

**New Mexico Library Association
Annual Business Meeting
Farmington Civic Center
April 20, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by President, Kathy Matter at 9:02 a.m. and all members were welcomed to the Annual Business Meeting of our Association.

President Matter extended sincere thanks to the Farmington business and library communities for their warm and generous hospitality.

President's Report: Kathy Matter's focus as President of NMLA was to invigorate the membership. During the past year 170 new members have been successfully recruited bringing our total membership to 652. The 50% discount off dues for new members has been approved for another year. All members are encouraged to recruit new members and to provide input on how the Association can better provide value for membership.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Julia Clarke asked for approval of the minutes of the 2005 Annual Business Meeting. It was moved, seconded and approved that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Joe Becker reported that the 3rd Quarter financial report shows the operating fund/checking account balance of \$51,247.81. Income for FY 2006 year-to-date is \$85,491 and expenses are \$28,207.37. The budget picture seems to be very healthy at this point. Income from dues is above our budget projection, and has already exceeded the total of FY05. The income for annual conference 2006 is very close to the budget projection. Most expenses for the conference have not yet been posted, but given current expectations these costs will be significantly less than projected. It seems clear that net income from the annual conference will significantly exceed the budget projections.

The motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was seconded and passed.

Vice President's Report: Anne Lefkofsky thanked Kathy Matter and all who worked on the 2006 Conference for their efforts. All attending members were welcomed to the conference and committee participants were thanked for their hard work throughout the previous twelve months. Receiving special recognition were members of the Program Committee:

The City of Farmington has welcomed us graciously. Staff from the Farmington Public Library and the San Juan College Library were instrumental in making this conference a success. Karen McPheeters, Jim Carpenter, Mary Lee Smith, Louise Bolton, Jenny Lee Bingmann and Heather Erlandson were acknowledged.

The Members at Large 2005-2006 were thanked for their work on the successful Tucumcari mini-conference was the result of their hard work. Lori Grumet thanked Mary Ann Molinas and her staff as well as the Mayor of Tucumcari for their contributions to the mini-conference. The fall 2006 mini-conference will be held in Silver City.

Nominations and Elections Committee: Heather Gallegos-Rex presented the slate elected by the membership:

President- Elect, Vice –President: Louise Bolton
Secretary: Phyllis Reed
Members at Large: Jennifer Brown
Valerie Nye

Retained as Member at Large until next election: Naomi Miles (note: Ms. Miles has since resigned due to an out of state move)

Both By-Laws amendments passed. [The Committee recommended that: 1) the Article II, the Mission Statement of the New Mexico Library Association be removed from the Bylaws and become a standalone document, allowing changes to be made without revising the Bylaws and 2) Article IV, Section 4 reflect a change in terminology from Administrative Assistant to Administrative Contractor.]

Annual Conference: The 2007 NMLA conference will be a joint venture with the Mountain Plains Library Association. An interim Task Force to make initial plans for this larger than normal event was put in place with Valerie Nye as chair. In addition to conference logistical decisions, the Task Force spent the end of March and early April discussing the 2007 Conference themes, mottos, and colors via email. After many ideas and email discussion the motto "Libraries: Launching the Future," and the colors red and turquoise were chosen. The 2007 MPLA/NMLA Conference website is: www.nmla.org/abq2007/home.htm

Public Relations Committee: Under the leadership of chair Linda Morgan Davis, NMLA has a one year subscription to Survey Monkey. Information on using this opinion and information gathering tool will be provided to committees and SIG's. Our subscription may be used to conduct surveys pertaining to the work of the organization.

Legislative Summary:

The 2006 New Mexico Legislature provided substantial support to the state's libraries, working from a large base of available revenue for capital funding. The appropriation for the School Library Materials Act was raised to \$3 million; a statewide library bond issue for \$9 million was submitted to the voters and sixty three individual capital outlay projects were funded in amounts totaling \$7,910,500.

Capital Outlay: Among the more than 3,000 capital outlay requests introduced by legislators, there were 127 requests for library projects totaling \$126,065,112. This amount includes considerable duplication, such as the seven identical requests from Dona Ana County legislators for \$633,000 each for the Branigan Library. Of these 127, 102 made it into the final Capital Outlay bill, HB 622, totaling \$10,382,500. The Governor exercised his line-item veto on 39 library projects totaling \$2,472,000. These vetoes were distributed among types of libraries and around the state, with the only pattern being a tendency to veto more projects from legislators who had opposed the Governor's programs. By type of library, approved projects went to:

Public	15 projects	\$4,153,000
School	30 projects	\$2,010,000
Academic	2 projects	\$ 435,000
Other	8 projects	\$1,312,500

Library Bonds: As in 2002 and 2004, the Library Bonds Task Force prepared a request to the Legislative Education Study Committee on the needs of school, public and academic libraries

statewide. The LESC recommended a total of \$53,500,000, which Rep. Rick Miera introduced as HC 753. In 2004, the Legislature put the issue on the ballot in the amount of \$16,315,000. This year, the Senate version of the Capital Projects G.O. Bond bill, SB 301, only included \$5,000,000. Due to competing demands for the available money, the Library Bond issue was set at \$9,000,000, with \$3,000,000 each for school, public and academic libraries. This will be presented to voters statewide as Bond Issue C on the November ballot.

Committees:

President Kathy Matter praised the work of the Committees saying that the true work of the organization is done by these groups.

The annual reports for each committee appear in the first newsletter after the conference.

Each committee chair was recognized:

Archivist – Barbara Edwards

Awards – Dinah Jentgen

Bylaws – Betty Long

Education – Louise Bolton

Legislation and Intellectual Freedom – Elizabeth Haskett and Omar Durant

Nominations and Elections – Heather Gallegos-Rex

Conference Program – Anne Lefkofsky

Public Relations – Linda Morgan Davis

Recognition of Special Interest Groups:

Advocacy for ILL – Joseph Lane

Advocacy for School Libraries – Pam Rishel

Battle of the Books – Sarah Geiger and Jan Pfaff

Local and Regional History – Peter Ives

Native American Libraries – Maxine Zuni

New Mexico Preservation Alliance – Jo Anne Martinez –Kilgore

REFORMA – Irene Shown

Representative and Councilor Reports:

AASL - Alison Almquist spoke to attending members on the 65% solution: AASL is directly involved in assisting school librarians in states that are faced with the 65% solution. The "65% solution" is a recommendation by First Class Education, a nonprofit group, to formalize how much money must be spent on the classroom. They are requesting that all 50 states require school districts to spend at least 65% of their budgets on direct classroom instruction. The group uses the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) definition of what is classroom activity. Using the NCES definition School Library Media Specialist are considered outside of the 65% funding formula. The URL for the NCES definition is: http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2004/h2r2/ch_6_4.asp Scroll down to see the definition for library media. There is further information in the January 2006 issue of American Libraries, pp. 19– 20. The ALA Council passed a resolution at the 2006 Midwinter meeting calling for a national effort to stop school officials from passing laws in each state that would require school districts to spend at least 65% of their budgets on "classroom instruction." AASL is working in alliance with the National Education Association in a nationwide effort to prevent the "65% solution". Recently, Georgia's governor signed the 65% solution into law. Media Specialists and media expenditures were not included as "in classroom" expenditures in Georgia. School librarians are to be included in the proposed 65% solution in Texas.

Other issues being addressed by AASL may be found in Ms. Almquist's report to the Board.

NMLF: Charlene Greenwood explained that the New Mexico Library Foundation works alongside NMLA to give grants to libraries. The Foundation accepts donations and conducts fundraisers. This past year there were 13 grant requests and 7 awards granted. Among those receiving grants were The Friends for the Santa Fe Public Library, The Piedra Vista Library and the Farm and Ranch Museum Library. The latest grants awarded in March were: The Country Club Elementary School Library, Farmington – “On Eagles’ Wings Storytelling Festival,” Embudo Valley Library and Community Center – “Lasting Impressions: A Summer Reading Program for Youth, 2006” and the Edgewood Community Library – “Narrowing the Digital Divide Between Spanish-Speaking and English-Speaking Public Access Users”

Committee Chairs for the 2006-2007 year will be:

Archivist - Barbara Edwards
Awards – Dinah Jentgen
Bylaws – Betty Long
Conference Site Committee – Marian Royal
Education – Kay Krehbiel
Legislation and Intellectual Freedom – Omar Durant
Local Arrangement Committee - Linda Morgan Davis and Cindy Carhart
Membership – Dorie Kalinich
Nominations and Elections – Kathy Matter
Public Relations – Linda Morgan Davis

SIG chairs are:

ASL - Pam Rishel - Board Liaison: Barbara VanDongen
BoB - Sarah Geiger - Board Liaison: Barbara VanDongen
LRH - Peter Ives - Board Liaison:
NAL - Clyde Henderson - Board Liaison: Jennifer Brown
NMPA - Jo Anne Martinez-Kilgore - Board Liaison:
NNMYS - Lori Snyder and Vaunda Nelson - Board Liaison:
PP - Kash Heitkamp - Board Liaison:
REFORMA - Bernice Martinez - Board Liaison: Lori Grumet, now Mark Pendleton
Retired Librarians - Barbara Moore - Board Liaison:
Students - Lorie Christian - Board Liaison:

All SIGs were reminded to submit the required paperwork by May 12, 2006.

The gavel was passed to Anne Lefkofsky.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.