

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting
April 20, 1968
Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Barrett, President, at 1 pm. Present were: Mrs. Mildred Barrett, Miss Dorothy Watkins, Mrs. Bertha Allen, Mr. Art De Volder, Mr. Don Reichmann, Mr. Pierce Grove, Mr. Art Freed, Mr. Jack Key, Mr. Lewis Tonn, Miss Helen Ketola, Mr. David Kelley, Miss Elisabeth Morgan, Mrs. Helen Melton, Lee Parman and Mrs. Brooke Sheldon.

Art De Volder, chairman of the Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee, suggested that Joe Sabatini of the UNM Law Library staff be asked to serve on the L and IFC. The board concurred.

Question of a lobbyist was brought up, and since no one could think of a likely candidate in Santa Fe, the possibility of hiring an attorney was discussed. Tom Donnelly, Jr. of Santa Fe was suggested as a possibility.

A correction was made in the March 29 minutes of the executive board to read: "Miss Buder may spend up to 500.00 on the next issue of New Mexico Libraries and from the 500. part may be spent on clerical costs. Records should be kept on all expenditures."

It was decided that the words "and part time librarians" should be deleted from the Trustees category in the new membership fee schedule. Part time librarians will pay according to the sliding salary scale. There followed a discussion as to what constitutes an associate membership. This would include exhibitors, institutional bulletin subscribers who are non-members. Question of emeritus members also discussed. No decision made but it was agreed that there must be a more detailed and specific definition of an "associate membership".

Miss Ketola reported for Mrs. Goodfellow that the State Corporation Commission had advised re: retaining NMLA's non profit status, it is permissible to use advertising, if, when a profit is made, the money is not returned to individual members of the association.

Mrs. Goodfellow also said that although we now have over 400 members, there is a need to recruit among old members who have not renewed their membership. Mrs. Barrett reported that the Library Development Council had agreed to extend the deadline on the Association's Southwestern Union List of Serials Report to the council (regarding the continuation of the Union List) until the 1999 annual meeting.

Either March 26, 27, 28 or April 16, 17, 18 were picked as convention dates for the Hobbs meeting. The Secretary was instructed to write Texas and the Exhibits Round Table for further information about dates selected by neighboring states. (N.B. The Texas meeting will be March 26, 27, 28 in Houston).

The advisability of picking conference dates and site two or three years in advance was discussed. Miss Watkins moved that the executive board appoint a committee to investigate sites, and bring recommendations to the fall meeting.

The board then turned to a consideration of the Committee- on Committees Report. In discussing the motion passed at the last board meeting regarding the committee chairman, Mr. Parman said he felt that the chairman should be the immediate past president of the organization, not the

president elect (who also has responsibility of arranging the program, and may not have the background and perspective that the past-president has.)

Mr. Parman moved that the motion as passed at the last meeting be amended so that the Chairman of the Committee on Committees is the immediate past president of the association. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen.

It was decided that the distribution of the handbook should be the function of the secretary of NMLA, not the Committee on Committees. This should be indicated in the new handbook. Minor changes in wording were made in the section on documents distribution. Committee will be named the Committee on State Documents and will consist of five members: one representing the public libraries, three from institutions of higher learning, and one from the State Library.

It was decided that the Committee on Professional Development should be composed of five members, representing all sections of NMLA.

The proposed committee to work on development of library service to the disadvantaged was named the Committee to Extend Library Services, and it was decided that for preliminary studies, a three member committee would be sufficient.

A decision on the formation of a committee on graduate library education was tabled for future discussion.

The board decided to put Section and Division Chairman on the Executive Board, as well as the Editor of New Mexico Libraries. (This requires constitutional amendment)

Mrs. Allen moved to accept the Committee- on-Committees report as revised. Motion was seconded by Miss Ketola and passed.

Question was raised as to the advisability of having a slate of officer nominees published ahead of the annual meeting with a choice of candidates presented, so that the membership would have a chance to vote more knowledgeably.

The need to have the up to date New Mexico Library Laws published was discussed. It was suggested that the new Supreme Court Librarian (John Blum) might be interested in this project. Miss Watkins noted that we need a legal definition of a public library on the statutes also.

The meeting adjourned at 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke E. Sheldon
Secretary