

# ***NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION***

Annual Business Meeting

March 16, 2007

8:00 - 9:15 am

Albuquerque Convention Center - Albuquerque, NM

## AGENDA

President Anne Lefkofsky called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM

Outgoing President Anne Lefkofsky gave the State of the Association Report  
President Lefkofsky reported a year of maintenance and steady growth.

Membership is currently 669. There were several successes reported:

- New legislative page on the NMLA website
- Legislative Handbook
- Legislative Day in Santa Fe
- GO Bond Task force represented all groups of librarians
- Dynamic conferences
- Professional development opportunities to enhance community

President Lefkofsky stated that the "success of the organization is a reflection of the membership".

Secretary Phyllis Reed presented the 2006 NMLA Business Meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2006 NMLA Business Meeting.

Treasurer Joe Becker reported that the association is in better condition financially than the association has been in a number of years with \$104,704.10 in assets. This is the result of the success of the Farmington Conference and a strong membership. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurers' Report.

Vice-President Louise Hoffmann reported that the conference registration is over 700 at this time. Over 75 programs are offered. 30 programs were turned away. Continuous work on membership and good conferencing is important. Vice President Hoffmann apologized for not getting the names of SIG groups. Membership is involved through SIGS and names are important. She stated that she previously thought academic emphasis was important, but will now emphasize paraprofessional involvement.

It was stated by Charlie Kalogeros-Chattan that there is a desire to dissolve the Legislation/Intellectual Freedom Committee and to create an Intellectual Freedom Committee and a Legislative Committee. More awareness is needed among the members concerning intellectual freedom, so a task force was created. New Mexico is one of only 2 states who do not have an individual Intellectual Freedom Committee.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to dissolve the Legislative/Intellectual Freedom Committee and to create an Intellectual Freedom Committee as a stand alone committee and a Legislative Committee as a stand alone committee. Article XVII of the Bylaws to be changed as follows:

**Section 6. The Intellectual Freedom Committee.**

**A. The Intellectual Freedom Committee shall raise awareness of and provide access to resources on Intellectual Freedom for the New Mexico Library Community.**

**Section 6. 7. Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee.**

A. The Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee shall keep the membership and public informed about state and national library legislation; **and** encourage the enactment of beneficial library legislation; support and protect the freedom to read; investigate cases of censorship in New Mexico libraries; and help protect the rights of individual librarians and library users when threatened by censorship actions.

The Nominations and Elections Committee announced the following:

Vice President Elect Cassandra Osterloh

Secretary Phyllis Reed

Treasurer Joe Becker

Members at Large: Laurie Treat and Paulita Aguilar

The Site Selection Committee Reported that the Mini-Conference will be at New Mexico Highlands University in October. The annual conference will be at the Corbett Center in Las Cruces on April 9-10-11 of 2008 and the conference hotel will be the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn

The legislative summary of the past year included the passage of the GO Bond. The creation of a separate Legislative Committee and thanks went out to Joe Sabatini for playing a vital role in keeping us informed legislatively. Library Legislative Day went smoothly.

President Lefkofsky thanked all committees and chairs for their hard work this year. She cited each chair for their contributions. She also acknowledged and cited the SIG chairs for the past year.

The ALA Councilor, AASL Representative, and MPLA Representative reported a successful year.

The New Mexico Library Foundation reported that it has refocused and is initiating a grant partnership with the Libri Foundation. NMLF will be the local sponsor providing \$350 and the Libri Foundation will match this 2 to 1. Second focus is to add trustees to the board. Third focus is the second annual donor event at the Allan Hauser sculpture garden on July 14, 2008.<sup>13</sup>.

The presidential gavel was passed from Anne Lefkofsky to incoming president Louise Hoffman

The meeting was adjourned.

## Electronic Annual Reports Submitted to the Association March 2007:

### By-Laws Committee Annual Report

New Mexico Library Association

Bylaws Committee

2006-2007 Annual Report

The Bylaws Committee completed revisions of the Bylaws in June 2006. The following pages of the Procedure Manual were updated as a result of that Bylaw change: Table of Contents, 120, 200, 220, 230,240,300,305, 310, 320, 325, 340, 350, 360, 370, 380, 385, 400, 410, 500 and 611.

The Committee worked with Joe Becker, Lorie Christian, Barbara Van Dongen and Anne Lefkofsky on concerns about Bulk Mail for NMLA Units. Changes to the Procedure Manual were proposed to the Board. The Board approved the proposed changes and the Procedure Manual was updated.

The Bylaws Committee updated the Board Directory numerous times throughout the year.

The Bylaws Committee assisted the Intellectual Freedom Task force in formulating the proposed changes to the Bylaws. The proposed changes were sent out to the membership in compliance with the Bylaws. The membership will vote on the changes at the Business Meeting of the New Mexico Library Association.

The Chair would like to acknowledge the invaluable assistance of committee members Alison Almquist and Mark Adams.

Betty Long, Chair

Alison Almquist

Mark Adams.

### Report of The Battle of the Books Special Interest Group

This year the Statewide Battle of the Books, the culminating event for our SIG, occurs after the NMLA 2005 Conference. We are submitting this as our annual report but many details of the event will be reported at a later date through our Member at large and through the NMLA Newsletter.

We began the work for the 2007 literacy event immediately following the 2006 Statewide Battle of the Books last April. Our Steering Committee established the leadership for the various responsibilities:

Sarah Geiger and Jan Pfaff, Co-Chairpersons  
Site Chairperson, Melanie Templet  
Registration, Lorrie Stepetic and Barb Wampler  
Web site, Cindy Hoffstodt  
Elementary Booklist, Sally Storrs  
Middle School Booklist, Stephanie Eagle  
Elementary Questions, Rise Pappas, Diana Zavitz and Cheryl Inskip  
Middle School Questions, Stephanie Eagle and Kirsten Johnson  
Volunteers for Reading and Timing, Charlene Greenwood  
Snack Arrangements, Jan Pfaff  
Awards and Prizes, Sarah Geiger  
Books Sale Arrangements, Sarah Geiger  
T shirt vendor, Sarah Geiger  
Tallying, Lorrie Stepetic  
Awards Presentation and Entertainment  
Awards Program

This group works and meets throughout the year.

We established our deadline for sponsor (Library or School) registration, names of the participants and the registration fees as March 9. Registration is through the U.S. mail using the postmark for deadline.

We have renewed with our last year's T-shirt provider. The vendor is Sir Logo, Duane Chase of Clovis. We do not want to be in the T-shirt business. Duane is willing to do small orders and receive small amounts of money including purchase orders. We are very grateful to him and are working on the billing arrangements with him which were too delayed last year for school and PTA accounts; no more Pay Pal either.

Our book lists for 2008 have been prepared and will be released by vendors to Librarians at NMLA. The lists will be given to participants and sponsors at the 2007 Battle. We have also worked with the Los Alamos Historical Society to insure that one of their publications will stay in print in sufficient quantity for 2008.

The site for the 2007 Battle is terrific. Thanks are extended to Melanie Templet for being willing to host again. The Rio Rancho Mid-High is large enough for many young people to participate and for their families to come watch. We have outgrown most school venues.

We are anticipating about the same level of participation as last year. Delta Kappa Gamma, Gamma Chapter will spend an evening assembling all of our needed packets: registration, exit, reader/timer. The question packets for each round are being done by the question committees.

Registration will begin at 8:00 am. The Battle will consist of four rounds. A snack will be served to participants between Rounds 3 and 4. Concessions will be set up by the Rio Rancho Mid-High Food Science Department to provide food for the spectators.

In the Library/Media Center the Book Sale (provided by Page One Book Store) of next year's titles will operate continuously. Battle of the Books will receive 20% of the sales. The Battle of the Books banner will hang there as a background for team and individual photos.

As we finish Round 4, the Watermelon Mountain Jug Band will provide entertainment while we tally the final scores. The awards will be presented for first, second and third place teams at each level. There are usually some ties as well.

All participants will receive a certificate and a ribbon. Winning team members will receive a medal and a book from next year's list. We should be finished by 1:00.

Funding for this event is provided through a major donation from an anonymous donor, registration fees, and book sale profits. We receive funding from NMLA to support our sig. Thanks primarily to the generosity of our donor, we have been able to manage without additional support. We have resolved our payment patterns and are no longer placing a paperwork burden on NMLA or a financial burden on our Committee members.

During this year we have been working on expanding the leadership for the Statewide Battle. Thanks to Dr. Earl Phillips and Sheila Moody for helping us with this growth and shift of leadership. The 2008 Battle will probably be held in Las Cruces. Sarah Geiger and Charlene Greenwood met on April 10 in Las Cruces with Dr Phillips and seven librarians from Las Cruces and Alamogordo. Sheila Moody of Las Cruces will be the new chair person of New Mexico Battle of the Books and the SIG representative. She will be submitting the SIG renewal request and the proposed budget prior to the NMLA July meeting. We had an extremely successful meeting with a wonderful group of Librarians. There will be some carryover of membership from our current steering committee and many talented, enthusiastic new members. Special thanks go to Dr. Philips for his continuous support of this program. He was instrumental in our becoming a Special Interest Group and we appreciate his ongoing support. We are glad to be a part of NMLA.

Statewide Battle of the Books April 21, 2007

#### **Supplement to the Annual Report for NMLA**

There were 78 Elementary teams and 32 Middle School teams who came from throughout the state. They were sponsored by schools and public libraries. We saw an increase this year in both charter school sponsorship and new public library sponsors. There were 160 middle school age participants and 490 elementary school age participants. Both numbers represent an increase over last year. When recombined into new teams for the Statewide Battle, there were 24 middle school teams and 72 elementary teams. There were over 100 volunteers who helped make the event possible. There were over 1000 spectators including, parents, teachers, principals, grandparents, and siblings.

Sarah Geiger and Jan Pfaff are stepping down as Co-Chairpersons for the event. Sheila Moody of Las Cruces will be the new Statewide Chairperson.

#### **Advocacy for School Libraries SIG: Annual Report 2006-2007**

**Librarian-Teacher Competencies:** The librarian-teacher competencies were used for the first time this school year to evaluate librarian-teachers. A field test group submitted their dossiers using the competencies this year. Dossier reviewers will be trained the spring and the on-line submission will hopefully be in place by October of this year.

**Professional Development:** To date ASL-SIG has sponsored two "rural" workshops: one in Roswell (Oct. 23) on Competencies and Curriculum and one in the Four Corners (Feb 13) on Librarian-Teacher Competencies.

The Fall Workshop (Sept. 9) in Albuquerque covered: Librarian Teacher Licensure, Dossier Update, Collaboration with Teachers, Student Assessment and a Legislative Update.

The NMLA Mini-Conference in Silver City (Oct. 13) had three presentation sponsored by ASL-SIG. They were: Advocacy Tips on Promoting Your School Library, How to Give a Book Talk, and a General Update.

At the joint NMLA\_MPLA Conference (Mar. 15-17), the SIG sponsored: Readin', Writin' and Researchin', Soaring with Books: Book Talks by Kids, and Marketing Your School Library Program to All Stakeholders.

**Legislature:** The 2006 GO Bond was passed by voters this fall, it specifies a \$3000 base per school plus approximately \$2.00 per student distributed over 2 years. The results of the 2007 Legislative session are not yet final. The Legislative Education Sub-Committee has requested \$4 million dollars for school library funds: \$3 million in their budget request and \$1 million in their capital outlay request.

We owe a lot to a handful of our members that put in much time to these efforts.

**Outstanding School Library Awards:** The ASL-SIG is pleased to present the winners of the School Library Award for 2007:

- New Mexico Elementary School Library of the Year: Conlee Elementary School in Las Cruces, Donna Youngren, Librarian-Teacher
- New Mexico Secondary School Library of the Year: Silver City High School, Catherine McMillan, Librarian-Teacher

Follett Library Resources provides a \$500 prize to each category annually.

**NM Coalition of School Administrators:** The ASL-SIG once again sponsored a school library informational booth in the exhibits area. We gave out “weepuls” and literature on the value of libraries in relation to student achievement to the administrators present. This year three of our members made a presentation during the conference. The topic was “How Do You Evaluate Your Librarian?—An Introduction to the New Librarian-Teacher Competencies”.

**Children and Youth Services Literature Luncheon at the Annual Conference:** The ASL-SIG will be sponsoring the speaker, Robert J. Blake, winner of the 2005-2006 Land of Enchantment Children’s Book Award in conjunction with the Land of Enchantment committee.

**Membership:** The membership for our group continues to grow. We now have 127 members, more than any other special interest group of NMLA.

**Support and Networking:** The ASL-SIG Listserv continues to be a venue for questions of our peers and to keep up to date on what is happening in the school library field in New Mexico. In addition, one letter has gone out to all school libraries in December and another one is scheduled prior to the end of the school year.

A new area for us this year is a support group for National Board of Professional Teaching Standards candidates led by one of our Steering Committee members. Next year this group will also work with Librarian-Teachers working on their Professional Development Dossiers to move to Level II or Level III on the Three-Tiered Licensure System.

**Overall:** NMLA’s Advocacy for School Libraries group, working in partnership with the New Mexico Task Force for School Libraries, has accomplished an impressive array of achievements in the five years of its existence—thanks to the dedicated voluntary contributions of the many New Mexico school librarian-teachers.

- Chair—Pam Rishel
- NMLA Executive Board Liaison—Barbara VanDongen
- Successor Chair—Dora Trudell
- Land of Enchantment Liaison—Marian Royal
- E-Group Manager—Judy Hulsey
- Task Force Liaison—Omar Durant
- Legislative—Stephanie Eagle, Margo Lamb
- AASL Liason—Alison Almquist
- School Library Awards—Jennifer Brown
- Membership Secretary—Laurie Kastelic
- Conferences—Marian Royal, Pam Rishel
- Professional Development—Susan Bontly, Billie Dixon
- PR/Advocacy—Barbara VanDongen, Laurie Treat
- NBPTS/Dossiers—Elise Orell

Submitted by Pam Rishel, ASL-SIG Chair

#### **Annual Report 2006 Local & Regional History SIG**

Last year the Local & Regional History folks had several worthy candidates as speaker at the Farmington conference. Mr. Harry Walters of Dine` College (Tsaile AZ) was chosen after an e-mail ballot. He spoke on "Navajo Cosmology and World Order" which, I'm told, was well attended. (Although the latter is seemingly non-local or regional, the SIG's rationale was that it pertains to how the Navajo people understand their own locality--as well as beyond.) Unfortunately, due to a family emergency I was not able to attend the conference. However, Barbara Billey was kind enough to fill in for me to host the event.

Later in the year a number of possibilities were offered to members as speaker for the 2007 Annual Conference in Albuquerque. In keeping with a tradition of emphasizing the locality, and partly to celebrate the city's 300th anniversary, David Kammer was chosen to speak on "Albuquerque: >From Railroad Depot to Crossroads of New Mexico".

Peter B. Ives  
Liaison, Local & Regional History SIG

The Fall Forum on Assessing Student Learning at the School Library Media Center in Warwick, Rhode Island on October 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 was sold-out and a huge success.

The second draft of the AASL Learning Standards was available for feedback at an open forum at Midwinter in Seattle. Comments were also accepted online. Members of AASL are invited to make changes to the draft document on the wiki.

AASL will be conducting a longitudinal “School Libraries Count!” survey on the status of school library media programs. To register for the survey log on at <http://www.aaslsurvey.org/>. The survey closes on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

In support of the strategic plan, AASL leadership has been examining the structure of the organization to ensure that it supports the goals and mission of the association. Standing committees that will continue to be a part of AASL are:

- Advocacy Committee
- AASL/ACRL Interdivisional Committee on Information Literacy
- Alliance for Association Excellence
- Appointments Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Awards Committee
- Bylaws and Organization Committee
- Professional Development Coordinating Committee
- NCATE Committee
- Publications Committee
- Research and Statistics Committee
- ALA Annual Conference Committee
- AASL National Conference Committee
- National Institute Committee

Committees that were dissolved at the end of 2006 are:

- Intellectual Freedom Committee
- International Relations
- Legislation Committee
- Membership Committee
- New Member Mentoring Committee
- Online Courses
- Recruitment for the Profession
- Regional Institute
- Teaching for Learning
- Web Advisory Committee

As part of the ongoing restructuring process AASL is continuing to study how to make the Affiliate Assembly a more effective and influential body within AASL.

The development of Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) will continue. PLC's address topical issues and provide an opportunity for members to engage informally with one another on like-minded topics of interest through virtual and face-to-face meetings.

AASL will be hosting its 13<sup>th</sup> National Conference and Exhibition on October 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in Reno, Nevada. The conference theme is "The Future Begins @ your Library". Conference registration is now open. There will be tours, special author events, over one hundred educational programs and eight preconferences.

AASL was pleased to report highest voter turnout in five years - 2,178 members voted in 2006 compared to only 1,571 in 2005. The "Get Out the Vote" campaign increased AASL voting by 39%. AASL hopes to continue the trend in 2007. ALA election polls will be open March 15<sup>th</sup> – April 24<sup>th</sup>.

AASL has added a permanent web blog. The purpose of the AASL blog is to provide information in a focused and flexible format about programs, conferences, projects, association news, resources and of activities of interest to AASL members and others in the K-12 library media community.

AASL hosted a vision summit to bring together leaders of the profession to explore the school library media program of the future and to identify what needs to be done to achieve that vision. There was also focus on rewriting the standards for student learning as well as preparing new guidelines for the profession. Susan W. Bontly, teacher-librarian, at Desert View Elementary was the nominated representative from NM.

Either the President-Elect or the Past-President of AASL will visit New Mexico during the annual conference in 2008-09.

Alison Almquist  
AASL Region VI Director

### **New Mexico Library Foundation Annual Report**

The following is an outline of New Mexico Library Foundation's continuing work to raise funds in order to provide direct grants to all libraries in New Mexico during 2006.

- Grants were awarded to the following libraries:
  - Farmington's Country Club Elementary School for a storytelling festival
  - The Embudo Valley Library for a summer reading program
  - Moriarty Community Library for an oral history project

- In tandem with the NMLA, the Foundation co-sponsored the New Members Reception at the annual NMLA Conference in Farmington. Refreshments included wine, fruit, cheese, and specialty breads.
- The first Donor Event was held at the home of trustee Brooke Sheldon in Santa Fe. Refreshments included wine, chili con queso, tostadas, and fruit which were served to guests around the swimming pool. Pianist Robert Lah performed at the keyboard, and authors Michael McGarrity, Sabra Brown Steinsiek, and Pat Mora joined the celebration.
- It is felt that the increased number of names on our mailing list (840) assisted in raising approximately \$2500 from the most recent solicitation letter.
- In a joint effort with NMLA, Maggie Toulouse was contracted to consult on the effort to insure the passage of the 2006 Go Bond. Her recommendations were considered to be very helpful. The bond passed.
- Trustees Brooke Sheldon and Caroline Beckner presented the first grant- writing workshop at the NMLA Mini-Conference in Silver City. Based on feedback received, workshop presentations will continue.
- Former Trustee Barbara Van Dongen and Trustee Barbara Lah published two New Mexico Library Foundation Newsletters which highlighted the organization's activities during 2006. The first was distributed to friends of the foundation. The second was mailed to more than 740 donors. It is felt the newsletter increased public awareness of New Mexico Library Foundation, and, in part, led to the increased donations from the latest solicitation letter.
- Trustee Brooke Sheldon obtained a \$1000 grant from the Tocker Foundation. It will be used by NMLF in its grant-giving program.
- The Foundation is in the process of formulating a Planned Giving Campaign which will be initiated during 2007.
- Guidelines are being developed for donations made in the memory of a deceased person, former member or not.
- Articles and ads continue to be submitted to the NMLA newsletter.
- Kathryn Albrecht has agreed to serve as a Trustee on the NMLF board.
- Our total income in 2006 was \$9,960.34, of which, \$9,724.00 was from donations and fundraising. During 2007, we intend to focus our efforts on increasing income from donations and fundraising and encourage more grant applications.
- We offer our congratulations to Charlene Greenwood who has recently retired as Chairman of the Board of New Mexico Library Foundation. We thank for her eight years of service, and we will miss her.
- The slate of officers for 2007:  
Chairman, Caroline Beckner  
Vice Chairman, to be elected  
Secretary, Barbara Lah  
Brian Ivener, Treasurer
- Trustees serving in 2006:  
Richard Akeroyd, State Librarian  
Caroline Beckner  
Thaddeus Benjar, Consultant  
David Cargo, Consultant  
Charlene Greenwood, Chairman  
Brian Ivener, Treasurer  
Barbara Lah, Secretary  
Anne Lefkofsky, President, NMLA  
Danice Picraux, Educator, NM House of Representatives  
Mike Puelle  
Brooke Sheldon

Submitted on behalf of the New Mexico Library Foundation Board of Trustees,  
Caroline Beckner

## **Annual Report for "SIG for Retired Librarians"**

This is the first year for the SIG for Retired Librarians. Lorie Christian provided me with a list of potential members. An email and snail mail survey was sent to all notifying members of the new SIG.

The SIG sponsored the preconference program by Walter Punke on "Thinking or Rethinking Retirement". There were 17 people present at the workshop. One man stated that after attending many library conferences he had never seen a workshop offered on retirement and thought it was excellent. There were many other positive comments made.

After the program, we held our first SIG meeting. Our discussion was mainly on the problems of trying to serve the entire state of New Mexico due to the fact that there are such large distances to travel for some members. We could hold regional meetings throughout the year. Some of the ideas we came up with were to have an online book club, suggestions for good books, and supporting Library Day during the legislative session. Some regional events could take place during the annual and mini-conference with luncheons and SIG meetings. We welcome suggestions from members on how to make this group a success.

Our expenses this year were \$23.93 for postage, envelopes and copies.

Submitted,  
Barbara Moore

## **Awards Committee Annual Report March 2007**

The Committee, consisting of Kathryn Albrecht, Marilyn Belcher, and Mary Lee Smith, met electronically after the December nominations deadline. We reviewed nominations and selected the following slate, which was approved by the Board:

COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT: Kathryn Albrecht and Cheryl Hartwigsen

HONORARY LIFE: Thaddeus Bejnar

LIBRARY LEADERSHIP: Omar Durant

LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR: Rep. Janice E. Arnold-Jones

These award recipients will also be honored at the annual NMLA Awards Banquet:

Follett Awards:

Elementary School:

Conlee Elementary

Diana Youngren

Las Cruces, NM

High School:

Silver City High School

Catherine McMillan

Marion Dorroh Scholarship: Adrienne Warner

College Scholarships (Associates degree): Lydia Kelley and Elsie Tapia

The Banquet was held Thursday, March 15, 2007 during the annual conference.

Respectfully Submitted, Dinah Lea Jentgen, Chair, Awards Committee

## **Annual Report: Legislative Committee**

The main events this year were the statewide GO Bond election in November, 2006, Library Legislative Day at the 2007 NM Legislative Session and the items still in process at the legislature.

1. After a year of preparation and work with legislators the Library GO Bond portion of the statewide GO Bond issue passed. This provides a total of \$18M with an equal share of \$6M going to each of the participating library groups: public libraries, academic libraries and public school libraries. Many people were involved in meeting, planning strategies and presenting to legislative committees regarding the necessity of GO Bond monies for libraries in New Mexico.
2. The annual Library Legislative Day was held on Thursday, January 25, 2007. Over forty librarians gathered at the State Library in Santa Fe for a briefing session and wonderful refreshments before going to the Capitol to meet with legislators. It was a very successful day. Special thanks go to Richard Ackeroyd and Anne Lefkofsky for graciously hosting us at the State Library and for preparation of packets and to Joe Sabatini for his work in organizing the floor introductions of NM librarians to both Representatives and Senators.
3. Collectively there are a number of funding items that will affect our libraries at all levels statewide that are still alive in this year's legislative session. We wish ourselves well as the session comes to a close later this week. Thanks go to Joe Sabatini for his efforts to keep us informed of items introduced in the 2007 Session. Without his untiring communication with us we would not be able to track our library items.

This has been a productive year in legislative efforts. Later this spring the GO Bond committee will begin planning and working toward the next effort which must begin almost immediately after this session is over.

Respectfully submitted,  
Omar Durant, Co-Chair, NMLA Legislative Committee