

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FIRST BUSINESS MEETING

April 4, 1963

Alvarado Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Miss Dewey called the 40th Annual Conference to order at 10:05 and said that it has been the custom to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last business meeting and, if there was no objection, to accept them as published in the New Mexico Library Bulletin. No objection was voiced.

Miss Dewey called for standing committees reports.

For the Intellectual Freedom Committee Mrs. Phebe Harris said there was nothing to report since no legislation with which this committee was concerned was introduced during the last term of the legislature.

For the Membership and Publicity Committee Mr. Chester Davis read the report which is attached. At the time of the report there were 205 members of N.M.L.A., which the committee believed to be the largest number the association has ever had.

Mrs. Alice Cox gave an oral report for the National Library Week Committee. When the NLW nation-wide program was evaluated the committee felt the media which had reached the most people with messages about reading and libraries was newsletters and bulletins published within each state. The New Mexico committee decided to concentration on messages in as many newsletters and bulletins as possible. Messages will appear in four publications of the postal workers, thirty-two publications for service groups and in church bulletins. There will be radio coverage. Radio station managers, at their convention April 9, 2ill be requested to five coverage to national Library Week and o use spot announcements. A tape of spot announcements recorded by Greer Garson, New Mexico chairman, will be available for broadcast. Fourteen lay members serve on Miss Garson's committee and have given good response and attendance at planing meetings.

Mrs. Elsa Thompson read the report of the Legislative Committee, which report is attached, along with a letter from the governor and a copy of Senate Bill No. 106. Mr. Thompson commended the efforts of Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Rosen, Miss Watkins, Mr. Kelley and others to assist passage of desirable legislation.

Ms. Helen Saunders read the report of the Scholarship and Recruitment Committee, which report is attached. Mrs. Saunders mentioned that the committee had received fifteen inquiries about the scholarship and six applications. Recipient of the award, for study during 1963-64 is Miss Linda Skerritt.

Miss Dewey spoke of the fact that Mrs. Saunders had presented a recommendation to the Executive Board that the association increase its contribution to the scholarship fund by the amount of \$1,500.

Members were requested to consider the matter which will be put to a vote at the next business meeting. Also to be considered meanwhile, and a vote taken at that time, is the recommendation of the Executive Board that annual dues be raised from \$2.00 to \$3.00.

Mrs. Crowell Dean said that the Institutional Services Committee had nothing to report.

Mrs. Mildred Barrett read the report of the Historical Materials Committee, which report is attached. This report recommends that the Executive Board appoint an archivist to organize and care for the records of N.M.L.A.; that the association officers and committees deposit with the archivist all non-current materials. Miss Dewey said that the Board felt that this archivist should be a member of the State Library staff, the obvious person being the Reference and Documents Librarian. Mrs. Harris moved that such motion be taken by the Executive Board; Miss Fellin seconded the motion which was carried.

Miss Dewey spoke of the recommendation of those attending the workshop that the President appoint a committee to phrase a statement on matters concerning student use of public libraries, for presentation to N.M.L.A. for its acceptance and publication. Miss Dewey announced that the following persons had been appointed to this committee Mrs. Harris, Chairman; Mrs. Messerschmidt, Miss Young, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Atkins and Mrs. Ewing. The statement will be presented at the next business meeting.

Mr. Charles Sargent presented the exhibitors, introducing each.

Miss Theresa Gillett stated that there was nothing to report by the ALA Membership Committee. She invited visits to the ALA table in the exhibits room.

Mr. Chester Linscheid, as ALA Councilor, reported that in the matter concerning Chapter status, only one chapter in the nation has withdrawn because of the ALA requirements that there be no racial discrimination.

Mr. Kelley was commended for his program arrangements. He explained that the little Theater had been chosen for the Second General Session because of its attractiveness and comfort and to enable all attending the conference to see the new Educational Complex buildings.

Mrs. Helen Saunders was commended for her effective efforts as Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee.

Miss Fellin moved that the meeting adjourn; Mrs. Harris seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Virginia Ewing, Secretary