

New Mexico Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Portales Public Library
Portales, New Mexico
January 15, 1972

Present:

Miss Peggy Tozer	Mrs. Mildred Neal	Mrs. Jacklyn Goodfellow
Miss Leona Huber	Mrs. Helen Milton	Mrs. Doris Lester
Mrs. Laura McGuire	Miss Mary Jo Walker	Miss Elinor McCloskey
Mrs. Alma Daniels	Mr. Pearce Grove	Mrs. Delores Lanier
Mrs. Virginia Ewing	Mr. Alan Clark	Miss Evelyn Ivanoff
Mrs. Doris Cox	Miss Calla Ann Crepin	Mr. Ed Dowlin

Meeting was reconvened at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday.

Discussion concerning the program for the 1972 NMLA Annual Conference was continued. Mrs. Neal announced the following changes for Friday, April 28: A "General Session" will be held from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.; Division Luncheon 12:15 - 1:45 p.m.; omit "What is NMLA?"; Second Business Session 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.; omit 3:15 - 5:00 p.m. - Exhibits.

At the NMLA Annual Conference acknowledgment of the contributions made to the library profession by Mr. Reichman, Mrs. Grilley, and other librarians who have died during the past year was discussed. The Board decided against any kind of monetary memorial due to lack of funds. The Board agreed that Miss Tozer appoint a group of people, who would report at the next Board Meeting, to consider ways in which NMLA could give acknowledgment to these librarians.

Local Arrangements Committee. Miss McCloskey's requests were answered as follows:

Monday, April 24, was set as the deadline for refunding registration fees, meal tickets, etc. Mrs. Neal moved that the registration fee be \$3 for people who pay before Wednesday, April 26; and the registration fee be \$4 for people who register the days of the convention. Miss Crepin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Miss Tozer called for reports of Division Chairmen.

School Libraries, Children and Young Adults Services Division. Mrs. Goodfellow reported that the Division is pursuing re-establishment of a Media Director Services at the State level even though funds are not now available. Fifty petitions (27 of which are going to Instructional Media Council people) are being circulated to gather as many signatures as possible. The petitions are so written that anyone interested in education can sign them. Eight specific services are listed with a request that services and leadership be provided by the State. The petition does not include organization details of these services. Mrs. Goodfellow hopes that all petitions will be returned to her by the end of February. The petitions will then be sent to the state Board of Education chairman.

College, University and Special Libraries Division. No report.

Public Library Division. Mr. Clark reported that a series of workshop area meetings were held under the sponsorship of the Public Libraries Division. The Workshops were devoted to the following:

1. Informing librarians, trustees, and interested persons about state-aid programs to public libraries.
2. Exposing alternate plans for state-aid redistribution to those in attendance.
3. Arrival at a consensus for the State Library Commission on how state-aid should be distributed.

Mr. Sayer made these presentations. Miss Huber spoke to groups about beginning community effort toward promoting CLS.

At the 1971 Spring Meeting Public Libraries Division members agreed that bibliographic work on materials for the Spanish speaking would be useful. A bibliographical list of materials has been prepared by the Albuquerque Public Libraries and is available at the Southwest Division of the APL. Wider distribution arrangements are being sought.

Mr. Clark stated that vice-chairmen should be invited to attend Board Meetings because they need exposure to the Board Meetings and the position into which they are moving. Other points emphasized that the vice-chairmen of Divisions should be the official Board representative when the chairman of a Division is unable to attend Board Meetings. Miss Tozer appointed the Division Chairmen to meet and bring a proposal concerning the position of Vice-Chairmen on the Executive Board for the next Board meeting.

Trustee Division. Miss Tozer read a letter from Mrs. Riordan.

Mr. Clark expounded on how the Trustees are willing to go into the community to talk with people and create interest about CLS but they don't because they feel that there is nothing to organize behind. They have a feeling of frustration because they cannot get a sense of what there is to talk about; they get no facts from NMLA or LDC. Mr. Clark feels that we need to give them the support they need, not funding. Funding is not the main issue but rather that our program needs priorities, that it is understandable and it speaks to the people. Making what we want clear to these people is the problem.

Miss Tozer read a letter written to her from Mr. Sayer. The letter asked if NMLA had the funds to send Mr. Worlton to the ALA Mid-Winter meeting. Miss Crepin moved that the following response be sent to Mr. Worlton with carbon copies to Mrs. Riordan and Mr. Sayer. As of the past year the budgeting of the Association was done in the terms of the work program for the year and priorities have been settled. This request was not made at budgeting time and there is no provision made in the overall plan for additional funding. Therefore, it is impossible for the Board to consider such a request at this time. Next year when the program planning and budgeting is done we will be very receptive to ideas from Trustees or anyone on funding and why and how it will fit the total program. Mr. Clark seconded the motion; motion carried.

Discussion concerning program budgeting ensued. It was decided that Divisions should no longer request lump sum budgets by the end of the Annual Conference giving Division and Committee Chairmen from April through September to plan their program around Association goals. This would enable them to present a program budget in the fall.

Mrs. Cox asked that any divisions or committees who have ideas or feel something needs to be done, feed information to LDC by March 1 so they can consider them for next year.

Miss Crepin stated that NMLA can no longer delay its own actions and wait for the State Library to implement parts of the CLS because NMLA members are disturbed about the apparent lack of

action this year. NMLA needs to start on the “nitty gritty” ground work to organize lobbying. Organization must be done on a time consuming town by town basis developing a list of persons capable of promoting library legislation. The following needs in organizing a lobbyist network were noted:

1. Area workshops.
2. Community communications.
3. Determine who must be contacted and how to reach them, i.e., T.V., printed material.
4. Determine who is going to perform the work.
5. Establish a unified front.

It was suggested that a “hot line” be set up to contact key people within a few days.

NMLA has pledged to support Mr. O’Donnell’s bond issue for improving collections in New Mexico academic libraries.

Special Committee for Use of Vella Galle’s Research. Miss Mary Jo Walker, chairwoman, reported a lack of materials concerning NMLA from 1923-1949 exists. She requested a \$100 budget to cover xeroxing and tapes. This committee plans to visit people still living who attended NMLA conventions during 1923-1949 and make tapes of these conversations. Also they plan to travel to state libraries to search for materials concerning the Association during this period. Miss Walker requested that if anyone knows of any letters or records covering the Association during this time to please notify her.

Miss Neal moved that this Committee’s budget request be granted. Motion was seconded by Miss Crepin; motion carried.

Miss Tozer announced that Mr. Clotfelter agreed to act as archivist for the rest of the year.

Mr. Dowlin stated that any records of the Association should be sent to Mrs. Margo Lamb at the State Library.

The LDC is to information NMLA of its direction; think of ways to fund NMLA, give Miss Huber more guidance. They are to report to the Board in March.

The next Executive Board meeting will be held March 4, 1972, at the Four Seasons Motel in Albuquerque.

Miss Tozer called for Standing Committee reports.

Scholarship and Recruitment Committee. Miss Tozer read the report. One hundred thirty scholarship announcements were mailed. The mailing included announcements to the editor of the student publications, director of financial aids, the library of each institution of higher learning in New Mexico, and to each institutions in the USA offering graduate library school programs accredited by ALA. Others were sent according to previous suggestions. Inquires from three applicants have been received.

Historical Materials Committee. Miss Tozer read the report. The Committee is preparing a guide to the collection of historical materials. A rough draft is being considered by committee members, and the final copy will be published, hopefully, in the new Newsletter or as a

brochure. The committee will attempt to have the final copy ready for printing before the Spring convention.

General Publicity and National Library Week Committee. Mr. Clark reported Serendipity is the byword for the 1972 National Library week. The Committee Chairman is seeking a large project to focus attention on CLS and publicity to support the 1972 Conference theme - Networks.

A 30 minute NLW program is to be produced and aired by KNME.

Posters and locally produced library film are being made. Some TV spot announcements may be available. State radio stations will be asked to provide coverage.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Mrs. Melton read her report. According to a registered member of the National Association of Parliamentarians non-voting members of an Executive Board can neither make nor second a motion unless specifically stated by the Constitution and Bylaws. NMLA's Constitution and Bylaws do not specify.

Rewritten pages and changes for the Procedural Handbook were distributed.

Included in the report were excerpts from other library organizations' Constitution and Bylaws explaining how they deal with their publications.

The Committee thanked Christine Buder for publishing NMLA's revised Constitution and Bylaws and the new Dues Schedule in the Fall issue, 1971, of New Mexico Libraries. The Committee recommended that the NMLA Constitution and Bylaws be changed as infrequently as possible.

Miss Crepin stated that NMLA should support the ALA Councilor financially if his institution does not.

Documents Committee. Mrs. McGuire reported "priority should be given to improvement of the checklist published in accordance with Laws of New Mexico, 1967, Chapter 275. Because this law specifically excluded judicial and legislative branches, the present checklist cannot replace the Monthly Checklist of State Publications.

With curtailed budgets of state agencies, obtaining publications is becoming more difficult. The Committee will again need to direct some of its efforts toward that problem."

Convention Site Committee. No report.

Miss Tozer read the following description for a Publications Committee:

The committee shall be made up of three (3) members (one of whom will be chairman). The editor of the periodic publication of the New Mexico Library Association will be an ex-officio non-voting member.

The committee working in conjunction with the President shall recommend a candidate for editor to the Executive Board for approval. Term of the editor will be one year but the committee can recommend successive terms.

The committee will make recommendations to the Board on the format and frequency of the publication, its content and the method of publishing. In addition it will recommend the most appropriate method for dissemination of other Association materials (for example, membership lists, committee and board rosters, minutes of meetings, constitution and bylaws).

It will assume the responsibility for notification of national library publications of meetings and their newsworthy activities of the Association.

Miss Tozer announced that Miss Crepin has agreed to be temporary chairman of the Publications Committee for this year.

Mr. Grove moved that the Publications Committee be established as outlined in Miss Tozer's description. Mrs. Neal seconded the motion. Mrs. Goodfellow amended the charge to say that the editor be an ex-officio non-voting member of the Committee. Motion carried.

The following points were made during the ensuing discussion: the nominations committee report appears in the convention mailing for March; pre-conference publicity, promotion, information about the Four Seasons Motel, etc., should appear in a newsletter. The Board agreed that one issue of a newsletter should be published by the Publications Committee. The Committee will propose a name for editor at the next Executive Board Meeting and it will present other recommendation such as the guidance of a journalist, etc.

SWLA Newsletters were sent to Miss Buder. The Board decided to ask Miss Buder to place 8¢ stamps on them and send them out.

NMLA's mailing permit has expired. The cost to obtain a new permit is \$30. The permit will be obtained in the editor's home town.

Miss Tozer called for special committee reports.

Committee to Extend Library Service. No report.

Professional Development Committee. Miss Ivanoff reported among possible topics for a pre-conference workshop were the following:

1) workshop on remodeling old libraries into media centers; 2) workshop on selection of software; 3) workshop on guidelines for selecting hardware, possibly based on ALA Technology Reports.

The need for statewide description of existing undergraduate library science program was brought to the attention of the group. Certification for public and school librarians was discussed and noting that there is no certification standard for media specialists although TEPS is considering this matter.

The Committee noted that most New Mexico elementary school librarians are aides with limited training and that there is a need to train elementary students in library usage.

Suggestions growing from this discussion included: 1) continuing education for aides; 2) possible college credit for the workshops; 3) universities having library science courses might run these workshops.

It was suggested that a committee member contact the New Mexico State Department of Education Policies study Committee to determine their views on continuing educational programs for library aides. Miss Rosenwald volunteered to determine who to contact.

If the State Department of Education cannot fund such a program two alternative contacts were suggested: 1) LSCA Federal funding to the State Library; 2) WICHE who is attempting to drop out-of-state tuition for librarians. Miss Ivanoof volunteered to check with the New Mexico State Library and with Dr. Hiatt concerning these items.

Mrs. Naumer volunteered to contact Mr. Dowlin to determine if plans have been made to follow-up on an offer by Miss Phoebe Hayes, Director of the Rocky Mountain Bibliographic Center, to present a series of workshops on utilization of this inter-library loan system in New Mexico.

Mrs. Neal will send an Annual Conference invitation to Miss Phoebe Hayes.

Mr. Clark explained that the purpose of the New Mexico Bookmens League, a statewide organization involved in the world of books, is to support libraries. Members include book dealers, publishers, authors, bookstore owners, librarians, and interested persons. This organization meets one a year and they wish to have their business session at the Four Seasons Motel when NMLA holds its Annual Conference. Mrs. Goodfellow moved that the President of NMLA Extend an invitation to the New Mexico Bookmens League to meet jointly with NMLA at the Annual Convention. Mr. Grove seconded the motion, motion carried.

It was agreed that all the officers of NMLA will be listed on the final program with the presidents of SLA, New Mexico Bookmens League, and NMAECT.

Miss Crepin moved that the Association establish a policy of supporting the expenses of SWLA and ALA Councilors officially representing NMLA if the institution of the Councilor does not normally support such. travel expenses. Seconded by Mrs. Neal. Mrs. Goodfellow amended the motion to include the representative to SWLA. The motion and amendment carried.

Discussion concerning; the election for the ALA and SWLA Councilors ensued. The nominating Committee will make recommendations at the next Board Meeting. It was agreed that the voting for the ALA Councilor must be by mail. The nominations for the ALA Councilor must be on the nominating sheet accompanied by an explanation of the voting conditions for ALA Councilor whose term will be for one year.

Mr. Grove moved that the meeting adjourn; Mr. Clark seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Delores Ann Lanier,
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Secretary