

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting
February 15, 1968
Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico

Present:

Helen Ketola, pres.	Comm.
Helen Melton, v.p.	Don Reichmann, Pub. Libr.
Alice Wynne, Secy.	Bill Farrington, Publicity
Jack Key, treas.	Elisabeth Morgan, Trustees Div.
Pearce Grove, ALA coun.	Betty Meiners, Scholarship
Art Freed, C. U. & Sp. L.	Art De Volder, Leg. & I. Free.
Christine Buder, ed.	Marie Campbell, Convention
Fay Harding, Ch. & Y.P. Section	Visitors: Donald Mereen
Mildred Breiland, Comm. on	& Francis Vieth NMA VA

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Miss Ketola.

The minutes of the previous meeting (10/11/68) were accepted as printed.

Mr. Key distributed copies of his treasurer's report and of the budget for 1968-69. Receipts were \$513.50; disbursements were \$504.46. The balance in the treasury is \$5,477.27, including bonds.

Mr. Key reported the results of his attempt to secure a federal income tax exemption for NMLA to be eligible for the mailing privilege. To date we have not proven our organization eligible. Points of concern enumerated included selling subscriptions to the bulletin and failing to fit into the categories designated, e.g. educational or literary. We may not qualify for the state exemption either. He observed that Warren Harris, a lawyer, had been helpful and is interested in libraries. Miss Ketola suggested that Mr. Key outline the problem for ALA in a letter to tap the reserve of experiences of other states. Having asked if he would receive a bill for Tom Donnelly's services as lobbyist, Mr. Key received the answer from Mr. DeVolder that he would not, unless a censorship bill was introduced into the legislature.

Miss Ketola read a letter from ALA expressing appreciation of the gift of \$50.00 toward support of the Washington Office.

Donald Mereen and Francis Vieth of the New Mexico Audio-Visual Assoc. asked for information about the structure of NMLA because they had received the suggestion that their group merge with NMLA. Mr. Riechmann proposed that they become a section of NMLA so that each section could benefit from communication with the audio-visual people. Then, Mr. Grove suggested that a committee be appointed from the three sections to work immediately with Mr. Mereen and Mr. Vieth so that they could make a full report to NMAVA. Miss Ketola appointed Mr. Grove, Miss Morgan and Mr. Riechmann to the ad hoc committee. An item about NMAVA will be submitted to Miss Buder for New Mexico Libraries.

Miss Ketola stated that official action was needed to dissolve the inactive Institutional Services Committee. Mrs. Melton moved that it be dissolved; Mr. Key seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A letter from David Kelley concerning a possible memorial for Martin Speare was read. Mr. Speare had served as librarian at Tech in Socorro for many years. It was decided to continue

the practice of printing an article in the bulletin following the death of a NMLA member plus encouraging donations to the scholarship fund. (Miss Ketola forgot to mention that she had written a letter of condolence to the family.)

Miss Ketola reported that she had informed SWLA during its convention last October that NMLA would cooperate in an attempt to receive the J. Morris Jones-World Book Encyclopedia-ALA Goals Award but had reservations about having to finance the plan. However, SWLA decided to drop the project. At Midwinter Meeting ALA was interested; so Mrs. Dorothy Rosen contacted Miss Ketola for SWLA and later sent her a draft of the revised project. Changes apparent were the allocation of money for the plan, the title (now ALA-Chapter Relationships) and the goals to be advanced (now 8 and 16). Thus, our only reservation has been removed. SWLA was notified that we will cooperate on the revised project.

Miss Campbell from Hobbs delivered the report on the annual conference for Orin Hatch. At least thirty exhibitors will attend. A tentative conference program schedule was circulated and discussed. Luncheons were added Thursday for Special Libraries Assoc. and Friday for the Library AV Education and Roundtable business meeting.

Two actions of the New Mexico Library Development Council impinged upon NMLA affairs. The council decided to provide money from LSCA Title III funds for the printing and distribution of 500 copies of the revised edition of the Southwestern Union List of Serials. The executive board was asked to concur by letter and to supply a list for distribution of the copies. The second action was approval of the Inter-library Loan Code for New Mexico and the channels for implementation as amended. Mrs. Melton circulated copies of the code which is an adaption of the McAnally Committee Code. Mr. Grove suggested that the board endorse the code. A motion made by Mrs. Melton to endorse the code was seconded by Mr. Grove and passed. Mrs. Wynne was asked to notify Mrs. Helen Redman that the board accepted the code and will recommend it to libraries at the convention in Hobbs.

Mrs. Helen Saunders' report of the meeting of the Media Education Round Table was summarized. The Round Table voted to request presidents of NMAVA, NMLA and SLA to appoint three representatives to form a Library-Audio-Visual Council. The nine members of the council should attend the convention at Hobbs and should represent the Library Development Council in relations with WICHE (Western Interstate Comm. for Higher Educ.)

Miss Ketola appointed Dr. Margaret Chisholm, Mrs. Breiland and Mr. Riechmann to the council as representatives from NMLA. While observing that a structure was needed to accomplish the end of library education for N.M., Mr. Grove questioned the ability of this council to succeed unless heavily weighted by educators--administrators, teachers of library science courses and audio-visual people. When no other structure was suggested, Mr. Grove proposed that a council be set up as recommended by the Round Table, with at least five of the nine members representing education in N.M. He asked if a division of NMLA could be established for library education people. Our by-laws would allow this.

The committees reporting and a summary follow.

COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES

A draft of a set of by-laws has been completed. If possible, it will appear in New Mexico Libraries. Brother Brenden hopes to have a report on goals for consideration at Hobbs.

Dr. William R. McConnell, Executive Secretary, New Mexico Board of Educational Finance, will be the convention speaker before a joint meeting with SLA.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The chief goal will be the rewriting of the constitution and by-laws.

CONVENTION SITE

Chairman Juanell Haddock expects to have a report ready by April.

EDITORIAL

When the five members met with Miss Buder, decisions were made for all of her questions and staggered terms of three, two and one years were determined. The editor, not the committee, will determine the use of a theme or varied content for an issue as well as acceptance or rejection of material submitted for publication. Eligibility for receipt of complimentary copies was resolved. An attempt will be made to avoid duplication of material to appear in the State Library publication. It may be necessary to change printers. Miss Buder was complimented on her efforts and achievements.

COMMITTEE TO EXTEND LIBRARY SERVICES

Miss Octavia Fellin will chair this group which has not met as yet.

HISTORICAL

Data for the project on New Mexico authors is on cards and is being set up in page form for distribution.

LEGISLATION AND INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

No censorship bill has been introduced to date this session. One hundred and fifty letters were sent concerning the Interstate Compacts Bill which now has passed the Senate and will go to the House. (NOTE: HS326 was introduced 2/25 prohibiting the "dissemination of obscene materials to juveniles").

PUBLICITY & NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Mr. Farrington announced that for NLW radio stations would receive spot announcements and that house organs published in N.M. would be sent articles about libraries. All public and regional librarians were mailed a letter and two brochures to help them plan activities for NLW. Mr. Farrington recommended that next year the executive board and the committee working together should devise an overall publicity campaign.

NOMINATING

Mrs. Rosen will complete a list of candidates for publication in New Mexico Libraries. Mr. Key suggested the advisability of a two year term for the office of treasurer in the future.

SCHOLARSHIP

Applications have been received from five men and three women. Miss Meiners asked if two scholarships definitely were available because none was awarded in 1968. The money from last year (not awarded) is still in the budget, and receipts from the convention this year are expected to cover the second scholarship.

DOCUMENTS

Mrs. Elinor Messerschmidt will report during convention. (Report received later by Miss Ketola indicated awareness of Senate Bill 95 on distribution of state docs.)

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This committee has formed with George Morey as chairman.

Mr. Key asked where retired librarians fit into the new sliding scale for dues since they are not salaried. It was decided that they should pay the minimum dues on the scale.

Mrs. Melton inquired about future scheduling of convention days, with Thursday, Friday and Saturday being chosen Friday could be the big day with the convention ending Saturday noon. Section chairmen were asked to poll their sections at Hobbs.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Cox Wynne (Mrs. Wm. J.)
Secretary, filling the unexpired term of Lewis Tonn