs. Myrick, and each of them expressed the hope that the recommendations would be carefully considered.

President Myrick commended the Futures Committee for its good work, noting that more than two years of study have been devoted to the task. She urged that careful thinking be given the report to avoid coming to hasty conclusions. In January we will have more information about the management recommendation which may not have to go through membership before a decision can be made. During discussion that followed it was pointed out that input obtained from sections should include indication of the services provided by IMI, the recommended management firm, that would be needed.

Past President Leland Park expressed his personal thanks to the Committee and stated that NCLA must continue to function as a self-directed professional association. He urged that services of a management firm be looked at as administrative assistance.

Discussion followed concerning the appropriate way to disseminate the information. Kieth Wright recommended that the report be sent to every member of NCLA with the request that comments be directed to the Executive Board before time for its discussion in January. Nancy Massey moved that the report be mailed to the entire membership in an expeditious and economical manner. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Taylor and passed.

The President called for the report of the Nominating Committee. Chairperson Mertys Bell passed out copies of the report and presented the slate of officers for NCLA for the 1987-89 biennium as follows:

First Vice-President and President-Elect: Barbara A. Baker, Durham Technical College, Durham; Shirley B. McLaughlin, Asheville-Buncombe Technical College, Asheville.

Second Vice-President: Nelda C. Caddell, South Central Regional Education Center, Carthage; Ray A. Frankle, J. Murrey Atkins Library, UNC-Charlotte.

Secretary: Gloria Miller, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Charlotte; Susan M. Squires, Greensboro College Library, Greensboro.

Directors: Vivian W. Beech, New Hanover County Public Library, Wilmington; Janet L. Freeman, Carlyle Campbell Library, Meredith College, Raleigh; Nancy O. Massey, Hyconeechee Regional Library, Yanceyville; Howard F. McGinn, State Library, Raleigh.

The Nominating Committee's report was accepted.

Kieth Wright, ALA Councillor, announced that free access to ALA through Alanet has been established by the Executive Secretary and the Executive Committee of ALA to provide a link between ALA and state associations. Board members who would like to use this means of communicating may obtain the pass number from Wright.

President Myrick informed the Board that she must attend a meeting of the NCASL for lunch. She asked Patsy Hansel to chair the meeting during her absence.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:00. It was reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with Patsy Hansel presiding.

In the absence of Jerry Thrasher, Hansel presented highlights from a report submitted by Thrasher on the SELA Biennial Conference held October 14-18 in Atlanta. It was noted that North Carolina ranked second in attendance and that several North Carolinians were on the program.

Frances Bradburn announced that the Education issue of *North Carolina Libraries* with Ben Speller as guest editor is scheduled to be mailed on January 30, 1987. Future issues and their editors include: Spring 1987—Status of Women and Minorities in Librarianship, Jean Weldon, guest editor; Summer 1987—School Librarianship, Katherine Cagle, guest editor; Fall 1987—Intellectual Freedom, Gene Lanier, guest editor; Winter 1987—Conference Issue.

Bradburn reported that the *North Carolina Libraries* Executive Board has decided upon the following rate changes for institutional members: Yearly Subscription rate—\$32.00; single issue rate—\$10.00. It was mentioned that use is being made of the *North Carolina Libraries* Style Manual which Michael Cotter revised before he resigned from the NCL Board. Lisa Dalton has replaced Cotter on the Board.

Reporting for the Children's Services Section, Rebecca Taylor told the Executive Board that *The Chapbook* was mailed out on October 4. Copies were sent to NCLA Board members. The Section is planning to present a speaker during the 1987 NCLA Conference. The history of the Section is now in rough draft form.

Elizabeth Smith, Chair of the College and University Section, reported that the Section is continuing to plan for a program on online catalogs to be held in the Spring of 1987. It is expected that a decision will be reached in November concerning sponsorship of the ALA/LAMA Institute "Management of the Online Catalog."

Mary Avery informed the Board that a meeting of the Community and Junior College Section's board will be held soon.

Reporting for the Documents Section, Janet Rowland, outgoing Chair, announced that beginning today Waltrene Canada is the Section's Chair. Canada has planned the program "Unfolding Maps," which is scheduled to be presented on November 7 at the Hilton Hotel in Greensboro. Rowland stated that Marjorie Lindsey's article "State Documents: Proposed Statewide Depository Systems" will be published in the Fall 1986 issue of *Popular Government*. Pat Langelier recently reported to the Section that the funding of the bill drafted by the Section's State Documents Depository System Committee has been included in the Department of Cultural Resources' request to the Governor.

J. A. Killian greeted the Board on behalf of the North Carolina Public Library Trustee Association. He stated that attention of the Association is being focused on plans for next year's conference.

The report of the Public Library Section was given by Chairperson Nancy Massey. She announced that the Adult Services Committee has scheduled a November workshop on resources in each of the areas of statistics, medicine and law. The award recipients of the Section's Research Grant Program will be named following the reviewing of grant applications by the Development Committee. The Genealogy/Local History Committee is continuing to work on a manual for public libraries, with the assistance of Ms. Alice Cotten of the North Carolina Collection at UNC-Chapel Hill. Workshops on fund raising for public library construction were sponsored by the Trustee/Friends Committee in Fayetteville and Lexington. Other committees of the Public Library Section that have reported on future programs include the Young Adult Committee and the Literacy Committee.

Jean Amelang, reporting for the Reference and Adult Services Section, announced that on November 7, 1986, the Committee will co-sponsor with the North Carolina Library Staff Development Program a workshop "High Touch/High-Tech:

Enhancing Reference Service with Technology," at North Carolina Central University in Durham. She presented details of the plans.

Chair of the Resources and Technical Services Section, April Wreath, reported that plans have been completed for the Section's Fall Conference scheduled to be held September 23-24, 1986 in Southern Pines. She stated that further consideration has been given to the idea of co-sponsoring with the College and University Section an ALA Conference on Management of the Online Catalog.

The report of the Round Table for Ethnic Minority Concerns was given by Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, Chairperson. REMCO is planning a mid-winter workshop on African-American genealogy. It is also collaborating with the Round Table on the Status of Women in Librarianship and the Public Library Section to arrange to co-sponsor Maya Angelou as guest speaker during the 1987 NCLA Biennial Conference.

Mary McAfee, Chair of the Round Table on the Status of Women, announced that at the NCASL Biennial Work Conference, the Round Table will present two concurrent sessions of the program "Everything We Wish We Had Known when We Started Out." Another issue of *MsManagement* is scheduled to be distributed soon. Plans for the 1987 NCLA Conference include sponsoring a reception and co-sponsoring Maya Angelou.

Arial Stephens, reporting for the Networking Committee, stated that networking plans are being carried out progressively. He called the attention of the Board to the recently published article in *Tar Heel Libraries* which updates the information.

State Librarian Jane Williams reported that the next issue of *Tar Heel Libraries* will carry a report of the recently held Governor's Press Conference during which Governor Martin strongly endorsed the State Library's program of information networking. During September, a priority was providing training in the use of the Western Union Electronic Mail/Bulletin Board services. Ms. Williams mentioned that there are now fifty users of the online catalog.

Reporting as the newly appointed chair of the Literacy Committee, Nancy Bates announced the names of the Committee and stated that a planning meeting will be held on October 28 at the Davidson County Public Library in Lexington. It is expected that the Committee will work closely with the Public Library Section's Literacy Committee. Bates requested that suggestions be forwarded to the Committee.

Representing the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association, Bill Roberts announced that the Association's 7th annual banquet will be held next month at which time the Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Secretary Patric Dorsey of the Department of Cultural Resources. He said the Association is continuing its effort to define its role in relation to that of the Public Library Section.

The report of the 1987 NCLA Conference Planning Committee was given by Patsy Hansel and Bill Roberts. The Conference is scheduled to be held October 28-30, 1987 at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem. Board members were given copies of the Committee's Minutes/Report dated September 29, 1986, the roster of the Planning Committee and a tentative schedule of the program. Hansel reviewed the basic plans in which are included an all-conference dinner, a champagne luncheon instead of a banquet, the presentation of Maya Angelou, Calvin Trillin and Herbert White as speakers, and exhibits. She reported that due to an increase in the cost of the facilities, the Committee determined that the cost of exhibit booths should be raised. It was recommended that the Executive Board take action to approve these proposed charges for vendors' use of the exhibition area: The cost of a booth reserved before May 1 would be \$300; a second booth would cost \$200; the late, after-May 1 fee would be an additional \$50. The late cost for a second booth would remain \$200. The fees would cover carpet for the

booths and the aisles. Hansel moved that the recommendation be accepted. The motion was seconded by Nancy Massey and passed.

Hansel then presented the statement of registration fees decided upon for recommendation to the NCLA Executive Board. Nancy Massey moved that the proposed schedule of fees for the conference registration included in the Conference Planning Committee Report be approved. The motion was seconded by Mary McAfee and passed.

Bill Roberts announced that an all-conference reception will be held on October 28 at the Forsyth County Public Library following the closing of the exhibits. He mentioned that the Hyatt is the hotel for the conference. Hansel urged that sections that have not submitted program plans should send their request forms to the Planning Committee as early as possible. She mentioned that the schedule presented today is a basic outline. Suggestions are welcome. It was reported that Art Weeks has suggested the theme which seems to be acceptable. It is "Libraries: Spread the News." David Fergusson, program chairman, commented about the plan to hold table talks.

The report of the 1989 Conference Planning Committee was given by Arial Stephens. The Committee advises that the dates for the Conference be changed. Stephens moved that the dates for the 1989 Conference scheduled to be held at the Civic Center & Radisson Hotel in Charlotte be changed from October 24-27, 1989 to October 10-13. The motion was seconded by J. A. Killian and passed. It was noted that the 1991 conference will be held in Raleigh.

Rose Simon, Second Vice-President, announced that copies of the brochure "Come Alive with NCLA" are available.

Nancy Fogarty advised that the stated procedure be adhered to when use of the bulk mail permit is needed.

President Myrick called for old business. Patsy Hansel asked if the question of the possibility of allocating some money to the sections and roundtables could now be addressed. During the discussion which ensued, it was noted that the Futures Committee did not address the question, although it had been referred to it. Nancy Fogarty suggested that the outcome of the Futures Committee's recommendation that a management firm be hired should be known before this question is decided. Comments of several other members reflected the opinion that a decision should not be made at this time.

President Myrick called for new business. None was mentioned.

President Myrick thanked everyone for being present today. She reminded the Board that the next meeting will be held at the Cumberland County Public Library on January 23, 1987.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Dorothy W. Campbell, Secretary

