

**Annual Meeting  
New Mexico Library Association  
New Mexico State University  
April 11, 2008**

**Call to Order/Welcome:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by President Louise Hoffman. President Hoffman welcomed members and called for the Secretary's report.

**Secretary's Report:** [The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the 2008 annual minutes.](#)

**Treasurer's report:** The Treasurer reported that his report to the Executive Board stands: The Treasurer reported that the overall income of NMLA is \$37,731.05, as of March 31, 2008. The total assets are \$143,260.36 as of March 31, 2008. Total administrative cost is \$17,616.51. The total expense is \$39,321.49.

The total expense from the mini-conference is \$5131.82. The mini-conference registration income is \$6,675. Income from the mini-conference sponsorship is \$550.00 which was above the amount of registration.

[The motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.](#)

**Annual President's Report 2007-2008:** President Hoffman reported the current membership:

The official membership on April 1, 2008 is 611. Since July 1<sup>st</sup>, we've had 91 new members and (currently) 101 members who have not renewed. This number changes month-to-month as some members renew several months later for various reasons.

Here are some membership statistics:

Institutional/Commercial: 17

Academic Libraries: 91

School Libraries: 137

Public Libraries: 197

Special Libraries: 38

Friend/Other: 24

Honorary Life Members: 13

Retired: 64

Student: 19

Sustaining: 11

An official announcement regarding the request to split the Institutional/Commercial membership category and raising Commercial dues was put in the last newsletter and the vote on this by the members will occur at the April 2008 Business Meeting. If this is approved by the members, this will take place one year from the vote.

President Hoffman reported the following during her term; she commended officers and committee chairs during her report:

The New Mexico Library Association continues to be a thriving organization promoting the services of libraries and librarians throughout the state. NMLA currently has over 600 members.

Several special notes from the past year include the following:

- splitting vendor and institution membership into two separate categories/ by-law change
- NM Reads as a special project sponsored by NMLA
- LOGO contest with 230 entries from 47 different libraries with unveiling of winner at the annual Awards Dinner in Las Cruces
- Legislative campaign for another Bond vote by voters in November
- T-shirts sponsored to promote visibility for state Legislative Day in Santa Fe January 24 with over 80 librarians in attendance
- Representative to Washington D.C. for National Legislative Day May 1
- President attended mid-winter special state chapter workshop
- Biggest ever mini-conference in Las Vegas, NM in October
- Hollywood Librarian film showed at numerous libraries throughout the state and at the fall mini-conference
- Successful vote to separate the Intellectual Freedom and Legislative Committees as two separate active committees
- IF statement voted on and shown on NMLA Home page
- Continual updating and hi-lights on NMLA web page
- NMLA administrator serve as interim Membership chair
- Clyde Henderson appointed as interim Treasurer
- Increase of registration fees for non-members to help off set increase costs and to encourage membership
- SIGs continue to meet regularly to encourage and support librarians from all aspects of librarianship throughout the state.

President Hoffman thanked the hard-working committees, board members and NMLA Administrator, Lorie Christian. She stated that she felt honored to have served as President of such a fine organization for a profession that she loves.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT, 2007-2008**

During the 2007-2008 year, the Intellectual Freedom Committee, which had its inception at the NMLA Annual Conference in March 2007, executed start-up activities such as submitting new procedures pages for the NMLA Procedural Handbook, projecting activities and developing a budget to support those activities.

The inaugural committee meeting was held on July 11, 2007 at Socorro, NM. Second and third meetings were held at the Mini and Annual Conferences at Las Vegas (10/12/07) and Las Cruces (4/10/08), respectively.

During the year, the Intellectual Freedom Committee accomplished the following:

- Brought forward the issue of state association endorsement of the ALA Resolution on National Security Letters, encouraging the NMLA Board to consider joining other state library associations
- Presented a program at the Mini-conference @ Las Vegas (10/07): “Speaking out at the Crossroads: How to be a Library Advocate and Get Your Message Heard!”
- Presented a Pre-conference on intellectual freedom at the Annual Conference @ Las Cruces (4/08): “Duck and Cover: the Law, Libraries, and Intellectual Freedom Post-9/11”
- Took first steps towards development of Intellectual Freedom pages for the NMLA website, researching others’ state associations’ web sites for arrangement and content; developing state-specific content; drafting a Request for Assistance form; working with the NMLA Administrator on mounting the web pages on the parent site.
- Sponsored a table in the Exhibit Hall at the Annual Meeting in Las Cruces, featuring IF materials from presentations, from ALA, and web site demos.
- Developed and distributed an Intellectual Freedom Training Needs Survey to the NMLA membership.
- Drafted an Intellectual Freedom Policy Statement for consideration by the NMLA Board.
- Participated in a Podcast for Librarian Live, featuring Intellectual Freedom issues and principles

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Intellectual Freedom Committee,  
Charlie Kalogeros-Chattan, Co-Chair  
Stephanie Wilson, Co-Chair

### **NMLA Education Committee Annual Report**

The Committee has worked well throughout its granting and scholarship awarding cycles this fiscal year. We began by making sure there was visible publicity of the

Association's university and college scholarships and continuing education grants — both on the website and through handouts and mailings. Thanks to Louise and Lorie for facilitating our inclusion in a key mailing!

Applications for all three types of awards have been strong all year and deciding on recipients has not always been easy. But the Committee, which met in person at the last annual conference and will meet again on Friday, functioned very well via e-mail deliberations. We had participation from all eight members of the Ed. Comm.

\$200 Continuing Education grants helped a New Mexico library worker purchase her books for librarianship studies, plus assisted a public librarian from the far north of the state to attend this conference. The annual Marion Dorroh Scholarship for Masters program studies is awarded to Debi Croney, a highly promising employee of the public library in Los Alamos. The College Scholarships for Associates degree programs will go to Breezy Gutierrez, founder of Anton Chico's nascent public library, Teresa Martinez of Albuquerque's South Valley branch, and Isabel Leyba, longtime worker at Santa Fe Public.

Chair Kay Krehbiel has needed to spend much of the year in Germany attending to family matters, so Louise appointed Kathy Albrecht co-chair last fall. These words from Kay near the Bergstrasse: "Chairing this committee has been a pleasure. We have worked together well — good custodians of the Committee's mission. The Ed.Com is an excellent place for members wanting to become more involved with the Association and in developing professional librarians for New Mexico."

The Committee will draft a budget proposal when it meets this week and discuss mentoring between librarians. In addition, we will review the guidelines for grants and scholarships, addressing some application process wrinkles we have experienced (for future Board consideration).

Submitted, Kathryn Albrecht & Kay Krehbiel, co-chairs

#### **AASL:**

Report will be coming out in the Newsletter. A school librarian will be running for ALA President.

#### **ALA:**

Report is on file in the January, 2008 minutes.

#### **By-Laws:**

Assisted membership this year with the by-laws changes that will be voted on at this meeting.

#### **New Mexico Library Foundation:**

On behalf of the Trustees of the New Mexico Library Foundation, I would like to thank you for inviting me to share this year's activities from January through March. It is always a pleasure to be here with you.

The following is a brief outline of the Foundation's work to be accomplished during 2008. Some of these issues have been addressed, and others are part of this year's work that will be addressed during the remainder of the year.

At this time, one new grant application has been received from Mesa View Middle School in Farmington.

Libri Grant applications have been requested and sent to:

Elida Public Library  
Santo Domingo Pueblo Library  
Talpa Community Center Library  
Valley Public Library in Anthony  
Irene S. Sweetkind Public Library in Cochiti

The Goals of the Foundation during 2008 include:

- To increase awareness of the Foundation and its mission to raise funds in order to provide direct grants to libraries in New Mexico
- To complete the Presentation Kit which will be presented to potential donors. The kit will provide information about the Foundation's mission. (This should be available by the Fall Mini-conference.)
- To become a member of the New Mexico Community Foundation (This goal should have been met by the time of this meeting.)
- To have a Planned Giving Program in place by the end of 2008 (A program should be available through membership in the NM Community Foundation.)
- To double the amount of grant money that was raised in 2007

Based on the November 2007 survey of nearly 761 New Mexico libraries, 80 responses were received. The following needs were expressed:

- outreach programs to English and Spanish-speaking parents and children to encourage English reading skills to help them succeed in school
- after school library programs for children whose parents work
- new books to replace out of date and worn ones
- new books of interest to children and adults
- summer reading programs to encourage life-long reading and learning

Specific goals to address these needs will be discussed and defined at the May meeting.

The Foundation is very pleased to co-sponsor the Opening Reception of the Annual Conference 2008 with NMCAL this year.

Trustee Brooke Sheldon and former Trustee Barbara Lah will present the third grant-writing workshop at the Annual Conference 2008. The title is: From Inspiration to Reality: Successful Grant-Writing for the New Mexico Library Foundation

During the Annual Conference, two Southwest Airlines round-trip tickets for two, to any place in the US that Southwest flies, will be raffled in addition to other interesting items.

The bi-annual solicitation letter and the NMLF newsletter will be mailed in April to approximately 800 donors.

The Foundation continues to submit information about how to apply for NMLF and Libri/NMLF grants to the NMLA newsletter on a regular basis.

The Foundation is continuing to seek new trustees.

I'd like to thank each one of the Trustees for their commitment, diligence, creativity and hard work.

I'm very sorry to tell you that Barbara Lah has resigned as a trustee due to the illness of her mother. We all miss her.

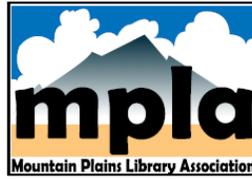
If you have any questions or comments, I will be happy to respond.

The slate of officers for 2008 is:

Chairman, Caroline Beckner  
Vice Chairman, Barbara Van Dongen  
Secretary, Charley Seavy  
Brian Ivener, Treasurer

Trustees include:  
Kathryn Albrecht  
Thaddeus Bejnar, Consultant  
Owen Ellard, Go Bond Representative  
Louise Hoffman, NMLA President  
Brian Ivener, Treasurer  
Charley Seavy, Secretary  
Angela Matzelle, Consultant  
Valerie Nye, Grant Advisor  
Brooke Sheldon

## **MPLA Representative Annual Report**



MPLA will be hosting a joint conference with the Utah Library Association in Salt Lake City on April 29-May 2. The conference registration is now available online: <http://www.ula.org/conference/2008conf/index.php>

The MPLA board unanimously voted to accept a new logo for MPLA. The new logo was unveiled in the fall of 2007.

The MPLA Electronic Communities formed 3 years ago have not been successful and are now in the process of being redesigned by the Communications Committee. The committee has recommended and the board has approved the construction of a web portal. The communication portal that will have blogs, wikis, and bulletin boards to enhance electronic communication. Items on the portal that members find useful will be enhanced and services that members do not find useful will eventually be eliminated.

The Leadership Institute was generously sponsored by Ebsco in 2007. Attendees from New Mexico were: Denine Parker (Librarian, Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System), Holly Phillips (Coordinator of Electronic Resources & Access, UNM, Health Sciences & Info Center), and Brita Sauer (Reference Librarian, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Las Cruces). Due to funding, investigations into changing the leadership institute and changing contracts, there will not be a Leadership Institute in 2008.

The next MPLA board meeting will be at the Utah Library Association/MPLA conference in Salt Lake City on April 29th.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Valerie Nye  
April, 2008

## **Members-at-Large Annual Report**

April, 2008

The NMLA Mini Conference was held October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The NMLA Board Meeting was held on the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> and tours and sessions began that afternoon. This was the first year this 1.5 day conference was offered at the Mini Conference.

Attendance (including speakers) was 161 (Academic - 42; Public - 28; School - 60; Special - 13; Other - 18). The conference income was \$7,225 with \$5,131.82 in expenses. The expenses were primarily for food. Thanks to the generosity of Ruben Aragon and the New Mexico Highlands administration, we did not have to pay any money for space. The conference showed a profit of \$2,093.18.

Following the conference we conducted an online survey.

Some important information we gathered from the post conference survey.

- ✘ Over 78% of the people responding said they attended on both Thursday and Friday.
- ✘ 95% of the responding people said they attended sessions and 91% of the respondents said the session length at 1 hour was "just right."
- ✘ Almost 69% of the respondents said they visited the vendors and 77% said they would like to see more vendors at mini conferences in the future.
- ✘ Over 92% of the respondents said they would like to see the 1.5 day format again next year.
- ✘ Respondents on the survey had many positive comments about the quality of sessions and the wide range of issues available in the sessions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paulita Aguilar  
Jennifer Brown  
Valerie Nye  
Laurie Treat

To: NMLA Executive Board  
RE: AASL Annual Report  
From: Alison E. Almquist

AASL is moving to an easier to use and read blog format. AASL would like a school librarian from NM to volunteer as a reporter. 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. The AASL blog is located at: <http://aasl.ala.org/aaslblog> or <http://aaslblog.org>.

The "AASL School Libraries Count!" first annual longitudinal survey generated about 5000 responses. The survey was designed to provide data on the health of the nation's school library media programs. To view the report of the 2007 results, visit: <http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/slcsurvey.cfm>

The second annual AASL Longitudinal Survey was conducted between January 11 and March 1, 2008. The brief survey had 20 questions and covers the library media center's hours, staff, selected staff activities, collection, technology, usage, and expenditures. The statistics will provide AASL and other advocates for school library media programs with data about the current and changing status of library media programs and library media specialists nationwide. All K-12 schools, public and private, were invited to participate at: <http://www.aaslsurvey.org>

The Advocacy for School Libraries SIG will be submitting the 2008 paperwork to the AASL Affiliate Assembly for Re-Affiliation. This process is implemented every two years to update information about the Affiliates for AASL. As of December 7, 2007 there are 86 AASL members in NM.

J. Linda Williams is the Coordinator for Library Media Services, in Crofton, Maryland and is running for ALA President. She is currently an ALA Councilor at Large and a past AASL President. Information about Linda is available at:

<http://www.electlindawilliams.org> and at <http://www.lindasreflections.blogspot.com>.

From Region VI (NM, TX, OK, and AR) Cassandra G. Barnett is running for President-elect of AASL. Cassandra is a certified high school librarian in Arkansas. Sylvia K. Norton is also running for President-elect of AASL. She is a certified K – 12 Library Media Specialist in Maine and has been employed as a high school librarian for the last twelve years. The ALA Election Polls will open on March 17 and will close on April 24. In order to be eligible to vote, Your ALA and AASL membership must be current as of January 31. You can check your membership status online at <http://www.ala.org> or by calling 1-800-545-2433, x 5.

### **Awards Committee**

The Awards Committee solicited nominations during the fall of 2007 for award nominations. By close of nominations on December 7, 2008 we had received 12 nominations for five awards. Based on the nominations, the committee met electronically and selected these awardees to be approved by the Board at the January 2008 meeting:

#### Community Achievement

Cordelia Hooee, Zuni Public Library

#### Honorary Life:

Alison Almquist , Zia Elementary School

#### Legislator

Senator Bill Payne, Albuquerque

#### Library Amigo

Allen Stenger, Alamogordo and Tularosa Public Library Friends Groups

#### Library Leadership

Susan Pinkerton, Dona Ana Community College

All nominees were approved, and the committee prepared the awards for presentation at the Annual Conference in April 2008.

Many thanks to the Awards Committee members: Kathryn Albrecht and Marilyn Belcher.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Lea Jentgen  
Chair

### **Membership Committee:**

As reported above by the President.

#### **First Item up for Membership Vote:**

##### **Current:**

ARTICLE II, Section 3. Institutional members shall enjoy all rights and privileges of personal members except those of voting and holding office. Institutional membership is not issued in the name of an individual and has no voting privileges or reduced conference rates.

ARTICLE II, Section 4. The Executive Board shall recommend to the membership the categories of members and dues structures. Categories of members and dues structures shall become effective for the next fiscal year on the majority vote of the members present and voting at a business meeting.

ARTICLE II, Section 5. Membership dues shall be for one year. Application for membership shall be made to the Treasurer.

##### **Proposed** (changes are underlined):

ARTICLE II, Section 3. Institutional members shall enjoy all rights and privileges of personal members except those of voting and holding office. Institutional membership is not issued in the name of an individual and has no voting privileges or reduced conference rates.

ARTICLE II, Section 4. Commercial members shall enjoy all rights and privileges of personal members except those of voting and holding office. Commercial membership can be issued in the name of an individual but has no voting privileges or reduced conference rates.

ARTICLE II, Section 5. The Executive Board shall recommend to the membership the categories of members and dues structures. Categories of members and dues structures shall become effective for the next fiscal year on the majority vote of the members present and voting at a business meeting.

ARTICLE II, Section 6. Membership dues shall be for one year. Application for membership shall be made to the Treasurer.

##### **Second Item for Membership Vote:**

Current dues for Institution/Commercial Membership is \$55.00 for one year.

The Institution Membership would remain at \$55.00 for one year.

The Commercial Membership dues would be raised to \$150.00 for one year and include the Commercial member's choice of a free half-page ad in one year's worth of NMLA newsletters or a free half-page advertisement in the Annual Conference Program.

The motion was made, seconded and passed to split the institution/ commercial membership.

The motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the rate of \$150 for the commercial dues at \$150.

**Public Relations:** Bonds for Libraries were discussed.

**Legislative:** \$660.00 toward the \$1,000 pledge has been donated toward the bond public relations committee.

**Site Selection Committee:** Reported

The gavel was passed from President Hoffman to new President Cassandra Osterloh.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen A. Teaze, Secretary