

New Mexico Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Four Seasons Motel  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
April 26, 1972

Present:

Miss Peggy Tozer	Miss Elinor McCloskey	Mr. Gar Elison
Mrs. Mildred Neal	Mrs. Millie Harburg	Miss Octavia Fellin
Mrs. Alma Daniels	Mrs. Brooke Sheldon	Mrs. Doris Cox
Mrs. Marti Riordan	Mr. Lee Brauner	Mrs. Helen Milton
Mr. Cecil Clotfelter	Mrs. Jacklyn Goodfellow	Mrs. Mary Jo Walker
Mr. Alan Clark	Mrs. Nina Duncan	Mr. Ed Sayre
Miss Leona Huber	Mrs. Doris Lester	Mrs. Alice Wynn
Mrs. Mildred Barrett	Mrs. Bert Ellen Camp	Miss Calla Ann Crepin
Mrs. Delores Lanier	Mr. Pearce Grove	Miss Mary Ann Duggan
Mrs. Laura McGuire		

The meeting was called to order at 3:20 at p.m. by Miss Tozer, President.

Corrections to the morning; minutes of the March 4, 1972, Executive Board Meeting were: p.4 under Memorial committee, the last name of Miss Wilma Sheldon should be spelled Shelton and the initials G.B. were added to Mr. Wells' name. The minutes stood approved as read and corrected.

Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Daniels reported total assets on hand as of April 25, 1972, as \$9,632.58.

Local Arrangements Committee. Miss McCloskey reported over 200 Annual Conference pre-registrations and 97 Pre-Conference session registrations.

Miss Tozer called for Division reports.

Trustee Division. Mrs. Riordan read her report. The Division awarded plane fare and registration fee to the ALA Conference in Dallas to a group of state librarians and trustees.

At this time there are 80 paid members.

Mrs. Riordan recommended that a more accurate means of trustee membership accounting be found.

Mrs. Daniels inquired about the policy concerning a city paid trustee membership and during the year membership transferal to another trustee. Transferal of city library or city council paid trustee membership expiring in midyear will be investigated by the Trustee Division working with the Treasurer and the membership committee chairwoman. Recommendations should be presented at the fall Board Meeting. Mr. Clark stated that he felt the question is "should NMLA extend institutional memberships to individuals.

Public Library Division. Mr. Clark stated that PLD is going to establish a triumvirate – chairman, vice-chairman, chairman-elect and past chairman – to provide continuity and better program planning for the Division. This will require a PLD Constitutional and By-Laws change. Also, because the Division cannot meet the voting conditions as presently stated in its

Constitution and By-laws, they will be changed.

College, University and Special Libraries Division. No report.

School Libraries, Childrens and Young Adult Services Division. Mrs. Goodfellow sated that NMLA has been asked to supply candidates for the Media Specialist position by April 26, Friday. If no candidates are supplied by NMLA, the State Board of Education will hire a specialist. The Media Specialist will direct the Right to Read Program and evaluate secondary schools.

Miss Tozer introduced Mr. Lee Brauner, SWLA President, and Miss Mary Ann Duggan, SLICE Office Director.

Miss Tozer distributed copies of the abstracts of the complete annual committee reports.

Miss Tozer called for Standing Committee Reports.

Scholarship and Recruitment Committee. Mrs. Lanier read the annual report. The scholarship will be awarded to Miss Rachel Alice Creecy of Albuquerque. She plans to attend the University of California at Berkeley.

Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee. Mrs. Lester distributed copies of a supplementary report and a Fact Sheet for Legislative Program, 1972-73. Mrs. Lester asked for the Board's approval on two items. Mr. Clark moved that the Board approve a statewide campaign to acquaint the legislators with library needs and the Coordinated Library systems plan. Mr. Grove seconded the motion; motion carried.

The Special Assistant to the President is ready to assign NMLA members to their legislator and provide them with copies of CLS and a fact sheet on the NMLA 1972-73 legislative program. Results of the meeting with your legislator should be conveyed to Miss Huber. If the Trustees Division is willing, they will see to project completion.

Mrs. Lester stated that NMLA has been asked to finance bookmarks to be distributed by New Mexico libraries and bumper strips. The L&IFC recommends provision of 400,000 bookmarks and 5,000 bumper strips. Miss Crepin will solicit donations from Special Libraries, GALA, Pecos Valley, and Boarder Regional library associations to help with financing. Mrs. Goodfellow moved that the NMLA Board commit itself to a \$750 maximum for this project (stressing our preference for the printing of more bumper stickers and some bookmarks); instruct the Divisional Chairman to pass the hat at their business meetings and that the President make a contributinal plea at the last business meeting. Mrs. Neal seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mrs. Lester continued her report. 400 copies of the Fact Sheet - 1972 Library Bond Act - have been included in the packets for the Annual Conference.

It was decided that there are only two legislative goals possible for 1972-73.

1. Increased state aid tied to the
2. Development of a central bibliographic center (or locator unit with In-Wats, TWX testing, etc.) at the State Library.

A meeting to determine the best way of presenting these requests will be held with

Rep. O'Donnell, interested legislators and the State Librarian after the Annual Conference. The Systems Coordinator at the State Library is working on amounts to be requested and the distribution formula based on recommendations from the area meetings held last fall.

Mr. Sayre announced that the State Library is not yet ready (contrary to the L&IFC report) to accept catalog cards or order cards of new acquisitions from libraries, but that the State Library will be working very deliberately on a network which will include some form of a bibliographic center.

Mrs. Lester continued. Because of increased legislative activity, the Committee discussed the possibility of dividing L&IFC into two committees, but decided to recommend co-chairmen for the L&IFC. Mrs. Lester inquired about a possible requirements of Constitution and By-laws change. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee will consider this proposal and report at the fall Executive Board meeting. In the meantime the L&IFC will have co-chairmen.

Historical Materials Committee. Mr. Clotfelter reported that "A Guide to the Search for Historical Materials" is completed and available for distribution.

General Publicity and National Library Week Committee. Mr. Clark stated that "Outreach", a 23 minute color film based on the Albuquerque Model Cities Libraries was shown on KNME-TV. This film is generally available to be shown in some localities. The video tape will be erased this summer. The State Library and Mr. Clark will try to find a means to have this film transferred to a video cassette.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Mrs. Melton stated that at the first Annual business meeting she will request the dissolution of the Editorial Committee and the approval for the writing into the Bylaws of the Publications Committee.

Editorial Committee. Miss Tozer read the abstract of the Annual Report.

Documents Committee. Mrs. McGuire had nothing further to report than what was in the abstract.

Convention Site Committee. Miss Wurgler, chairwoman, was not present.

Membership Committee. Mrs. Camp updated the memberships as follows: personal 323; institutional 33.

Mrs. Elison inquired about the number of potential librarians in the state. A starting point would be a one year old file at the Opinion Builders in Albuquerque. Mr. Elison stated that the university is interested in computerizing this information onto a manpower registry along with other professionals.

Miss Fellin questioned the accuracy of the membership list.

Miss Tozer stated that some people think that the dues fee is included in the Annual Conference registration fee and, therefore, these people never pay their dues and are not on the membership list. Again the plea or need for an executive secretary was made. An executive secretary could handle the membership, Conference mailings, provide the Association with one mailing address, one central location for records, etc.

Miss Tozer called for special committee reports.

Committee to Extend Library Services. Miss Fellin reported that two questionnaires have been sent out during the past four years. Next year will be this Committee's fifth and last year. The Committee plans to end with a final one page questionnaire to ascertain what kinds of programs and projects have been used during the five year period. Perhaps next year the Committee will have a final report.

Professional Development Committee. Miss Ivanoff, chairwoman, was not present.

Special Committee for Use of Vella Galle's Research. Mrs. Walker distributed copies of a preliminary list of NMLA's first 35 officers and meetings. She requested help in making corrections and/or additions to the list. During the next few months this Committee plans to talk with retired librarians about the Association. Mrs. Walker informed the Board that, according to Mr. Brough, in 1934 one of NMLA's goals was to compile a union list of special collections.

Library Development Committee. Mrs. Cox stated that a recommended work program for the next year is ready for presentation at the Post-Conference Board meeting.

Nominating Committee. Miss Crepin stated that the 1972-73 slate of officers and representatives was printed in NML Newsletter as stated in the Constitution. 123 ballots for the ALA Councilor were mailed out by the secretary with a return deadline of May 1, 1972. To date, 49 ballots have been returned.

Honorary Membership Committee. Mrs. Duncan, chairwoman, reported the Committee considered what ALA, SLA, AMLA and AALL did in these matters. All these organizations set forth their criteria in their Bylaws. ALA and AMLA include members in their honorary membership while SLA and AALA reserve this category for non-members. The Committee made two recommendations for establishment of a new class of NMLA members as follows:

- 1) Honorary Memberships: Names of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the purposes of the organization may be presented to the Executive Board. After a 2/3 vote of Board approval, nominations shall be submitted for membership approval at the Annual Meeting or Conference of the Association. Honorary memberships shall be limited to 10 living recipients and not more than one shall be elected in any year. Honorary members pay no dues and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of a member except that they may not vote or hold office.
- 2) Emeritus Members: Those persons who have had 25 years or more of consecutive membership in the Association and who are members at the time of retirement from library service or related activities and who apply for such membership. Emeritus members pay no dues and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of a member except that they may not hold office (or vote?)

Both recommendations are based upon what ALA does.

Some Board members felt that the Executive Board alone should determine honorary members. This particular point of the recommendation is based upon what three other associations do. Also, the Committee felt that the honorary membership would be more of an honor if the entire NMLA membership voted and approved the nomination.

Mrs. Goodfellow moved that these recommendations be reffered for action by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee at the fall Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Miss Crepin; motion carried.

SWLA Representative. Mrs. Barrett pointed out that the new composition of the SWLA Executive Board also means the NMLA Constitution and Bylaws will have to be amended to delete the election of a SWLA Representative.

ALA Councilor. Mr. Grove stated the trend in ALA is towards fewer personal members and more institutional support. This comes at a time when we are demanding more personalized services from ALA, particularly toward professional status, working conditions and benefits. It should also be noted that a very large percentage of the ALA Annual Budget is supplied by gifts, grants, endowments and publications. A small percentage is supported by individual dues.

During the 1971-72 year the reorganization of councilors took place and is now being effected in New Mexico. Our ALA Councilor for this year will serve a one year term only. His term will begin just following the Summer Conference.

The new executive director, Robert Wedgewood, will take office this summer. Mr. David Clift will be recognized at the Summer Conference in Chicago.

NMLA Tax Status. Miss. Tozer stated that the only thing left for NMLA to do to obtain tax-free status was for this Board to read and pass a resolution stating that in event of dissolution of the New Mexico Library Association the assets of the Association will be distributed to an organization which itself qualifies as an organization which is exempt from Section 501(c)3 or to a State or Federal government. This resolution, with a copy of the minutes of this Board meeting, must be sent to Mr. Parker by May 15, 1972, to gain a tax exempt status for NMLA.

Mrs. Goodfellow moved that the Association adopt the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Neal; motion carried.

Mrs. Lanier reminded the Board that under section 501(c)3 a society is barred from direct legislative activity (such as lobbying) and cannot use a substantial portion of its resources to benefit any individual members or other persons.

Every new NMLA president's name should be sent to the IRS, Austin Office so that the IRS can deal directly with the NMLA President.

Mrs. Neal moved that Mr. Harris, Attorney at Law, be paid \$200 for services rendered concerning NMLA's tax exempt status. Mrs. Lanier seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Clark reported that no action has been taken concerning the divisional vice-chairmen being ex-officio members of the Executive Board.

Publications Committee. Mr. Grove read his report. He stated the most important and intermediate need is to find an editor. In response to this immediate need, Calla Ann Crepin volunteered to become acting editor and published volume one, number one of the NMLA Newsletter. It has been extremely well received and praised. It also reflects the extensive network for the collection of timely information that is essential to the success of a professional newsletter in today's society.

A somewhat similar need for timely communications by the New Mexico State Library has also

been expressed by the state librarian, Mr. Edwin Dowlin. It has been suggested that issues might be produced for alternate periods of time by the two groups. Regardless of the final outcome close coordination by the association's publication committee and the state library is recommended.

If the New Mexico Library Association SLICE Representative's institution does not support travel expenses, Miss Crepin moved that NMLA support such expenses, not to exceed \$250, to attend two SLICE Council meetings in Dallas this SLICE year. Motion seconded and carried.

College, University and Special Libraries Division. Mr. Elison reported that the order of business for the Divisional Annual Meeting will be a change in Bylaws to establish a governing body (consisting of a past-chairman, chairman, chairman-elect, and a secretary) which will provide continuity and allow the Division to undertake some kind of meaningful activity and library projects.

Mrs. Brooke Sheldon explained that the State Library is not presently supporting WICHE because the State Library Commission declined to vote the additional funds. Funds were withheld because it was felt that WICHE does not presently have concrete programs and plans to propose. During the past three years the State Library has put \$8,000, time, and programming effort into WICHE: the returns for the amount invested are questionable.

Mrs. Barrett expressed the opinion that the biggest advantage of belonging to WICHE is the student exchanges program, where students who live in WICHE member states do not have to pay out-of-state tuition to attend a library school. This program still is not underway.

Miss Crepin reminded the Board that NMLA has a voice in the plans and programs of the State Library because NMLA's president and vice-president are Library Advisory Council members who advise the State Library Commission. However, interests and needs of librarians must be conveyed to these officers before they can appropriately advise.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delores Ann Lanier,  
Secretary