

# NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
October 11, 1963  
University of New Mexico  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Present: Mr. David Otis Kelley, President; Mrs. Mildred Breiland, Vice- President; Mrs. Elinor Messerschmidt, Secretary; Mr. Lee F. Parman, Treasurer; Miss Sophronia W. Dewey, Past-President; Mrs. Elsa S. Thompson, SWLA Representative; Miss Dorothy J. Watkins, Ex-officio; Mr. Chester Linscheid, ALA Councilor; and Mrs. Phebe Harris, Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee for the State Convention.

Mr. Kelley called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He reviewed correspondence received which called for no action of the board.

Miss Dewey moved that the Association pay the \$25 Library Association membership fee. Mr. Linscheid seconded the motion, which carried.

A motion was also made, seconded and passed that we continue our membership as an association in the Bibliographic Center for Research.

Following discussion of a newsletter on intellectual freedom the group decided to make available the 100 copies which will be sent at no charge. Such copies may be distributed in connection with the report of the Intellectual Freedom Committee at the spring meeting.

Mr. Kelley appointed the following committee to study the possibility of an Association Project as a basis to apply for an available grant for such project:

Miss Fern Young, Chairman  
Miss Helen Ketola  
Mrs. Crowell Dean

Mr. Kelley reported that Mr. Linscheid represented our association at SWLA and served on the Policy Committee from NMLA. He also mentioned that he had invited Miss Mattie Ruth Moore, President of SWLA, and coordinator of School Libraries in Dallas, Texas, to attend our state meeting in April.

Certificates from the Director of National Library Week were given to Mrs. Phebe Harris to be presented to Miss Greer Garson and Mrs. Alice Cox Wynne.

The minutes were then read and approved. The treasurer's report was accepted showing a checking account balance of \$423.67. A copy of the report is attached. The treasurer asked about the location of the bonds owned by the association. He was asked to try to find where they are being kept. Miss Dewey made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, to authorize Mr. Parman to make any necessary changes in the membership file cards or individual membership cards and have as many printed as would be needed for the coming year. The motion passed.

The lack of communication from officers to their successors was discussed with the hope of improving the situation.

No action was taken on the decision of whether committee reports were to be made at the business meeting or printed only. Members seemed to favor oral reports.

Mrs. Harris reported that she had mailed statements concerning schools and public libraries to all school superintendents but not to librarians. She will make copies available at the NMEA meeting in October.

Mr. Kelley confirmed earlier appointment of Mrs. Phebe Harris as Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee for the State Association meeting at Santa Fe in April. He also informed the group that the dates set were April 23 and 24, 1964, with headquarters at La Fonda Hotel.

Mrs. Harris reported that she had reserved the La Fonda for the meeting. It was agreed to continue the charge of \$25 for an 8' x 10' exhibit space. She had arranged for these spaces around the patio (both sides and the lobby) . The problem of supervision was brought out as well as the need to interest more exhibitors .

Miss Dewey confirmed appointment of a joint committee to study problems of Administrative Boards as affected by the trends toward centralization of city governments and to consider possible legislative action. In addition to the Executive Board the committee members are: Mrs. Lovella Gary, Rincon, Chairman; Mr. Richard J. Kandel, Los Alamos; Mr. Russell Mann, Roswell; Miss Lillian Maddox, Alamogordo; and Mrs. Elinor Messerschmidt, Los Alamos.

Mrs. Breiland was asked to present any preliminary plans for the convention program. She suggested that the theme be a follow-up of the Conference-within-a- Conference. No actual theme topic was selected. The following schedule was set up just temporarily subject to any changes as needed:

- Wednesday, April 22, 7- 9 p.m., Registration
- Thursday, April 23, 8-10 a.m., Registration
- Thursday, April 23, 10-12 a.m., First Business Session
- Thursday, April 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m., First General Session
- Thursday, evening , Banquet
- Friday morning - Sectional meetings - Breakfast or luncheon meetings as requested
- Friday, April 24, 1 :30 p.m., Second Business Session
- Friday, April 24, 3:00 p.m., Second General Session

Possible speakers suggested were S. Janice Kee, Secretary, State Free Library Commission, Madison, Wisconsin; Dr. Mason Gross, President of Rutgers University; Mr. Lowell Martin, vice-president and editorial director, Grolier Inc.; and Jessamyn West, noted author.

Mrs. Breiland was asked to contact persons and make plans, with our limited budget in mind.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p .m. following which the group was given a tour of the new Fine Arts Library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elinor A. Messerschmidt, Secretary