

N.M.L.A. Executive Board
Spring Pre-Conference Meeting
Hilton Hotel, Albuquerque
April 15, 1970

Present:

Mrs. Helen Melton	Mrs. Lois Godfrey	Miss Christine Buder
Miss Calla Ann Crepin	Miss Octavia Fellin	Mr. Pearce Grove
Mrs. Marjorie Wilson	Mrs. Allie Beth Martin	Mr. Norris Maxwell
Miss Helen Ketola	Miss Elisabeth Morgan	Mrs. Mary Grilly
Mrs. Doris Cox	Miss Marilyn Pendleton	Mrs. Brooke Sheldon
Mrs. Dorothy Trester	Mrs. Virginia Ewing	Miss Elinor McCloskey
Mr. Gar Elison		

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Melton at 1:20 P.M. Miss Crepin introduced Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, President of SWLA.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

The treasurer's report as of April 15, 1970, was passed out by Mr. Maxwell. Mrs. Melton stated that she hoped there would be adequate copies of the report to hand out at the first business meeting. There were no questions concerning the report.

Mr. Maxwell outlined the newest developments of the Local Arrangements Committee. Miss Crepin reported the convention program plans and commented on the revised A. D. Little report. Mrs. Grilly offered to index the report at some point in the future, time permitting.

Mr. Grove, ALA Councilor, initiated a discussion of the report, "New Directions for ALA." Copies had been mailed to Board members. He outlined the current organizational patterns of ALA and the pressures being brought upon the Association. He noted the proposed resolution to elect all councilors at large, eliminating geographical representation. This would mean that sparsely populated states could lose their representation. Mrs. Martin said this was an important factor for the Southwest and Midwest associations to know of. This action would heighten lack of grass roots representation. Mr. Grove remarked on the need to have New Mexico representatives present and fully informed at the June ALA convention. He asked for comments on this matter and other aspects of the report. [A summary of discussion points is appended.]

Consensus of the Board seemed to be that a balance needs to be maintained between geographical representation and election at large in regard to ALA Councilors. Only NMLA-ALA members should vote for councilor.

After lengthy discussion, Miss Crepin asked if the Board was ready to voice its opinion on the matter of geographical representation on the ALA Council. Before the Association as a whole can act, an indication of sentiment from the Board would be needed. Mr. Grove can then carry these responses to Detroit. After discussion, Miss Crepin moved that the NMLA Executive Board go on record in favor of ALA Chapter Councilors being retained in order to continue geographical representation in the American Library Association. Mrs. Cox seconded; the motion carried. The motion will be noted at the first business meeting.

Other reports were considered:

SWLA Representative report. Mrs. Barrett was not present. No report was given.

Report by NMLA Representative to the Ad Hoc Committee on a Proposed Governor's Conference. No report.

Division reports printed in Spring New Mexico Libraries were presented:

Trustee Division: nothing new to report. Public Libraries Division; Miss Pendleton said a report will be made after their meeting. College, University, and Special Libraries Division: no new items. School Libraries, Children's and Young Adult Services Division: no new items.

Reports of the standing committees published in New Mexico Libraries were considered for acceptance:

Scholarship and Recruitment. Miss Crepin moved acceptance; Mrs. Cox seconded; motion carried.

Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee. Mrs. Godfrey asked if explanation was needed of the committee recommendations. Announcement of the move to codify State laws affecting libraries will be made at the business meeting. Other recommendations were also accepted. Mr. Grove moved to approve the committee report; Mrs. Sheldon seconded; motion carried.

Mrs. Cox moved acceptance of the Historical Materials Committee; Miss Ketola seconded; motion carried.

General Publicity and National Library Week. Mrs. Grilly asked if the Pressbook should be given to Mrs. Bradbury. This will be decided in conference with the new Historical Materials Chairman. Mrs. Cox moved acceptance of the report; Miss Ketola seconded; motion carried.

Constitution and By-Laws. Miss Ketola said the report published was incomplete. She read her new report, including the status of the Procedural Handbook. The Amendment to the Constitution deleting the State Librarian from the Executive Board was discussed. A question was raised as to whether the membership must have 30 days' notice before voting. Miss Ketola stated that the intention of Article XI in the Constitution is that the 30 days' notice is needed when voting is done by mail. The section could be reworked and clarified during the next year. Miss Crepin suggested that the Board rely on the interpretation of the Legislative Committee Chairman in this matter. Mr. Grove moved the Board accept the report as read and published; Miss Pendleton seconded; motion carried.

Editorial Committee. Mrs. Ewing pointed out the report's commitment to specific sums to be spent. After discussion, Mrs. Ewing asked that payment to the editor of New Mexico Libraries begin with the summer issue. At the business meeting, the membership will vote on the committee's recommendations. Mrs. Ewing commended Miss Buder on the appearance of the spring issue. Miss Crepin moved and Mrs. Sheldon seconded acceptance of the report. The motion carried.

Miss Ketola moved the acceptance of the Documents Committee report; Mr. Grove seconded; the motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 3:00 and resumed at 6:15 in the Pueblo Room when a quorum was present.

Special committee reports were discussed:

Committee on Professional Development. Miss Morgan read the Position Paper on Academic Status for College or University Librarians. Miss Morgan moved the Board accept the paper; Mr. Grove seconded; the motion carried. Miss Ketola moved acceptance of the committee report; Mr. Grove seconded; the move to accept passed.

Mr. Grove moved to accept the report of the Committee to Extend Library Service; Mrs. Cox seconded; motion carried.

There was no report from the Convention Site Committee. Mrs. Melton said that the

Greater Albuquerque Library Association had agreed to host the annual convention in 1972. The need to avoid conflicts with the Texas and Arizona Library Conventions and National Library Week will be passed on.

Mrs. Cox moved acceptance of the Nominating Committee's report; Miss Crepin seconded; motion carried. There was no report from the New Mexico Library and Audio-Visual Education Council. Miss Crepin moved to accept the report of the Committee for the Use of Vella Galle's Research; Mrs. Cox seconded; motion carried. The SWLA-ALA Chapter Relations Project Survey report was accepted after a motion from Mr. Grove and a second by Mrs. Cox.

Mrs. Maxwell reported registration at 215 as of 5:20.

Mrs. Melton told of plans to honor Miss Watkins, retiring State Librarian.

Old Business. Mrs. Melton commended the committees for the work they had done during the year.

Mrs. Melton read a letter from Mr. David O. Kelley regarding a graduate library school at the University of New Mexico. The letter had arrived one day after the previous Board meeting. A letter of reply was sent expressing interest but stating that the Board was not yet ready to act and that the new Board would wish to discuss the question. Discussion centered upon the role of Library and Audio-Visual Education faculty in the state's universities, the A. D. Little report, the lack of money.

The discussion of ALA reorganization resumed. It was agreed that copies of the New Directions report with comments would be mailed to Mr. Grove within the month.

New Business. Mrs. Wilson said that the audit of the treasurer's books needs to be delineated. Suggestions as to when and how this should be done followed. Miss Ketola moved that at the end of the Treasurer's tenure, the President call for an audit of the books before the outgoing Treasurer hands the books to the incoming Treasurer. Mrs. Wilson seconded; the motion carried. Discussion brought agreement that the President and Treasurer will work out the selection of the auditor. Miss Crepin asked about the need for an amendment to the Constitution on the matter of the audit. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee will consider the best means to deal with this.

Mr. Grove moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Elinor F. McCloskey, Secretary