NCLA Minutes

North Carolina Library Association Minutes of the Executive Board February 6, 1987

The Executive Board of the North Carolina Library Association met on February 6, 1987 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cumberland County Public Library in Fayetteville. Executive Board members present were Pauline F. Myrick, Patsy Hansel, Rose Simon, Dorothy Campbell, Nancy Fogarty, Mae Tucker, Kieth Wright, Jerry Thrasher, Frances Bradburn, Benjamin Speller, Jr., Arial Stephens, Rebecca Taylor, Elizabeth Smith, Mary Avery, Waltrene Canada, Nancy Massey, Jean Amelang, April Wreath, J. A. Killian and Mary McAfee. Committee representatives present were Doris Anne Bradley, William Bridgman, Geneva Chavis, Melanie Collins, Judie Davie, David Fergusson, Howard McGinn, and William H. Roberts, III. Also present were Jane Williams, State Library Director; Dale Gaddis, Director of the Durham County Library and President of the North Carolina Directors Association; Tindra Foti of the Cumberland County Public Library; and Jim Govern of the Forsyth County Public Library.

President Myrick called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming to this meeting which was called because a statewide snowstorm caused cancellation of the meeting scheduled for January 23. She recognized Jerry Thrasher, Director of the Library, who welcomed the Board. Mrs. Myrick acknowledged the presence of guests and observers and welcomed them.

The agenda was presented and approved.

The minutes of the meeting of October 22, 1986 were approved as distributed by the Secretary.

President Myrick called for the Treasurer's report, Nancy Fogarty distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report, January 1, 1986-December 31, 1986 and reviewed its various parts. Included was a sheet of miscellaneous information which reveals the count of the number of members in each section as of December 31, 1986 as follows:

Children's	207	NCASL (School)	884	
College/Univ.	261	Public	347	
Documents	66	Reference & Adult	208	
Ethnic Minority	81	RTSS	197	
JMRT	41	Trustees	195	
Jr. & Com. Coll.	64	Women	219	

Fogarty reported that NCLA has a total of 2,150 members (personal, trustees, institutional and honorary). She called attention to a table appended to the report which shows the distribution of amounts paid as dues to sections and round-tables during 1986-1987.

A report of the NCLA 1987 Conference Planning Committee was presented by Patsy Hansel, First Vice-President/President-Elect and Chair of the Committee. She distributed copies of the updated, tentative conference program and minutes of the Committee's meeting of January 8, 1987, and commented about recent progress of the committee. Local Arrangements Chair Bill Roberts stated that everything is going well. Some space for additional programs still exists.

Responding to the call for a report on North Carolina Libraries, Frances Bradburn, editor, announced the deadlines,

themes and guest editors for the next three issues as follows: February 10—Status of Women and Minorities in Librarianship, Jean Weldon; May 10—Education in Librarianship, Dr. Benjamin Speller; August 10—Intellectual Freedom, Dr. Gene Lanier. The deadline for the Conference issues (Winter 1987) is November 10, 1987. Bradburn said additional manuscripts are needed to supplement small thematic issues; however, speeches are not included in the publication, except in the conference issue.

The report of the Governmental Relations Committee was presented by William Bridgman, chair. Referring to an information packet which he had distributed by mail to Executive Board members, he reviewed plans for the 1987 observance of National Library Legislative Day scheduled for April 7 in Washington, D.C. He announced that a briefing session will be held on March 27 at the State Library from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at which time issues addressed by resolutions committed to ALA Council will be discussed. Bridgman urged Board members to encourage capable persons to cooperate with the Committee. He distributed a brochure, a tentative agenda, and information on accommodations for participants.

Awareness was raised that the Committee has the right to make a financial contribution to the National Library Legislative Day observance program using funds from its budget.

President Myrick recognized Doris Anne Bradley, chair of the Constitution, Codes, and Handbook Revision Committee, and Mae Tucker, Parliamentarian. Bradley addressed the Board, stating that the Committee is attempting to determine where we are now as consideration is given to the recommendations of the Futures Committee. It is essential that sections' revised statements be reviewed by the Committee to ensure that they are consistent with the Association's bylaws before they are adopted. Bradley urged that all groups review the Handbook and inform the Committee regarding the status of their bylaws. A request for this information will be sent out by the Committee.

Commenting on the work of the Archives Committee in the absence of Maurice York, chair, President Myrick informed the Board that an inventory of the Association's records housed in the State Library has been completed. Future plans of the Archives Commitee include the transferring of records to the State Archives and perfecting a records retention-disposition schedule for current records.

The minutes of the Intellectual Freedom Committee's meeting of December 5, 1986 received from Dr. Gene Lanier, chair, were distributed to board members.

President Myrick called for the report of the Children's Section. Chairperson Rebecca Taylor announced that Jack Prelutsky, noted children's poet, will speak at the Section's breakfast during the NCLA 1987 Biennial Conference. The Section hopes to support a new member's attendance at the Conference and is seeking a sponsor of a membership award that will make this possible.

Reporting for the College and University Section, Chairperson Elizabeth Smith announced that the Section will sponsor a program on public services aspects of online catalogs on May 1, 1987 at Meredith College. The keynote speaker will be Betsy Baker, Chairperson of the Bibliographic Instruction Section of ACRL. The Section's speaker at NCLA Conference will be Dr. Joanne Euster, Director of Libraries at Rutgers University and President-Elect of ACRL

Mary Avery, Chair of the Community and Junior College Section, reported that the Section's speaker for the NCLA Biennial Conference will be John Lubans, Associate University Librarian at Duke University. Ways to increase membership are being explored, and it is planned that all North Carolina community and junior college librarians will be invited to join NCLA and the Section.

The report of the Documents Section was given by Waltrene Canada, chairperson. She reported that thirty-five librarians attended the workshop on maps sponsored by the Section on November 7, 1986 in Greensboro. The Section is planning to co-sponsor with the Durham County Library a spring workshop on county government on May 1, 1987 at the Durham County Library. Canada then commented about activity centered around the effort to gain passage of the publication's depository bill. She called attention to the information packets prepared by Pat Langelier and other members of the Depository System Committee which were distributed to board members. This information will be sent to legislators, librarians, concerned citizens and special interest groups. Canada acknowledged the diligence of the Committee members and urged the Board to consider assisting them in this effort.

The report for the Junior Members Roundtable was given by Melanie Collins in the absence of Stephanie Issette. She said plans for the NCLA Biennial Conference are being discussed, but budgetary limitations must be considered. The Roundtable and Baker and Taylor will again sponsor a grant of \$250 to support attendance at the conference by a library school student.

Judie Davie presented the report for the North Carolina Association of School Librarians in the absence of Helen Tugwell, Chairperson. She stated that approximately 40 North Carolinians attended the 1986 Conference of the American Association of School Librarians and many of them made presentations. There were 1,049 registered participants at the NCASL Biennial Work Conference of 1986, at which the following awards were made: Administrator of the Year 1986 to Dr. Stuart Thompson, Superintendent, Hickory Public Schools; the Mary Peacock Douglas Award to Vergie Cox; and scholarship awards to Rita Earley and Helen Jones Rice, students at East Carolina University and Western Carolina University, respectively.

The Section is planning to observe School Library Media Day of 1987 in April and has selected the theme "Take Time to Read—Use Your Library."

Copies of the videotape of Richard Peck's address before the NCASL Biennial Work Conference of 1986 are available from NCASL.

Mrs. Myrick called for the report of the North Carolina Public Library Trustee Association. J. A. Killian, Chair, stated that plans are going forward for the National Library Legislative Day, the Librarian/Trustee Conference scheduled to be held in May, and the Trustee Dinner which will be held during the NCLA 1987 Biennial Conference.

Nancy Massey, chairperson of the Public Library Section, reported that the committees and Executive Board are continuing to function actively.

Reference and Adult Services Section chairperson Jean Amelang informed the body that sixty librarians attended sessions in which sixteen presenters were involved at the workshop "High-Touch/High Tech: Enhancing Reference Service with Technology" held on November 7, 1986. A workshop on reference management is being planned.

April Wreath gave the report of the Resources and Technical Services Section, noting that the composite evaluations from the Fall Conference "Coping with Change: Strategies for Survival" were in general highly favorable. She stated that a decision was made to decline on sponsoring with the College and University Section a spring conference due to the time needed for

planning a full RTSS program for the NCLA Conference.

In the absence of Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, Geneva Chavis presented the report for the Roundtable for Ethnic Minority Concerns. She announced that a genealogy workshop is scheduled for February 20, 1987 at A & T State University. Included in the winter issue of REMCO's regular newsletter is a report by Dr. Benjamin Speller entitled "Minority Representation in Librarianship." Chavis reminded us that the Roundtable is to be one of the sponsors of the Maya Angelou presentation scheduled for the NCLA 1987 Biennial Conference.

Mary McAfee, reporting as Chair of the Roundtable on the Status of Women in Librarianship, stated that a brochure will soon be released to announce a workshop "Risk-taking and Surviving Your Mistakes" set for March 13, 1987 in Winston-Salem. A summer workshop on management is also being planned.

President Myrick called for the report of the NCLA Council Chapter Representative. Kieth Wright called attention to the resolutions passed recently by ALA Council, copies of which were included in a report mailed to the Executive Board. He stated that at the request of the Documents Section Depository System Committee, a resolution supporting the North Carolina State Publications depository bill was introduced in Council and passed as an ALA Council resolution on January 21, 1987. The ASCLA Board, GODORT group, and other state councilors supported the bill. Diana Young, Councilor-at-Large, seconded the resolution. Wright mentioned also that the candidates for president of ALA are southeasterner William Summers, Dean of the Florida State University School of Library and Information Science Studies; Thomas Dowlin, Director of Library, Pikes Peak Library System; and Linda Ann Doughtery of the Chicago Public Library.

The Southeastern Library Association Representative Jerry Thrasher pointed out that the 1987 SELA Leadership Workshop is set for March 2-3, in Atlanta. The next SELA Biennial Conference will be held on October 25-28, 1988 in Norfolk, Virginia. Thrasher advised that SELA members who are interested in being assigned to committees should contact President Charles Beard.

The report of the Networking Committee was presented by Howard McGinn. He mentioned that at the close of the first stage of the networking program a list of serials is available to full users of OCLC. The Western Union programs are going well, job openings in the state are online, and telefacsimile equipment has been placed in the State Library and in libraries at Duke University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University. He stated that attention is now being directed toward demonstrating to other agencies how libraries can help them distribute information.

President Myrick recognized State Librarian Jane Williams. Miss Williams reported on Governor Martin's formation of a Telecommunications Policy Roundtable, co-chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Administration and the Chairman of the NC Utilities Commission. The roundtable has representatives from government and industry, and the State Library's inclusion should be of benefit to libraries across the state. Miss Williams also reported that the Governor's recommended budget contains the first state appropriation for the NC Information Network and additional funds for the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and for the statewide Audiovisual Service (formerly Film Service).

In behalf of John Welch, the State Library's Grants Administrator, Jane Williams distributed copies of the guidelines and application forms for the LSCA-funded continuing education grants to support section, roundtable or committee programs at the 1987 NCLA conference. She noted that most of Mr. Welch's former consultant duties have been assumed by Kitty Smith, whose title is Management Consultant. The vacant position has been redescribed as a Business and Adult Services Consultant and is now being advertised.

President Myrick at this point raised the question as to whether the Association is to continue to issue courtesy memberships to key people in the legislature. Following discussion, a motion by Arial Stephens that courtesy memberships be granted to nine persons designated to receive them was seconded by J. A. Killian and passed.

The call was made for old business, and for new business. There was none. The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:00 noon

The meeting was reconvened at 1:50 p.m. President Myrick stated that this session would be devoted to hearing sections' reactions to the Futures Committee Report. She stated that guidelines recommended by the Constitution, Codes and Handbook Revision Committee will be used. She described the plan which follows: As comments are presented today by representatives of sections, the information pertaining to the six headings of the Report will be written down by certain officers, each of whom has been assigned a particular area. The comments will be presented in written form by the compilers to the President by March 25. The compilers will serve as discussion leaders when the issues are discussed during the Spring Workshop. Discussion beginning at that time will be continued in July and beyond, if necessary. The areas of recommendations/memoranda and the compilers are: Establishment of Association goals and objectives: Benjamin Speller; Employment of a management firm: Nancy C. Fogarty; Structure of NCLA: Jerry Thrasher; Establishment of publications committee: Arial Stephens; Changes in dues: Rose Simon; and Change to annual elections/ change to annual conferences: Kieth Wright.

Mrs. Myrick called to the attention of the Board letters

received from some persons who could not be present at this meeting, including that of Leland Park which was mailed to all board members. She read letters from Emily Boyce, Beverly Bury, Jean Porter, Bill Kirwan, Mertys Bell and Susan Casper.

The need for a record which shows each section's formal position statement was noted by several Board members. President Myrick stressed the point that responses in all formats are wanted and that other approaches for disseminating the information will be considered. It is essential that feedback is received in any form in which a section may wish to provide it.

President Myrick called for the presentations of reactions to the Futures Committee's Report. Presentations were made by section representatives and comments were recorded by compilers assigned to the task.

Finally, interest was expressed by board members in finding out what the specific charge to the Futures Committee was, Mrs. Myrick said she will bring this information to the Board.

Everyone was urged to send to compilers comments appropriate for inclusion in the compilations in time for them to be prepared for presentation at the Spring Workshop.

At this point, Waltrene Canada again expressed interest in receiving suggestions concerning the material distributed today by the Documents Section's Depository System Committee.

President Myrick expressed thanks to everyone for working for the Association and reminded us that the next meeting and the Spring Workshop will be held on April 24-25 at Greensboro College.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Dorothy W. Campbell, Secretary

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