

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Executive Board

October 19, 1990

The Executive Board of North Carolina Library Association met Friday, October 19, 1990, in the Crystal Coast Civic Center on the Carteret Community College Campus in Morehead City. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Barbara Baker, who introduced Dr. Donald Bryant, President of the College.

Board members present were: Janet Freeman, Amanda Bible, Michael LaCroix, Frances Bradburn, Pat Gregory Richards, David Gleim, Martha Ransley, Judie Stoddard, Patricia Langelier, Pam Jaskot, Steve Sumerford, Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, Renee Stiff, Nona Pryor, Jerry Thrasher, Nancy Massey, Johannah Sherrer, Melanie Collins, Gene Lanier, Howard McGinn, Jane Moore, Edward Shearin.

Dr. Bryant welcomed the Board to the college and to Morehead City. Ed Shearin, Director of the Learning Resources Center, offered to conduct tours of the center after the meeting.

Minutes of the April 20 meeting were corrected as follows: "and North Carolina Library Association" to be inserted in the sentence, "The Department of Cultural Resources, State Library (insert) will be co-sponsoring the conference." Omit the sentences, "Since this would be the year for the NCASL Conference," ending with "also a possible site", and "The Membership Committee had a display at this conference." Change "the October 19 meeting will be at (the Seahawk Hotel) to (Carteret Community College)." Janet Freeman moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Seconded by Pat Langelier, the motion carried.

The following corrections were made to the July 20 minutes: Insert "Chair Gene Lanier sent a written report," in the sentence, "Intellectual Freedom Committee (insert) and omit "had no report." Insert "will submit to the membership in September for approval" in the sentence, "The Section (insert) a Bylaws change and omit "approved." Change "open" to "all" in the sentence, "the ban on smoking in (all) meetings." Gene Lanier moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Seconded by Pat Langelier, the motion carried.

Treasurer Michael LaCroix reported that as of September 30, the checking account balance was \$13,718.36. A deposit of \$50,000 is in an undesignated five-month CD and \$23,695.47 is in a seven-day CD. Disbursements for July 1 - September 30 were \$26,280.08.

President Baker announced changes to the agenda to include reports from the following committees: Conference, AIDS, Public Relations, Archives, Intellectual Freedom, and Literacy.

Reporting for Doris Anne Bradley, Constitution, Codes, and Handbook Chair, President Baker announced that the new Handbook should be ready for the January meeting. Information is needed on awards given by the Association. Information should be directed to Doris Anne Bradley or to Martha Fonville at the NCLA office.

Steve Sumerford, the new Chair of the Literacy Committee, reported that approximately \$1,500 was available from the Literacy Partnership Conference that could be used by the Committee for a possible spring workshop. An interest questionnaire devised by his committee of ten was shared with the Board.

Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, Membership Chair, requested that by Nov. 4, a member from each NCLA committee recommend a member to be on the membership committee.

Janet Freeman, Conference Committee Chair, announced that NCLA would be in High Point Nov. 12-15, and requested that committees get information about programs to the committee on a timely basis to insure the success of the conference. Michael LaCroix reminded the Board that requests for program grants should be submitted to Nancy Fogarty, Finance Chairman, as soon as possible. Children's Services has already confirmed their speaker.

Pam Jaskot, Public Relations Chair, reported that ALA is sponsoring two programs, a photo contest, "Year of the Lifetime Reader", and repeating "Night of a Thousand Stars." Discussion of the first "Night

of a Thousand Stars" indicated that the program was moderately successful, but it was a lot of work for the response, and Wednesday night was a poor choice for rural areas where many people attend church on Wednesday night. The committee will determine what to promote.

Gene Lanier, Intellectual Freedom Chair, reported on numerous presentations, incidents and responses, and specifically on a challenge to Kipling's "How the Leopard Got His Spots" in a school library in Watauga County, which was appealed by librarian Audrey Hartley to the school board, which voted to retain the book. He noted that since May there had been 3 cases involving police and confidentiality of records. He stressed the need for librarians to be familiar with the confidentiality law-Chapter 125, article 3 of the *General Statutes*. He also pointed out that there would soon be new interpretations of meeting room policies, displays and exhibits, decorations and holidays, and fees for library services.

Ed Shearin reported that Technology and Trends would be meeting in January.

Anne Berkley, Archives Chair, sent a report presented by President Baker, stating that NCLA records would be ready for deposit in N. C. State Archives in November or shortly thereafter. Archives only accepts gifts and the donation needs to be authorized by a contract furnished by Archives. Melanie Collins moved that Barbara Baker sign the contract authorizing the donation. Seconded by Frances Bradburn, the motion carried.

Pauline Myrick sent a report from the Nominating Committee. Nominees for the 1992-93 biennium are: Vice-President/President-elect-Gwyndolyn G. Jackson and Sue Spencer; Secretary-Waltrene M. Canada and Joyce Orndoff; Director-Mae L. Rodney, Edward T. Shearin, Jr., Gay Williams Shepherd, and Helen Tugwell. Their pictures and biographical information will be in the Spring issue of *North Carolina Libraries*.

Frances Bradburn, *North Carolina Libraries* Editor, reported that Nancy Bates would be the guest editor of the Summer 1992 issue and the theme would be "Librarians and the Political Process." Changes on the editorial board are: John Welch replacing Howard McGinn as associate editor but McGinn will remain on the board as a special advisor to the editor; Al Jones, from Elon College, will replace Jinnie Davis; and Ilene Nelson will be research column editor.

There was no report from the Trustees.

Nancy Massey, Vice-Chair, Round Table on the Status of Women in Librarianship has met three times this year and sponsored a highly successful workshop, "Plateauing: How to Tread Water Without Going Under" on Aug. 9-10 at Forsyth County Public Library with sixty participants. The Round Table will continue the publication *Ms. Management* and has confirmed Jill McCorkle, North Carolina novelist, as their speaker for the November biennial conference.

Reporting for Maury York, Round Table on Special Collections, Frances Bradburn announced a symposium, "Cooperative Collection Development of Local History Materials in North Carolina which is planned for May 29-30 in Chapel Hill, Co-sponsored by the North Caroliniana Society, major support will be provided by the University's North Carolina Collection. The Round Table urges representation from all types of libraries.

Renee Stiff, Round Table on Ethnic Minority Concerns Chair, announced a workshop, "Managing Communications and Conflict in the Workplace," to be held Nov. 2 at Forsyth County Public Library. The workshop is free to REMCo members and \$10 for nonmembers. REMCo presented a position paper at the state regional White House Conference held in Durham in September. Volume 6, No. 2 of the *REMCo Newsletter* has just been published.

David Gleim, Resources and Technical Services, announced the

publication of *Directory of Curriculum Materials Centers Serving North Carolina Teachers Education Programs*, a 48-page guide compiled by committee member Joanna Wright and funded by RTSS. Copies are \$5.00, available from Joanna Wright, Randall Library, UNC-Wilmington. Flyers were distributed which described the Oct. 25-26 conference. "Menu-Driven Libraries: Options for the 1990s, A Conference on Customized Versus Standardized Technical and Public Services." Eighty-five have registered for the LSCA Title III funded conference which will be held at the Durham Hilton Hotel. The newsletter, *NCLA/RTSS Update*, will be issued in November.

Johannah Sherrer, Reference and Adult Services, reported 80 registered for the highly successful workshop, "Reference 2000: Blending Artistry and Technology," which was held Sept. 28 at Forsyth County Public Library. A copy of the program and the results of a preconference attitudinal survey of library directors were passed around. The workshop was funded with an LSCA Title III grant.

President Baker presented a report submitted by Nancy Bates, Public Library Section. The Section Planning Council met Aug. 17. The following activities and plans were reported: The Audiovisual Committee is preparing a directory and has planned two fall workshops in Asheville and Fayetteville. The Development Committee is working on guidelines for the 1989-91 Award which recognizes the development of worthwhile library programs, practices and procedures. The Genealogy-Local History Committee has prepared a questionnaire on local history collections for public and community college libraries. The data will be compiled and made available to all libraries. The Governmental Relations Committee reported on Legislative Day on June 6 and the efforts to retain the present state aid package rather than securing more funds. The Personnel Committee completed the survey on certification and recertification and forwarded it to the Public Library Certification Commission. The tabulation showed there are no clear-cut national trends on these two issues. The Public Relations Committee is completing arrangements for a conference in Fayetteville Nov. 29-30. The Committee applied for an NCLA Project Grant. The Young Adult Committee is continuing the *Grassroots* newsletter and received an NCLA Project Grant to update and computerize the mailing list.

Judie Stoddard, reporting for the Paraprofessional Association, stated that committees had been appointed and now that Sampson County Library has a new director, Ann Thigpen will have time to begin plans for a workshop.

Nona Pryor, NCASL Chair-Elect, presented Laura Benson's report. More than 1,100 attended the Sept. 27-28 conference in High Point, with 350 attending the preconference on whole language conducted by author-educator Nancy Polette. Especially appreciated were the exhibits from the Young Adult Committee of the Public Library Section, the AIDS Awareness Committee, and the State Library. Elsie Brumback from the Dept. of Public Instruction received the Mary Peacock Douglas Award, and David Ricketts, Superintendent of McDowell County Schools, was honored as the Administrator of the Year. Plans are being developed for a North Carolina Children's Book Award to be given in cooperation with the Children's Services Section and to further promotion of the Battle of the Books for middle school students.

Melanie Collins, New Members Round Table, reported a meeting on Oct. 16 at Harnett County Public Library. NMRT has plans to send letters and membership brochures to library school deans and will try to set up class visits. The program planned for the biennial conference is "Moving Up-Moving On, Coping With Change."

Other conference activities include the Young Librarian Award, Friendly Booth Award, and the Baker and Taylor Grassroots Grant for Students.

President Baker presented the report submitted by Nancy Ray, Library Administration and Management Chair. LAMS held its first workshop, "To Make Necessity A Virtue," Oct. 15 at the Holiday Inn of Southern Pines. Thirty-seven registered for this workshop, which focused on the effective management of people in an era of increasing expectations with decreasing or stand-still resources. Joleen Ezzell edited the first newsletter, *On The LAM(S)*, and the second issue is to be mailed in the late fall to the over 100 members of LAMS. Plans are being developed for a spring workshop or a leadership training program in conjunction with the biennial conference in November.

There was no report from Documents.

Pat Richardson presented the Community and Junior College

report submitted by Susan Janney. CJCS met Sept. 20 at the AHEC Library in Charlotte and decided to prepare a display and a resolution, "That the United States Federal Government restore and expand funding for community and junior college libraries through programs such as HEA grants. Such funding would provide books, materials, equipment, and services for which costs have increased, while local resources have decreased," for presentation at each of the Regional Governor's Conferences. It was decided to have a semi-annual newsletter edited by Mike McCabe. For the fall biennial conference, CJCS plans to sponsor an author, possibly Clyde Edgerton, and also have an exhibit.

Martha Ransley, College and University Chair, reported the section Board met Sept. 28 in Greensboro and made the following plans: two Bibliographic Interest Group workshops, "Presentation Skills and the Design of Instruction," to be held Feb. 22 at Meredith College and March 1 at Salem College; a workshop in April, "How People Learn: Using Technology To Help People Learn"; and for the fall biennial conference, a program, "Glasnost for Libraries—Russian and United States Libraries," featuring a professor whose specialty is the Soviet Union, a librarian recently returned from a tour of Russian Libraries, and a panel of two Slavic bibliographers and the ALA representative to international libraries. The Bibliographic Interest Group requests a one-hour slot for a meeting at the biennial conference.

President Baker presented a report from Pat Siegfried, Children's Services Chair. The CSS Executive Board met Sept. 6 with all members present. All 300 copies of *Reel Readers* have been sold and orders are still coming in. It was decided to print an additional 200 copies. A Chapbook Sampler issue was printed for distribution at the NCASL Conference in High Point. Composition and length of the winter issue was discussed. Plans for a spring workshop to follow up the 1989 conference "Changing Needs . . . Changing Behaviors" was discussed and will be finalized at the November Board meeting. The board discussed State Library Children's Consultant Cal Shepherd's proposal to provide State Library mini-grants for innovative children's programs and encouraged her to pursue action on the proposal. CSS staffed a membership table at the NCASL Conference in High Point and presented the Notables Showcase. The Showcase appeared very successful with 249 attending the media portion and 300 attending the book showcase.

Patricia Langelier, ALA Councilor, stated that she would have a report in January following the ALA midwinter meeting.

Jerry Thrasher, SELA Representative, announced there had been 9 reservations for the chartered bus to the conference in Nashville. Thirty-three to thirty-five are needed to confirm the trip. He encouraged attendance at the preconference, "Understanding and Relating to Your Community's Power Structure" on Dec. 4-5. SELA exhibits have been requested for the Governor's Conferences in Winston-Salem and in Supply and will be provided. David Fergusson will become the SELA representative at the end of the conference on Dec. 8. Jerry expressed sincere appreciation for representing NCLA and SELA to each other for the past four years.

President Baker announced that a membership table had been reserved for NCLA in the registration area at the SELA Conference. A special request was received from SELA for items representative of the state to be used in a silent auction to raise money to cover the all-conference reception expenses. After discussion, Melanie Collins moved that Barbara Baker be authorized to spend up to \$100 to buy articles for the auction. Seconded by Michael LaCroix. Martha Fonville moved that the motion be amended to increase the amount to \$200. Seconded by Jerry Thrasher, the amended motion failed 8-7 with one dissension. The original motion carried.

Old Business:

Howard McGinn, State Librarian, discussed the previous request for NCLA to co-sponsor the ACC public service announcements. He stated that each announcement was probably seen by over a million people each time it was shown, that ACC schools were used because they donated the time and that commercial funds could not be used to produce the spots because of the players status. Concern had been expressed over the use of "public library" in the first announcements. That was because they were funded by public libraries. If NCLA sponsors a spot, "public" could be omitted.

Frances Bradburn moved that NCLA sponsor one NCAA basketball PSA at a cost of \$2,500 with credit given to NCLA and the player stating "Stay in school and use your libraries." Seconded by Nancy Massey, the motion carried.

Johannah Sherrer presented a petition from the Reference and Adult Services Section for a special release of funds to implement the Maryland Reference Training Model in N.C. The section is limited to \$1,500 in conference monies, but the plan calls for NCLA to assist by contributing \$5,000, 40% of the total costs. Johannah Sherrer moved that NCLA release an additional \$3,500 in project monies for the implementation of the Maryland Reference Training Model. Seconded by Nancy Massey, the motion carried.

There was no new business.

Howard McGinn, State Librarian, presented the following items in the report from the State Library:

1. The participation and attendance of lay persons and government officials at the Governor's Conference is strongly urged.
2. State budget woes continue. The State Library has been asked to identify an additional 1 1/2% for reducing their budget. It is hoped that this would come from lapsed salaries. There is a fear that LSCA funding may be reduced if there are additional budget cuts since a maintenance of effort level must be maintained to qualify for funding. LSCA titles I and III benefit all types of libraries. The film budget was cut \$94,000 and other services will be reduced. Libraries that do not qualify for state aid will no longer receive services unless they qualify or join a county library system. Also community colleges must join the Information Network to continue interlibrary loan service. Local, state and federal officials need to be made aware of the effect the budget cuts will have on library services. Personal contact is urgent.
3. The State Library exhibit at ALA was marvelous and will be repeated at AFA in Atlanta.
4. An increase in state aid to public libraries and \$500,000 for construction are being included in the new budget request.
5. Summer Reading Program and Quiz Bowl are being put in the regular budget, not LSCA.
6. Non-revenue bills that will be presented include a mandate to

use acid-free paper for the core collection of state documents and getting the ALA Bill of Rights written into law.

7. Public and academic librarians are being trained to access the State Data Center through the Link database.

8. Anne Marie Elkins has been hired as the new library consultant for the eastern part of the state.

9. Legislative Day will include a noontime pig-picking at the State Library.

10. A marketing director has been hired for the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to expand their services.

11. The State Library is looking at the National Research Education Network (NREN) project to establish a nationwide high speed data network.

Jane Moore distributed awards program and membership applications for Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries. The deadline for entries is Feb. 15. Awards will be presented at the Friends spring meeting.

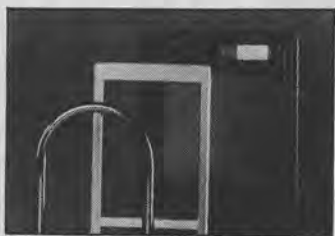
Martha Fonville, Administrative Assistant, reported that the membership data base is now independent and is being used for labels and other lists. It can be searched by last name, but searching by membership number is more reliable. A list of Executive Board members and Committee Chairs was passed around to check for accuracy before it is included in the new *Handbook*. The group was reminded to allow extra time for bulk mailings and that the State Courier mail can be used at half the cost of first class mail. An updated NCLA membership report shows 2,538 members. The two largest sections are NCASL-1.133 and Public Library-346.

President Baker reported that she had attended the LAMS workshop, the NCASL Conference and the Family Literacy Partnership conference and will be speaking at the Regional Governor's Conference in Lenoir on Nov. 9. She expressed disappointment at the lack of library representation at the literacy conference. Only 57 counties sent delegations. Appreciation was expressed to Ed Shearin for the fine refreshments.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40.

Amanda Bible, Secretary

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