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**New Mexico Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
January 25, 2002**

**Call to order:** President Kay Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. She called for a motion to approve the agenda; motion by Olivia, Thaddeus seconded, motion to approve agenda passed.

**Announcements:** Kay introduced Kathy Albrecht as the new Treasurer to replace Carol Frick who resigned in December due to a family emergency. Board members and others in attendance introduced themselves. Jeannette Smith agreed to chair the current GO Bond effort replacing Carolyn Gonzales. Kathy Matter has agreed to be the NMLA representative to the S.D.E. reading initiative campaign, replacing Charlene Greenwood. Kay also announced that after analysis of the budget it was determined that the profit from the 2001 conference was \$16,886.00

**Roll call:** Barbara Rosen, Rogers Barde, Claire Odenheim, Cindy Watkins, Jeannette C. Smith, Norice Lee, Linda O'Connell, Tracie Antonuk, Toni Beatty, Charlene Greenwood, Alison Almquist, Olivia Newfield, Thaddeus P. Bejnar, Kathy Albrecht, Earl Phillips, Mark Pendleton, Kathy Matter, Kay Krehbiel, Beverly McFarland

**Minutes:** Kay corrected the announcement in the draft October 2001 minutes regarding the fact that NMLA will fund Thaddeus to attend the ALA mid-winter conference and Charlene to attend MPLA conference in Phoenix. Claire attended MPLA in place of Charlene due to a family emergency. Rogers reminded us that a \$650.00 mini-grant was awarded the ASL SIG from the NMLF. With those changes, Olivia made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Norice and passed.

**Treasurer's report:** The budget has been put on Quicken up to the current date. Thaddeus and Linda helped to get it set up. Kathy Albrecht and Thaddeus discussed the problem of setting it to December rather than June as a starting date. Otherwise it is working very well. The current balance in the checking account is \$23,839.78. A complete budget report will be ready for the April Board meeting. Budget estimates for food at the 2002 conference will be less due to a lower cost for food in Las Cruces as compared to Albuquerque. They proposed to take \$10260.73 out of checking and putting it in a short term money market with the provision that \$5000.00 will be transferred back to checking if needed for first quarter of the next fiscal year. Motion made to transfer the funds by Thaddeus, seconded by Olivia and passed. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Thaddeus, seconded by Olivia and passed.

**Vice President's report:** Regarding 2002 conference arrangements, Earl Phillips asked Mark about food costs and Mark said he would email new figures to Kathy, that \$3.43 of the cost of the YS luncheon to be underwritten and that tax must be paid on the gratuity. Vaunda Nelson, New Mexico librarian and celebrated author will speak at the Youth Services luncheon. Tote bags were ordered – 500 at \$2955.00 or 5.81 each (long straps, blue w/ conf. logo in gold) and since Amigos is sponsoring for \$500.00, the cost is reduced to \$2455.00. A motion was made and carried to proceed with the tote bag project. (CRS # and company name and address will be needed to get tax exempt # from Kathy – to be kept on file). Mark then discussed a proposed tour of White Sands National Monument, but the costs and logistics appear to be troublesome. Earl suggested that a tour of the Farm and Ranch Museum would be a good alternative and Thaddeus suggested that perhaps doing two tours, one on Thursday and another on Friday. Mark said he could make a flyer for the conference packet. The conference committee will meet and determine where, when, and if special tours would be planned as part of the 2002 conference.

Earl talked about the Vendor's Reception on Wednesday evening at Corbet Center – there will be singers from Las Cruces High School and Mariachis too. On Thursday prior to the Awards Banquet the Past Presidents Reception sponsored by the NMLF will be open to all.

Tracy continues to work on arranging programs and speakers for the conference. She said books would be available at the Hilton Hotel and the Corbet Center vendor area courtesy of the NMSU bookstore.

Mentioned also was the possibility of selling something in order to raise funds for Marion Dorroh scholarships. Buy whatever at \$1000.00 and sell for 1500.00 with a 500.00 profit.

**Email votes:** Motion made by Thaddeus and seconded by Earl to confirm the email votes on the following issues:

- NMLA Exec. Board meeting scheduled for 10/12/01 be changed to 10/05/01
- NMLA membership mailing labels be given to the New Mexico Library Foundation
- Kathy Albrecht be confirmed as Treasurer to replace Carol Frick
- Legislator of the Year be selected at the January board meeting

**Committee Reports:**

**State Library:** Ben Wakashige called and said he is unable to attend today as he is scheduled to testify in support of SB 139 regarding the virtual catalog and document delivery.

**AASL:** Alison reported that in order to send 2 delegates to the affiliate assembly, NMLA must have 25 AASL members. A discussion of the circumstances under which a member will serve as AASL delegate followed. Such issues as whom – elected or appointed, for how long, and funding to send delegate(s) were decided. Alison prepared a document outlining AASL/NMLA duties to become part of the official procedure (Grey Book). Norice moved, Olivia seconded to accept AASL/NMLA duties as presented by Allison and amended by NMLA Board action. Earl moved that \$1300.00 be allocated to send a delegate to the June conference, seconded by Thaddeus. Both motions passed.

**ALA:** Thaddeus brought up several items discussed at ALA Mid-winter which included ALA's reaction to the US Patriot Act, confidentiality and privacy issues, 501.3 certification for public library administrators, and finally core values. (*Do we need more explanation and details?*)

**Awards:** Toni and Charlene reported that we have 6 nominees for the school library award yet to be decided. After much discussion it was decided to have an award each for elementary and secondary schools. Reasoning being that many elementary schools have only a part time librarian or a non-certified staff member or volunteer. Toni proposed that the winners be given banquet tickets for their principal and a school board member – total of 4 extra tickets. Earl so moved, seconded by Norice and carried. Norice then moved that banquet tickets also be provided for 2 legislators from each school district, seconded by Earl and carried. A designated committee will choose winners from among the nominees.

Toni announced that the NMLA Lifetime membership award be given to Paul Agriesti and that \$90.00 be allocated for a commemorative plate. Olivia moved, Norice seconded to allocate money for the plate and banquet dinners for Paul and a guest. Motion passed.

Ben Altamirano is named Legislator of the Year. Kitty Sherlock will get the Library Leadership Award and Karen Stabler will receive the Community Achievement Award. Other awards are listed in the committee report. Thaddeus moved to accept, seconded by Kathy A., passed.

**Bylaws:** Allison mentioned recent changes at this meeting – No chair person needed for conference site as long as the rotation between Las Cruces and Albuquerque is in effect.

**Conference site:** Linda O'Connell will announce a proposed mini-conference rotation at the 2002 conference.

**Education:** Cindy Watkins said there was no report at this time.

**Legislation and Intellectual Freedom:** Kathy M. discussed the need to involve school librarians in effective lobbying methods, i.e. who to target, how to proceed, etc. She and Allison mentioned that AASL has guidelines for legislative lobbying and also urged that we build on the momentum begun with the GO Bond effort.

Beverly McFarland read Joe Sabatini's email regarding the GO Bond – the amount not yet determined. Also that no action had been taken in the legislature yet on funding for the school library databases and the building projects. Both were praised for the timely and informative Legislative reports posted on the listserv.

**Liaison to State Board of Education:** Charlene reported that they have not yet scheduled a meeting about the NM Reading Initiative. As previously mentioned, Kathy M. will replace Charlene as our representative.

**Members at Large – SIGs and mini-conference:** Norice moved that NMLA create a task force to look at certification issues for paraprofessionals in municipal libraries. Olivia seconded and the motion carried. The certification and tests have become out-dated and need revision. The problem was brought up by the Paraprofessional SIG chaired by Teddie Payne to which Norice is the liaison. Extensive written SIG reports were provided board members in order to save time.

**Membership:** Rogers reported that membership is down, but this may be a seasonal event and will pick up again at and after the conference – as mentioned by Linda. Membership as of 1/16/02 was 522.

**MPLA:** Claire reported on the MPLA joint conference with AzLA in December in Phoenix. They also are experiencing a reduction in membership that may be caused by a number of factors including an aging work force and a down turn in the economy. The conference was excellent with many topnotch speakers and presenters, a large number of vendors, and a convenient and comfortable site.

**NM Library Foundation:** Charlene outlined the Foundation's activities including the SW Airlines ticket raffle, mini-grant awards, sponsorship of the reception at conference, and support of the traveling Library Legacy Exhibit.

**Nominations:** The committee report, as presented by Charlene, includes the nominees for president, secretary, both unopposed and 4 nominees for member-at-large, of which 2 will be elected.

**Public Relations:** Jeannette Smith to replace Carolyn Gonzales as PR person who will publicize efforts to support the current GO Bond initiative.

**School Libraries Task Force:** Charlene passed the reigns to Carol Sarath and Omar Durant. Activities included support for Advocacy for School Libraries SIG, LIF and the Go Bond, and the awards to outstanding school library programs.

**Old Business:** Regarding implementation of the *Strategic Plan*. Efforts to increase membership included sending a flyer to libraries and organizations with libraries encouraging them to fund NMLA membership for their staff. Kay went over other goals that were accomplished and thus removed. Amendments in the form of new or changed goals were discussed and added to the plan. A motion to accept the plan as amended was made by Olivia, seconded by Thaddeus and passed.

**New Business:** Changes to the award recognizing progress of a school library in meeting School Library Task Force standards – See Awards committee report above.

Proposed that Linda be paid \$600.00 to support the functions of the office of treasurer. Motion made by Norice, seconded by Earl and carried.

Lifetime membership award to Paul Agriesti – See Awards committee report above.

A proposal was made by the Education committee to have a publicity campaign to promote continuing education grants in order to get the best applicants who will contribute to the profession in New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Odenheim, Secretary