

MINUTES OF THE  
NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 1966

Lee Parman, President, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Denton, Mrs. Miller was named Acting Secretary for the meeting.

The Treasurer, Miss Ketola, Submitted her report, a copy of which is attached [see Treasurer section of NMLA.org]. The report was approved.

The Trustees membership total was discussed, and it was agreed that they will try to get an accurate accounting for the Association.

The members of the Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee present made a joint report. Phebe Harris noted that the Committee has asked the Local Action Committees throughout the state for names of people who will contact groups and individuals of influence and especially candidates for office in order to make it clear that there is a body of opinion opposed to censorship. Lois Godfrey said that the committee has suggested adopting the positive approach to the problem which the Utah Library Association has used. This would involve pushing for positive legislative action for library expansion. The Committee also recommended that a lobbyist be hired for the 1967 meeting of the Legislature.

After some discussion of the lobbyist proposal, Mrs. Miller moved that the Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee be authorized to negotiate with Mildred Ludecke or some other qualified person to act as lobbyist for NMLA at the New Mexico Legislature in connection with bills in which the association is interested. The lobbyist should receive an honorarium from \$200 to \$300 as they may decide.

The motion was seconded and passed.

Sherman Sweet, Trustee of the Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos, is to be invited to serve on the Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee.

Mr. Don Roberts presented a report on the activities of the National Library Week Committee. The Committee hopes to change the National Library Week effort from a limited one-week program to a continuing year-round one, culminating in the April observance. Promotional ideas include: contest for New Mexico libraries; NLW workshop at Annual Meeting; presentation of program at Regional Library meetings; a tie-in with trustee activities.

The NLW Committee is undertaking, with Association approval, to raise working funds from private sources. Mrs. Barrett moved that the Board authorize the Chairman of the New Mexico Library Association National Library Week Committee to accept funds for NLW programs, to be deposited with the Treasurer of NMLA. These funds may be expended, with approval of the Executive Board, in furthering the New Mexico National Library Week

The motion was seconded and passed.

Mrs. Dorothy Rosen presented a report from the Trustees Division. She spoke of their feeling of

need for guidelines for the Association's sections and division. She requested that the Executive Board approve the draft of the Trustees Division's By-laws and Guidelines. The Board agreed to do so.

Mr. Parman presented his list of New Mexico librarians suggested as invitees to the SWLA Pre-conference.

Mrs. Barrett reported on her plans for the Annual Meeting program. She proposed that it should be a practical meeting on federally funded library-related programs, with experts speaking on various aspects of the subject and a Question-Answer Workshop to follow. She mentioned that she would appreciate suggestions for a meeting title and would like Board members to submit ideas. It was suggested that an Indian artist or musician be invited to address the banquet meeting.

Mr. Donald Riechmann, new Librarian of the Albuquerque Public Library was introduced to the Board by Elsa Thompson, the retiring Librarian.

Mr. Parman announced that he would write a letter to Board members covering the agenda items not discussed at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hester Miller  
Acting Secretary