

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 22, 1964

La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Present: Mr. David Otis Kelley, President; Mrs. Mildred Breiland, Vice-President; Mrs. Elinor Messerschmidt, Secretary; Mr. Lee F. Parman, Treasurer; Mrs. Elsa S. Thompson, SWLA Representative; Miss Dorothy J. Watkins, Ex Officio

Absent: Miss Sophronia W. Dewey, Past-President; Mr. Chester H. Linscheid, ALA Councilor

Mr. Kelley called the meeting to order following a dinner in the Coronado Room. He reported on program planning and the decision to try pre-registration.

Minutes of the Executive Board meeting held October 11, 1963 at the University of New Mexico were read and approved. Mr. Kelley stated that reprints of the intellectual freedom letter were not available. The committee appointed to study the possibility of requesting a grant for some association project had not been active. Miss Watkins suggested a Union Catalog as such a project. It was decided to ask the committee consisting of Miss Fern Young, Miss Helen Ketola, and Mrs. Crowell Dean, to continue since the Executive Board could pass on a good presentation at any time.

Mr. Kelley reported that Miss Mattie Ruth Moore, SWLA Representative, was unable to come to our meeting. He also indicated that oral committee reports would be given at the Business Meeting. He complimented Mrs. Phebe Harris on local arrangements, especially mentioning the exhibits.

Mr. Parman gave the Treasurer's report. He had found the Bonds in the amount of \$1012.50 (value last year). A discussion followed of the purpose of the bonds, the advisability of placing them in the Socorro bank in a safety-deposit box. Mr. Parman promised to correspond with the bank regarding the operation of a safety box with the possibility of the Association Treasurer and President having keys. He will also find out details of transfer of such keys from one year's officers to the next. Mrs. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Breiland, that the Association obtain an appropriate safety-deposit box in the Socorro bank and place our bonds therein. The motion carried.

Mr. Parman reported a checking account balance April 22, 1964 of \$2545.58. Exhibitors fees amounted to approximately \$650. Miss Kee's expenses would be transportation of \$175 plus meals as she charged no honorarium. Expenses for Miss Jessamyn West would be about \$200 plus meals including \$100 honorarium. Miss Watkins said that the State Library Commission was assisting the Trustee Division with expenses for Mrs. Young. Miss Watkins indicated that the Trustee Division had not received their portion from membership dues. She explained the policy of the association to return to a division one-half of its dues. A section does not receive any portion of the dues. Mr. Parman promised to send a check to the Treasurer of the Trustees Division. He reported the following operating expenses:

Stamps	\$20.00
Printing Membership Cards	71.13

He discussed the problem involved due to changing the membership year, approved by ALA, as a calendar year instead of a fiscal year. Date on new cards is 12-31-64. This is an overlap of 6 months. After discussion of this matter, Mrs. Thompson recommended that the Treasurer present this to the membership to ask if they would consider this 6 month overlap as a contribution.

Mr. Parman suggested that copies of the constitution be given to each executive board member to help in transition of officers. He reported success from sending pre-registration materials to institutions to eliminate a mailing list for membership of those only who had attended the convention the previous year. He offered to send notices for dues as stated in the Constitution.

Outstanding bills were presented. They included a bill for printing 400 copies of the Bulletin for \$233.00. It was moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Breiland, that these bills be allowed and a vote of thanks be given Miss Watkins for issuing the Bulletin.

The matter of handling publicity was discussed. The question was raised whether the handbook should be changed with reference to publicity. The suggestion was made that the local chairman should originate publicity to A.P. and U.P.

Mrs. Thompson presented a recommendation from the Standards Committee for some inducement to bring Trustees to meetings. Miss Watkins said the State Library Commission car could bring trustees and librarians from outlying sections as official passengers. No further action was taken.

It was decided to withhold the name of the Scholarship recipient until the Banquet Thursday evening.

The matter of corsages, etc. was left to Mrs. Harris, local arrangements chairman.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elinor A. Messerschmidt, Secretary

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 24, 1964

La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, 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 Thompson, SWLA Representative and ALA Councilor; Miss Dorothy J. Watkins, Ex Officio. Also present were the following officers-elect: Mrs. M. Eugene Hodges, Secretary; Mr. Joe Amis, Treasurer.

This joint meeting of the old and new Executive Boards was called to order by Mr. Kelley at 4:15 p.m.

Mr. Kelley read a letter from Miss Gallegher suggesting a liaison between the education and library associations in the pattern of NMEA and NEA. Miss Dewey reminded the group that this had been tried in the past but nothing developed. The problem of teacher-librarians being allowed to attend was discussed. Mrs. Breiland offered to write a letter to administrators thanking them for allowing their school librarians to attend the NMLA convention. Techniques to integrate groups better were discussed. Mr. Kelley suggested that better than just appointment of committees would be a project that would bring groups together. Miss Watkins added that since the lead came from Miss Gallegher we could write and indicate that we favor her idea. Mr. Kelley offered to send a letter assuring her of our interest. A project suggested was the establishment of the position of state library director for the schools.

A motion was made by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Joe Amis, that we meet in Portales for the 1965 convention. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Thompson presented the recommendation of Discussion Group 9 asking that teachers and administrators be made aware of library problems as stated from the group:

“This group proposes that the following recommendation be presented to the State Board of Education by an NMLA Committee chaired by the current president:

We recommend that a background of library knowledge be required for certification of school teachers and administrators in New Mexico, the foregoing to be accomplished by a required college course in the use of books and libraries.”

Discussion followed. It was decided to explore the proposal made by Group 9 of NMLA through the appointment of a committee by Mr. Kelley, as chairman, to formulate technique and report at the next Executive Board meeting.

Mention was made of the importance of getting conclusions of the discussion groups into the hands of all members by special mailings or inclusion in the State Library Bulletin. Miss Watkins spoke of the Denver plan of liaison between top officials of DPL and the Denver Public Schools and the value of such an organization.

Mrs. Breiland was asked to prepare and organize conclusions and recommendations and mail to members. She suggested including Miss Kee's report in the Bulletin.

Miss Watkins informed the group that she had invited the State Supt. of Public Instruction and his staff to attend the convention.

Mr. Kelley distributed copies of the constitution and the group read it together with informal comments. A definition of section and division was suggested; associate membership was discussed. Mrs. Breiland was asked to appoint a constitution committee if after a close scrutiny she feels changes are needed.

Mr. Parman again recommended following the pre-registration plan for the next annual meeting and to disregard old mailing lists, preferring to mail forms to institutions for distribution. He offered to put out a membership directory in June .

Mrs . Breiland brought up a suggestion that a permanent Exhibits chairman be appointed to advise local chairmen each year. This will be considered further before a decision is reached.

Date of the next annual meeting will be set at the next Executive Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elinor A. Messerschmidt, Secretary