

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

First Business Meeting April 16, 1969 Hobbs, Holiday Inn

Miss Helen Ketola, President, called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Jack Key, treasurer, gave his report. The association has 264 members. The current balance in the checking account was \$5,576.01; total assets were \$6,988.79. Miss Ketola requested that all bills be submitted to Mr. Key before the end of the conference. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Miss Ketola announced arrangements for transportation to meeting places.

Eleven reports were given. Miss Christine Buder, editor of New Mexico Libraries, voiced disappointment that the cover using the Pablita Velarde design in color had not materialized from the printer in time for the Spring issue. A more reliable printer will be sought. Copies of this issue were distributed. Mrs. Dorothy Rosen, trustee, commended Miss Buder for a job well done. Mrs. Virginia Ewing read a motion from the editorial committee that special commendation, indicated by a standing vote of applause, be given in appreciation to Miss Buder. The assembly concurred. Decisions made to clarify policies in editing and in circulating New Mexico Libraries were enumerated.

Mrs. Elinor Messerschmidt reported for the Historical Committee that data for the project on New Mexico authors is on cards and will be issued in page form to libraries. Five years of residence qualifies an author as New Mexican.

Mr. Arthur DeVolder traced the birth and death of HB326 on obscenity. He relayed two suggestions from Tom Donnelly, lobbyist from NMLA, made to cope with future attempts to make such a bill law.

Mrs. Juanell Haddock suggested as convention sites for 1970 Albuquerque, Roswell or Ruidoso. Miss Ketola asked chairmen of Sections and the Division to poll their members for preference both as to sites and days of the week to be scheduled. The decision of the Executive Board will be announced at the second business meeting.

Miss Gladys Rowe reported for Mrs. Bertha Allen, SWLA representative, that NMLA will cooperate with SWLA on a project titled ALA-Chapter Relationships. Similar goals of associations at all levels could be coordinated.

Mr. Pearce Grove, ALA Councilor, commented that terminology used by ALA is to be studied and analysed. Money problems include the amount of dues being collected. Some savings resulted from centralizing publications.

Mr. Bill Farrington, Publicity Committee, suggested that the committees for publicity and for

National Library Week be combined by the Executive Board. Miss Ketola commended the combined committees of 68-69 for their accomplishments.

Miss Dorothy Watkins, State Librarian, observed that the lack of personnel and money are the most serious obstacles blocking accomplishment of the innovative processes and services needed to satisfy the demands of society. The State Library's appropriation request was reduced by \$52,707. The operating budget is \$233,000 for both years of the biennium. Innovations accomplished include legislation allowing interstate compacts, In Watts Line for reference services, traveling library demonstrations, realization of improved buildings for several public libraries, increased service to the visually handicapped and to institutionized citizens plus plans to train teams to better serve Spanish speaking communities.

Mrs. Dorothy Rosen, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following state of nominees for officers; Vice-President/President Elect, Miss Calla Ann Crepin, Sandia Corporation Technical Library, Albuquerque; Secretary, Miss Elinor McCloskey, Albuquerque Public Schools; Treasurer, Mr. Richard Gallagher, Farmington Public Library.

Mrs. Mildred Breiland, Constitution Revision Committee, distributed copies of the suggested revision of the Constitution and Bylaws. The seven major points of difference from the present documents were enumerated in copies of her written report. She read the changes made to date by the Executive Board.

Mrs. Betty Meiners reported that seven applicants were considered for the two scholarships available this year. Names of the two selected will be announced at the banquet April 17th. Two alternates were chosen also. Miss Genevieve Porterfield had compiled a list of the sixteen previous winners, annotated to supply current, career information.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Alice Cox Wynne (Mrs. Wm. J.)
Secretary