

Business Meeting
New Mexico Military Institute
Roswell, New Mexico

The business meeting of the New Mexico Library Association was called to order by President Chuck Baldonado at 3:39 p.m. in the auditorium of the Toles Learning Center.

On behalf of New Mexico Military Institute Kathy Flanary welcomed the Association to Roswell and to the Institute.

OFFICER AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORTS

Secretary: Dinah Jentgen announced to the members that a copy of the Minutes appeared in the Pre-conference Newsletter. Two corrections were identified by Carol Joiner in the 1990 minutes: mention of post-conference instead of pre-conference under the Secretary's report, and misspelling of Lowell Duhrsen's name as recipient of Librarian of the Year. No corrections were made to the minutes of 1989. Joe Sabatini moved and Marilyn Reeves seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion carried.

Treasurer: Carol Myers reported that the Association's financial condition seems better this year because of more realistic budgets. The year started with \$5,441. Two Certificates of Deposit were purchased this year. The current fiscal balance is unknown due to the large number of outstanding bills generated by the conference. She asked the members to pay their dues by July. ZuZu Blachly moved and Betty Long seconded that the report be accepted. The motion carried.

First Vice-president: Daryl Black credited the arrangements committee members for the success of the conference. She reported that 305 attendees were counted, with 53 exhibitors and 18 tables in the exhibit area.

Second Vice-president: Drew Harrington announced that this year's mini-conference was held in Las Vegas in September. Next year's conference is scheduled for Farmington.

ALA Councilor: Ben Wakashige summarized the highlights of this summer's ALA Conference in Chicago. Major issues discussed included South Africa, the closing of Columbia University Graduate School of Library Science, and accreditation standards for library schools. He encouraged the members to attend the Atlanta conference in June or the Midwinter conference in San Antonio.

Newsletter: Carol Joiner reported on the highlights of her editorship. Two double issues were produced, and paper stock was changed to buff to make the publication easier on the eyes and a bit more attractive. The newsletter started taking advertising this year. Next year it will be co-edited by Stefanie Wittenbach working with text and Carol Myers working with advertising.

State Librarian: Chuck Baldonado summarized Karen Watkin's written report. Building appropriations were vetoed by the governor. Next year's budget is not significantly higher than this year's, but \$85,000 has been earmarked for rural services. All 58 personnel are fully funded. The Enchanted History Bill failed in the legislature, but flow-through funding for literacy was approved. A test CD-ROM disk is being produced to include the serials collections of the State Library, University of New Mexico and Albuquerque and Santa Fe Public Libraries.

DIVISION REPORTS

College, University, and Special Libraries: Donna Cromer encouraged members to attend Herbert White's program Friday afternoon.

Public Libraries: No report.

School Libraries, Children and Young Adult Services: Randy Gaylor reported that his division sent letters to school administrators encouraging them to allow librarians to attend the conference. The division's work program for next year includes plans to poll the members and adopt a shorter name, to produce a bulletin-type monthly newsletter, and a study of censorship and selection policies. He announced that the State Department of Education has abolished the position of Library Consultant.

ROUND TABLE REPORTS

Documents: No report.

Educational Technology: David Libertore announced that the round table will meet June 14. Members will receive a mailing.

Library Instruction: John Brewster reported that the State Library has amassed a collection on library and bibliographic instruction for use by interested people statewide. His round table will work with the literacy program this next year.

Local and Regional History: Ruth Bernstein reported that their program earlier in the afternoon was a success. Cheryl Wilson was selected as incoming chair-elect. The round table is still selling local history bibliographies. They hope to sponsor a story-telling workshop emphasizing different cultures. They also plan to update the list of historical associations in New Mexico.

LUISA: The round table plans a membership drive this coming year. Rita Pino Vargas was voted 1991 chair, and Elvira Segura-Langton was voted 1991/ 92 vice chair/ chair-elect.

Native American: No report.

Online: Peggy Medina Giltrow reported that they are conducting a survey to see if they need to broaden the scope of the round table. Cheryl Whitlow is incoming chair, and Valerie Horton 1991-92 vice chair/chair-elect.

Trustees and Friends: George Marr reported that 55 people attended the Friends of Libraries meeting this morning and 40 attended the roundtable held earlier in the afternoon. A joint meeting is planned in October with the New Mexico Friends of Libraries for a tour of the State Library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: Daryl Black announced that Paul Agriesti will continue as Association archivist. He plans to update the list of past presidents.

Awards: Zuzu Blachly reported that three recipients were selected for awards this year. The awards will be presented at the banquet this evening. Kathy Flanary noted that association members should not be shy about nominating their colleagues for awards.

Bylaws: Cheryl Wilson reported that no changes were made to the bylaws this year.

Conference Site: Fred Barraza reported that his committee has been asked to consider Taos, Las Vegas, and the Inn of the Mountain Gods as possible sites for the 1993 conference. He requested that the members give his committee suggestions for future conferences as well. They are preparing the contracts for the Farmington conference in 1992. Carol Myers suggested that the 1993 conference be held in Albuquerque or Santa Fe in order to stagger big and smaller locations. Kathy Flanary encouraged the committee to move the conference around the state to heighten the Association's visibility in various communities. Joe Sabatini also encouraged the committee to adopt a rotation schedule for financial reasons. Betty Reynolds reminded the meeting that a conference at Inn of the Mountain Gods would require that arrangements be made by the Roswell librarians who just arranged the current conference. Randy Gaylor asked Fred how bids are taken for sites. Fred explained the procedure. Don Dresp suggested that the committee consider Albuquerque or Santa Fe for 1993 and a smaller site for 1994. Cheryl Wilson reminded the meeting that arrangements are made by committees local to the sites. Many communities just cannot accommodate exhibits and meetings. Other, more popular sites, wear out the local librarians with continual arrangements. Mary Elms mentioned that most of her staff from Carlsbad has been able to attend this conference because it is so close to home. Moving the conference around allows opportunities for people to attend who cannot make it to Albuquerque. George Marr suggested the use of eight-foot exhibitor booths for smaller locations. The vendors he polled felt smaller booths would be acceptable. The vendors also felt that three days of exhibits was too long.

Education: Peggy Tooker reported that her committee awarded four educational grants this year. The recipient of the Marion Dorroh scholarship will be announced at the banquet. The program this morning was very successful. She thanked her committee for its work.

Legislation and Intellectual Freedom: Thaddeus Bejnar reported that there have been many resignations in the legislative network this year. He encouraged librarians to get to know their legislators and local council members. Fifteen percent of the network consists of non-librarians who are interested in the issues. He summarized the results of this year's legislature. Money for libraries is included in a federal block grant to states along with health, education, and welfare concerns. Librarians will have to compete with those agencies for funding. He and Susan Oberlander attended Legislation Day in Washington D. C. They found Rep. Schiff to be noncommittal on the issue. Sen. Dominici favors the use of block grants with no discretion in allocation. The committee will list names and addresses of all New Mexico Federal congress-people in a forthcoming newsletter. He thanked Donna Berg for her hard work in coordinating State Legislative Day. He asked for a person from the southern part of the state to interview area legislators for the newsletter. As part of their work plan, the committee offers workshops on intellectual freedom to any interested groups. Marilyn Reeves commented that her library copied form letters on issues and made them available to patrons to sign and mail.

Library Development: Marilyn Reeves announced that she and her committee will meet with chairs and vice-chairs of divisions and round tables to finish next year's work programs.

Local Arrangements: Kathy Flanary and Betty Long introduced members of their arrangements committees.

Membership: Alison Almquist reported that targeted mailings were made in the fall . Membership cards were sent by bulk mail when the numbers were large enough to qualify. A directory will be printed immediately after the conference to include the newly elected slate of officers. Currently NMLA has 587 members. All divisions and round tables have voting status.

Nominations and Elections: Gloria Trujillo reported that 249 ballots were received for this year's election. Ten were invalid. Newly elected officers are Second Vice-president Alison Almquist and Treasurer David Null.

Public Relations: Robert Upton reminded the members of the poster contest . His committee is still selling NMLA pins for \$3. He reported that his committee may be merged with the publications committee to be effective the following year.

Publications: Carol Joiner announced that Sever Bordeianu would join the conference later with new stationery.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Dresp expressed concern at this year's slate of candidates nominated for election. He was concerned that with three good candidates nominated for each office two must lose the election. Randy Gaylor expressed his delight that such a good choice was made available to the membership. Chuck Baldonado assured Don that his concerns had been discussed at a board meeting and his comments will be given due consideration in the creation of future slates. Joe Sabatini mentioned that he enjoyed the statements made by each candidate concerning his/her nomination.

The announcement was made that additional copies of Bob Skapura's online automation notes were now available.

Chuck Baldonado gave a brief background sketch of the year's work on establishing an educational foundation. He stated that he was not comfortable with presenting to the membership the work that had been done to date, but hoped that by next year a proposal could be brought before the membership for acceptance.

Chuck Baldonado also reported on the teleconference held Wednesday morning among member states of the Western Interstate Council on Higher Education (WICHE) and attended by the NMLA board. The purpose was to investigate a proposal by the University of Arizona to provide classes by satellite T.V. Consensus was that a greater need exists for an MLS program than for a school certification program. Peggy Giltrow asked if individuals can get packets of information. Daryl Black has packets, as does the NMLA table at the exhibits hall. Marilyn Reeves suggested that the brochure be run in the newsletter. Robert Upton promised to run an article on the project in the Hitchhiker. The biggest obstacle to offering an MLS via satellite lies in the accreditation of the program. Elfrieda Maccauley expressed her opinion that a program of sub-professional, technical training to be offered through community colleges was a great need as well.

The meeting adjourned by motion of Randy Gaylor and second by Robert Upton at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dinah Lea Jentgen
Secretary