

New Mexico Library Association
Executive Board Meeting

Second Session

Feb. 6, 1971

Present:

Calla Ann Crepin
Peggy Tozer
Alma Daniels
Pearce Grove
Mildred Barrett
Elizabeth Cooper

Christine Buder
Helen Melton
Mary Grilly
Marilyn Pendleton
George MOrey
Crowell Dean

Dorothy Tester
Doris Cox
Gar Ellison
Doris Lester
Denis Roark
Ed Sayre

The meeting was re-convened at 9:20 a.m. on Saturday, in the Recreation Room of the Student Union Building. Calla Ann Crepin, President, announced the dates of April 26-28, 1972 for the NMLA Conference in Albuquerque. Local arrangements committee chairman, Eleanor McCloskey, has already met with her committee and arrangements are underway. Miss Crepin also announced that Warren Harris has been asked to clarify the tax status of NMLA.

The Instructional Media Council has made the following recommendation: "It is recommended that the NMLA Executive Board consider bringing about an official relationship between NMLA and the regional library organizations within New Mexico, i.e., The Greater Albuquerque Library Association, Santa Fe Library Association, Pecos Valley, and Border Region Library Association." The following suggestions were made: (1) Standing distribution of minutes of NMLA Board meetings to each of these groups, (2) Ask that officers of these groups be reported to NMLA president, (3) Ask that associations help set up meetings of NMLA Executive Board in their respective areas, and (4) Ask groups for ideas on cooperative efforts and kinds of association they would like to have. Calla Ann will write to the Regional Groups that this has been called to the attention of the Board and that the Board is looking for ways to implement this recommendation, and that NMLA welcomes suggestions from them and will distribute minutes of NMLA meetings.

Mildred Barrett, SWLA Representative, presented her report. She requested an expression from members of the Board on the following two items: (1) Should the SWLA newsletter be continued, or should a journal of quality be published by SWLA with state organizations carrying out the responsibility for newsletters to their respective constituencies, and (2) Since SWLA will go to individual membership in 1972, would the state association want to be responsible for collection of these dues of \$4.00 if \$1.00 remains with the state association? Elizabeth Cooper made a motion that when SWLA changes its structure NMLA include an option for SWLA dues with NMLA dues and make the collection for SWLA of \$4.00 with \$1.00 to remain with NMLA. The motion was seconded by Peggy Tozer and it was passed unanimously. Discussion followed concerning, "Should there be a Southwest Journal?" Expressions of opinion generally indicated the affirmative although there were some reservations. It was decided that more thought would be given to the problem before the Dallas Convention in June.

Mrs. Barrett announced that SWLA has made a proposal to the Council on Library Resources for a \$25,000 grant to set up an office for SLICE (Southwestern Library Inter-State Cooperative Effort). If it is not granted, alternate funding will be sought.

ALA Representative, Pearce Grove (Vice President and President-Elect of SWLA) spoke about the vital concern of coordinating all activities of the national ALA organization and of steps being taken in this direction. ALA is pressing for graduate library schools and their accreditation to be under ALA control while the National Accrediting Association wants control. The educators think it should be entirely separated from ALA. It was suggested by members of the Board that there be a breakfast on Thursday morning of the Conference at which time Pearce would speak about ALA involvement, budgeting and activities, and mention New Mexico member's who are on ALA committees. Mr. Grove accepted the invitation and the arrangements committee will act on the recommendation. The theme, "Know ALA" was decided upon.

Pearce Grove distributed copies of frequency counts based on the Southwestern Union List of Serials data. Discussion followed concerning use of the list. The possibility of reproducing the list as a bibliographic source and NMLA selling the copies to libraries was mentioned. No decision was made. Mr. Grove spoke of the statewide pricing of the program of the Bibliographic Center (Denver). It was suggested that the president contact the N.M. Library Development Council and the State Library to consider a joint effort for explaining the use of the Bibliographic Center through the new statewide membership arrangement. It was mentioned that Phoebe Hayes, of the Bib Center, might be available for workshops on this subject.

Pearce Grove reported on the New Mexico Library Directory. He reported that the first 200 copies cost \$313.40 with an additional 800 copies at \$102.40, or a total of \$415.80. Mr. Jester agreed to finance the publication. Copies have been mailed to all libraries listed in the front of the Directory and to the high schools. Mailing has not been taken care of to the other school libraries. He will give the labels and Directories to the State Library for the remainder of the schools listed, hoping that they or the State Department of Education will mail them. He then asked what to do with the remaining (approximately 400) copies. The Board decided to charge \$1.00 apiece for them for postage and handling, to list the publication nationally, and to turn the copies over to the Editorial Committee. Crowell Dean offered to implement publicity and sale of the directory and the board accepted her offer rather than approach the Editorial Committee. It was also decided to obtain legal advice from W. Harris concerning income tax implications of this project before proceeding.

Pearce Grove called the attention of the Board to the importance of NMLA becoming aware of two areas: (1) Data Processing, and (2) Telecommunication within our state. He recommended getting in early on the systems established in these fields in order to make sure that state systems which are established may be utilized by the libraries of the state. An Act is now before the Legislature for a \$1,500,000 microwave inter-communication system. It was decided that the Legislation Committee, Doris Lester, Chairman, be asked to follow up on this recommendation.

Calla Ann Crepin asked about any recommendations of the 1973 meeting place for SWLA. It was suggested that individual librarians should write concerning this matter.

The Editorial Committee Report was read and accepted. Elizabeth Cooper moved that the recommendation of the Editorial Committee be implemented to discontinue giving free copies of New Mexico Libraries to institutions and that item 6 of the New Mexico Library Procedural Handbook, section on Editorial Committee be amended to read: Complimentary copies of New Mexico Libraries shall be mailed to: ALA accredited schools; ALA, federal and state officials who have been receiving the publication; foreign exchange copies which have been sent in the past. All others (except, of course, NMLA members) wishing to receive the publication may do so by subscription at the current rate." This is to go into effect after the next issue. The motion

was seconded by Mildred Barrett and carried unanimously. This change will be published in the next issue of New Mexico Libraries.

A quick review of the facts incidental to creating the Task Force on Library Education was given by Calla Ann Crepin. Because of a lack of time it was decided that the Task Force Report be received for study and referred to the new Task Force Committee for evaluation and consideration at the next Board meeting which will follow the Pre-Conference Workshop on Wed., April 14, 1971. Mr. Grove took exception to parts of the report, and it was suggested that Lorene Hallenberger and other people who are actively involved in library education be asked to serve on the new Task Force Committee.

Crowell Dean asked that suggestions for the 1973 Conference of NMLA be communicated to her.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane B. Dodds, Secretary