

New Mexico Library Association
Board Meeting Minutes – 4/24/04

Attending: Charlene Greenwood, Kathryn Albrecht, Richard Akeroyd, Carol Sarath, Valerie Nye, Thaddeus P. Bejnar, Barbara Van Dongan, Dinah Jentgen, Cassandra Osterloh, Kathy Matter, Anne Lefkofsky, Lori Grumet, Alison Almquist, Betty Long, Molly McGetrick, Heather Gallegos-Rex, Louise Bolton, Omar Durant, Eileen Longsworth, Elizabeth Haskett, Leslie Chamberlin, Linda O'Connell

1. *Secretary's Report*

E-voting January 17, 2004 – April 24, 2004

2/9/04

Motion was made and seconded to approve the award winners as provided by the awards committee. The awards committee has chosen the following winners:

New Mexico Library Leadership -- Lori Snyder
Community Achievement -- Elizabeth Laemmle
Honorary Life Membership -- Ellanie Sampson
New Mexico Library Amigo -- Sandra Richardson
Legislator of the Year -- Max Coll

No discussion was held. Motion passed with 6 votes – Molly, Susan, Thaddeus, Kathy, Heather and Eileen.

2/19/04

The NMLA Education Committee is requesting a waiver of the residency requirement for the Marion Dorroh Scholarship.

Background:

- Ji Cloteaux was our only applicant. The Committee is quite concerned by the lack of applicants and during the next twelve months will work to remedy this situation.

- Seven of the eight committee members responded that they see Ms. Cloteaux as a viable candidate deserving of the scholarship and supported requesting the waiver.

- Ms. Cloteaux has worked at New Mexico State University since October 2003. She is enrolled in the University of Wisconsin School of Information Studies and anticipates receiving her MLIS in December 2004. Her current grade point average is 3.9/4.0.

- The Committee will explore and clarify the residency requirement in the coming months.

One committee member pointed out that on the NMLA website, the requirement is phrased: "Applicant must have resided in New Mexico during the year preceding application." Ms. Cloteaux certainly has done this, but there is an understanding that only those living in New Mexico for 12 months prior to the application are eligible. We are requested a waiver of the 12 month requirement.

Motion was made and seconded granting a *one time* waiver of the residency requirement for the Marion Dorroh Scholarship requirements.

Discussion:

I see no need for the waiver since Ms. Cloteaux meets the existing requirements. I would amend the motion to tell the committee that no waiver is required for Ms. Cloteaux, since she meets the existing standard. I am dubious about waiving the requirement, especially because NM has no

library schools. There is a real difference between living in, and residency, and I believe that residency was a specific and good choice.

Thaddeus

Regardless, I agree that Ms. Cloteaux is eligible. I would like to reiterate my opposition to granting an exception, where none is required. If clarification is what was needed then that is what we should have given. Now we have chaos, or is it just sour grapes?

--Thaddeus

You mean then, Thaddeus, that the intent of the stated residency requirement is that the applicant shall have lived within New Mexico for any given length of time within the previous year? And do you believe that the stated intent is NOT that they reside in NM for a full 12 months? It will be good to clarify the wording on that by FY's end. Currently the By-laws state, under Criteria: "b. Residency in New Mexico during the year preceding application." [346:1, 4/95] Nice n' vague.
Kathy A.

Residency is pre-establishment of dwelling with the manifest intent to return, not whether you were physically in a place. Thus a person in library school who is physically out-of-state, but who maintains NM residency, shown by such things as property ownership, voting registration, driver's license etc., should be eligible for the scholarship. Or a NM resident who is finishing up an undergraduate degree at UT, and wishes to continue into graduate school should be eligible for the scholarship.

We want people who intend to practice in NM, and who have NM background, hence residency is preferable to "living in for 12 months".

What we don't want is someone who happenstantially was in NM for 12 months, say going to NMSU for a couple of semesters, but whose ties (residency) are all to D.C., and who wants to go to Library School at Catholic U.

--Thaddeus

Motion passed without amendment with 6 votes – Heather, Susan, Louise, Molly, Eileen, Omar

2. Treasurer's Report – Kathy Albrecht

NMLA has enjoyed a fine year financially. We craft rather conservative annual budgets, with just a little wiggle room, and I am happy to announce we are hitting our budget projections right on target this fiscal year. This conference is looking like it will exceed expectations in terms of income it will bring the Association, just as the Mini-conference did in October. (See Attachment 1 for the 3rd quarter report.)

This past year, your officers began reserving a nest-egg from our amplitude which we hope to add to each good year. The corpus of this nest-egg will be \$3,000 from the General Fund this year. For the first time in several years, donations to the Marion Dorroh Scholarship Fund exceeded, rather than disappointed, projections.

The Association has employed a new accountant this year who proceeded to produce accurate and timely Compilation Reports while saving us a significant sum of money. Good thing, because our insurance bond cost shot up this year, along with insurance costs nationwide. Overall, we are in stronger financial shape this year than we were last.

I encourage all of you Special Interest Group SIGS and other units of the Library Association to submit to me any budget requests that you might have for next fiscal year by May 7th. I have request forms if you need them. I also have copies of our quarterly budget report and am happy and eager to share them with any one of you who would like to see proof of all the good work for libraries that you and our Association accomplish with your institutions', our many donors, and our Conference exhibitors' support.

Thaddeus mentioned that this is the first year since 1997 that the Association was truly 'in the black.' Kudos were extended to the treasurer and everyone working with the Association's money for bringing the budgeting practices back in line. Kudos were also extended to everyone in the SIGs and Committees for accomplishing so much despite the budget cuts of the last two years.

The new accountant is Harold Dodson in Socorro. He has produced all the documents required for this year. His fees are considerably more reasonable and he produced the work in a timely manner. He recommends that next year a review (rather than a compilation) be performed.

The Finance Committee will be bringing a number of recommendations to the July meeting including allotting the money for a review.

3. Conference Wrap-Up – Linda O'Connell

There were 428 conference registrations. It appears that the conference did as well as it projected to in the budget which makes it the best conference in Las Cruces financially speaking. Anecdotally, the biggest concerns expressed were about the parking and signage from the parking lots.

4. Committee/SIG reports See Attachment 1.

5. New Business

a. New Committee Chairs have been appointed and names will be posted on the website.

b. Most SIG groups have turned in their annual reports and budget requests.

c. New SIG Proposal - "Library Instruction & Information Literacy (LIIL)"

Focus of interest: Library Instruction

Statement of purpose: The purpose of LIIL is to acknowledge, address, and support issues that librarians as teachers face such as limited resources, burn out, implementation of literacy skills, integration of information literacy into the curriculum, collaboration with teaching faculty, learning and teaching styles, and best teaching practices.

Objectives as related to goals of NMLA: Support, recruit, and provide library instruction programming for all levels (K-16) and all types of libraries. Create and maintain a website that will be used as a central reference point for library instruction and information literacy in New Mexico, providing connections to colleagues as well as various resources and support to libraries and librarians. Recognize outstanding efforts of library instruction.

Proposed by: Paulita Aguilar, Kathleen Keating, Cassandra Osterloh

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to accept a new SIG called Library Instruction and Information Literacy.

Discussion: This new group seems to be distinct from the ASL SIG in that it is more general in focus.

Motion passed.

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded for the continuation of the SIGS who have submitted the renewal forms thus far: Local and Regional History; Native American Libraries; WHCLIS; REFORMA; Paraprofessionals; ASL; ILL.

Discussion: The Northern New Mexico Youth Services Round Table (NNMYSRT) submitted an annual report but has not submit the form to continue the SIG or make a budget request. The NM Preservation Alliance has not submitted renewal forms, budget request or annual report.

Heather sent an email out about the renewal forms and Betty followed up with additional information. However, there may have been some confusion about the date by which the forms were required since the SIGs are required to submit the form annually but some were approved by the Board in July rather than April. For the budgeting process, all forms need to be turned in April/May. The assigned Member-at- Large will contact the SIG chair to get the renewal forms turned in as soon as possible.

ACTION: Omar Durant will contact the NNMYSRT and Lori Grumet will contact the NMPA.

Motion passed.

Kathy needs their 'normal' budget requests by May 7.

Kathy asked that the Members-at-Large work with their SIG's on the budget request process. Currently, if they are proposing a paid speaker for either the mini or main conferences the fees would be part of the conference costs, not from the SIG's line item in the budget. However, this does present a problem for the conference committee when a SIG adds to their budget unexpectedly because of a last minute addition of a large speaker's fee. The Program Committee would prefer to see the SIG's be responsible for the speaker's fees for their sponsored programs. The alternative would be a deadline by which the program proposals and speaker's fees be turned in to the program committee so they can be included in the budget approval process for the conference.

It was suggested that the budget form for the SIGs be modified to make the budget requests for normal activity, mini-conference and conference more distinct and easily identifiable. Then the program committee will be better able to present their budget requests later in the year.

ACTION: A motion was made to amend the budget request form to include the current information and add two lines requests for money for the mini-conference and money for the conference. The information on those two lines would then be forwarded on to the appropriate program planning committees.

Discussion: The current form clearly says DO NOT budget for the mini or main conferences on this form. It would be an ideal opportunity for the Members-at-Large to form a relationship

with their assigned SIG's if they would begin by working with them on their conference budgets.

Motion was withdrawn.

It was suggested that a calendar of events and deadlines similar to the one that is prepared for the Board be prepared for the SIG chairs so they are clearly able to see when various forms are due. This calendar would become part of the packet of information given to the SIG chairs at the time of renewal of the SIG.

ACTION: The Members-at-Large will prepare the SIG calendar and other changes to the SIG packet of information for the July meeting.

- c. Dynamic website – Linda reports that the addition to the software that allows us to do our own web editing is a tremendous success. Laurie Mitchell, whose company hosts the NMLA website, has suggested that the discussion list management be moved to the same server. Currently we pay NMSU \$60 to host the list and NMSU library staff manages it for us. They have always done a fine job but as one person leaves they have to find someone else to agree to do the work. This change would allow us to become more independent and the task would become one of the duties of the NMLA Administrator.

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to continue to leave the email lists (both the membership and board lists) under the management of NMSU and the NMSU library staff.

Discussion: It would be a good idea for Association processes to be under the responsibility of the Association and make the email discussion list part of the Administrator's job as well as the website maintenance.

Motion was not passed.

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to transfer the list management duties for the NMLA discussion list and Board discussion lists to the NMLA Administrator.

Discussion: This would require new addresses for all these lists.

Motion passes with one negative vote.

- d. The question was raised as to whether the NMLA President should vote as a member on the NM Library Foundation Board. The NMLA by-laws says explicitly that the President cannot vote on the NMLF Board. The NMLF by-laws says explicitly that the NMLA President can vote. The conflict was made by a recent change in the NMLF by-laws.

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded that Thaddeus send wording on the matter to the NMLA By-Laws Committee for inclusion with all the by-laws changes by July 1, 2004. There will be a formal presentation and vote on the changes at the July meeting of this board and publication in the August newsletter.

Discussion: Changes to by-laws are voted on by the membership at the annual meeting or by special ballot during the year if warranted.

Motion passed.

- e. An invitation was made from the city of Farmington for the conference to return to Farmington in 2006. The conference facilities are now well able to handle a conference of our size. Currently the 2005 contract is in place for Albuquerque and the MPLA/NMLA joint conference in 2007 is also scheduled in Albuquerque.

ACTION: Heather charged the new chair of the site selection committee to explore other possibilities to host the conference.

- f. A motion was made and seconded that Kathryn Albrecht, Treasurer, and Julia Clarke, Secretary, are authorized to sign documents for the NMLA Bank of America account.

Motion passes.

- g. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passes.

Officer/Affiliate/Committee Reports

NMLA ALA Councilor's Report - Thaddeus P. Bejnar

ALA mid-winter had slightly (2%) higher pre-registration, but lower on site registration for a 7.8% overall decline, primarily in exhibitor registrations. The exhibitors continue to complain about insufficient traffic at mid-winter. There were 10,788 total attendees (paid & guest) and exhibitors

President Carla Hayden presented "Living in a Post-CIPA World," a panel discussion on the impact of the recent Supreme Court decision upholding the Children's Internet Protection Act. The focus is now on filtering images not text; however this is even less technologically possible. People were throwing around figures of effectiveness of 60% for text and 17% for images. But the measures of effectiveness were not discussed

The Core Value task force met (with an audience of five of us), but did not move forward with the task of defining core values. Most discussion was about the impossibility of doing so. However, they did bring a discussion (of the ten words from the 2001 extract of possible values) to Council on Sunday with attendance of about 150, where the discussion primarily dealt with (A.) the difference between tools to achieve value related goals and the goals themselves; [for example the goal is fairness (in collections, to library staff, to patrons, etc.) one of the ways to achieve fairness is through diversity; or, the goal is access to information, and the tool is organization of information.;] and (B) the fact that they had not included fairness or equity as a value

The Rural School, Tribal & Public Libraries met and discussed the survey, sent out in September, which generated over 1,100 responses. However, less than 20 of the over 300 tribal libraries responded. So they were making another big push to get more tribal libraries to respond. [The new deadline is Jan. 19th] The data was raw, without any analysis, but in ploughing through it, I saw that lack of computer hardware was still listed as the biggest problem [despite Gates], and lack of computer training for both staff and patrons was listed as the biggest training issue. They will have their report for us at annual, but results of the survey will be published in the March 2004 issue of American Libraries

In the same vein, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is giving \$5.8 million in challenge grants to state library agencies in 18 states [New Mexico is one] as part of their renewed effort. These "Staying Connected" grants are the first round of a \$17-million commitment by the foundation to provide hardware and connectivity upgrades, and training and technical support for libraries across the country. It is not known how these will affect previously unsupported rural libraries

Janet Swan Hill and Nann Blaine Hilyard were elected to the executive board. They are both long serving members of Council. While Ms. Hill is an academic librarian, Ms. Hilyard has experience in a variety of libraries, including public

The Caldecott and Newberry and King awards: John Newberry medal for *The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread*, by Kate DiCamillo. Randolph Caldecott prize for Mordcai Gerstein's ink and oil paintings that illustrate *The Man Who Walked between the Towers*. Coretta Scott King Awards to Angela Johnson, author of *The First Part Last*, and Ashley Bryan, illustrator and author of *Beautiful Blackbird*

Financial: ALA was in the black for the first time in three years, despite the losses in Toronto due to the SARS scare, and the down turned market. This was due to the efforts of the new executive director Keith Michael Fiels (Aug. 2002) who cut operational costs. In addition the association had an 11 million capital gains on part of the Chicago HQ building which will go to the purchase of a Washington office property, after taxes and after \$1 million to the Spectrum scholarship fund

Council unanimously approved ALA honorary memberships for Sanford Berman and Norman Horrocks which will be conferred at the 2004 Annual Conference Opening General Session in Orlando.

Janet Swan Hill proposed eliminating the little-used motto crafted by founding father Melvil Dewey and adopted by the Association in 1892: "The best reading, for the largest number, at the least cost." claiming that it was paternalistic and outdated, others argued that the motto applies to the priorities of library professionals just as much today as ever, and Council voted 98–52 to retain it

A motion to clarify ALA election procedures and the allowable roles of ALA units failed with less than 20 of us voting for it; but the Executive Board then issued "Guidelines" which said essentially the same thing. %%%The main topic in the halls appeared to be about government abridgement of civil liberties. Council voted a new Patriot Act resolution. It is suitable for passage by Chapters

With regard to Cuba, Council endorsed the IFLA position, basically governmental squabbles should not interfere with information dissemination nor with access to information. It did not directly call for the release of dissents as was requested by about 15 councilors

Council in a resolution on the closure of the Clark-Atlanta University School of Library and Information Studies program, urged the president and staff to ensure that ALA is better positioned to detect the warning signs of MLS program closures

Thanks to the good management of the president, Carla Hayden, with the considerable assistance of the parliamentarian, Eli Mina, Council considered all matters before it and adjourned by 1:00 PM on Wednesday

American Association of School Libraries – Alison Almquist, NMLA Liaison

AASL will sponsor a fall forum from October 1 - 3 in Dallas, Texas. The fall forum will be on "Collaboration and Reading to Learn @ your library@," at the Omni Mandalay Hotel, Dallas, Texas. If you attend you will receive instruction and strategies for collaborating with classroom teachers, reading and literacy specialists and others who play a critical role in promoting reading for understanding. Presenters will include leading researchers in the reading, school library media and collaboration fields. Detailed information and registration materials will be sent to all AASL members. The Fall Forum is a multi-day national institute held during non-AASL National Conference years. The Fall Forum is new and it is AASL's version of a mini-conference. Albuquerque was not selected by AASL to host the next national conference.

Frances Roscello, President of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), will be speaking at NMLA. Her program is Every Student Succeeds @your Library: An AASL Advocacy campaign. This program will explore the role of an advocacy plan in promoting your school library media program for student success.

Mountain Plains Library Association – Charlene Greenwood

Leadership Institute: One of the highlights for this year has been the MPLA Leadership Institute that has been held for the second year at Ghost Ranch in NM.

The first institute was held in November 2002 at Ghost Ranch near Abiquiu, New Mexico with nationally recognized consultant and trainer Maureen Sullivan as facilitator. The institute this year was held November 9th through the 14th at Ghost Ranch and again had Maureen Sullivan as the facilitator and presenter. The location is one where participants can truly get away from the pressures of ordinary library responsibilities and concentrate on self-discovery, networking, and planning for their future contributions to our libraries. Leadership training has been part of NMLA's strategic plan and this helps to fulfill that goal. It will be held at Ghost Ranch again this year as part of this three year pilot project. Leadership Institute – NM attendees for 2003 were:

- Valerie Nye, New Mexico State Library
- Cassandra Osterloh, University of New Mexico
- Olivia Li, Los Alamos Public County Library System

Conference: The annual conference was held jointly with the Nevada Library Association in Lake Tahoe, NV. It was extremely successful and should be considered as a model for NMLA to follow when we jointly sponsor the conference in Albuquerque in 2007.

Membership: New Mexico has approximately 30-35 members in MPLA. Each year the MPLA Representative picks a "Board's Choice Award" and this year it went to Leslie Chamberlin of the University of New Mexico. At the annual conference there are 10 free memberships given away through drawings.

Memberclicks: Essentially, Memberclicks allows e-mail to be sent to sections, committees or groups in MPLA. Memberclicks has lots of bells and whistles. It should allow us to do surveys or have bulletin boards, or ask a question and have whoever chooses to look at it. Sections may want to run polls on topics for conference. It might allow us to have another avenue of communication. Membership information can be edited online. Members can also renew online. This may be something that NMLA may want to pursue in the future.

NM Representative: New Mexico is the newest member of MPLA and is the only state that doesn't elect a representative. New Mexico has decided not to change their bylaws at this time to include a State MPLA Representative election or as a voting member of their board. The position remains appointed by the New Mexico Library Association President. MPLA President, Carol Hammond, has spoken with Heather Gallegos-Rex concerning this position.

New Representation: I have enjoyed representing NMLA to this organization since 1999. Thank you for this opportunity. It is a vibrant organization that represents states similar to NM. There will be a new person appointed starting April 2004.

New Mexico Library Foundation – Charlene Greenwood

Trustees: The new Trustees installed were Neil Goldberg and Linda Avery as well as Richard Akeroyd, the new State Librarian. Heather Gallegos-Rex will be replacing Eileen Longworth as the president of NMLA. Remaining on the board are Charlene Greenwood (Chair), Barbara Van Dongen (Vice-chair), Jeff Bantly (Secretary-Treasurer), David Giltrow, Danice Picraux, Eddie Richardson, and Earl Phillips.

Grants: NMLF's mission is to support libraries through giving grants. This year they were awarded to:

- Rio Vista Middle School, Bloomfield
- Advocacy for School Libraries Special Interest Group, NMLA

Fundraising: The Foundation was honored to have Ben Wakashige in "Ben's Run" earn over \$2,000. He ran in the Portland Marathon for 26 miles. Fundraising also included two drawings – one at the annual NMLA conference in Albuquerque and one at the mini-conference in Gallup. The winners were:

- April NMLA Conference:
 - 2 Southwest Airline tickets: Trish Murphey, Farmington
 - Petroglyph clock: Margaret Brady, Albuquerque
 - Dried flower arrangement: Donald Dresp, Las Cruces
- October NMLA Mini-conference:
 - Hyatt Regency overnight: Susan Sheldon

Library Legacy Exhibit: After "traveling" around the state for four years, the Exhibit is now residing at the NM State Library where it is on display. Plans are being made to redesign it and then have it "travel" again.

Mission statement: The Foundation held a mini-retreat and has developed a new strategic plan involving its mission, long-term goals and objectives, fund raising, methodologies and visibility. From this has come a new mission statement: "We will support identified needs of NM libraries. We will do this by helping libraries build and maintain their collections, update information access technology and enhance library programs."

Program: The Foundation sponsored a program for the 2003 NMLA conference on planned giving presented by Jeff Bantly and Thaddeus Bejnar. From this an effort is being made to write a book and prepare documents for the Foundation to pursue fund raising in this area.

Receptions: At the 2003 annual conference of the NM Library association the Foundation sponsored a reception in honor of NMLF's 10th anniversary and a farewell to our State Librarian, Ben Wakashige. It was held at the Albuquerque Museum on April 24, 2003. It was jointly held with the Native American Libraries Special Interest Group (NALSIG) who was also honoring their founding members from 1979 and a farewell for Alison Freese who had been the Director of the Tribal Library Program at the NM State Library. It was well attended (approximately 150) and there was a ceremonial drumming for all the honorees.

Representation: Charlene as chair attended the committee meetings concerning the 2004 GO Bonds.

Website: We are currently working on having our own website.

Awards Committee Report - Kirsten Shields

The members of the Awards Committee received nominations and letters of support for the annual New Mexico Library Association awards. The following people were chosen for 2004:

Community Achievement Award – Elizabeth Laemmle from the Mesa Public Library in Los Alamos
New Mexico Library Leadership Award – Lori Snyder from the Rio Rancho Public Library in Rio Rancho

Legislator of the Year – Representative Max Coll

New Mexico Library Amigo Award – Sandra Richardson from Albuquerque

Honorary Life Membership Award – Ellanie Sampson from the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

Representative J. Paul Taylor is recognized as a New Mexico Library Treasure.

Awards will be presented at the annual banquet on April 22. Gifts of Nambé will be given to the award winners. Plaques will also be presented to the Kathy Matter, librarian of John Baker Elementary School and Angela Ramirez, librarian of Taft Middle School, both of Albuquerque for outstanding school libraries.

Dinah Jentgen is the incoming Awards Committee Chair.

Bylaws Committee Report – Betty Long, Chair

The Bylaws Committee has made several changes to the grey book, updating some pages to reflect changes in technology and how we are doing things. In particular, information that used to be in the grey book and is now on our web site.

We have been working closely with Incoming President Heather Gallegos-Rex to update the Board Directory to reflect changes in chairs of committees, committee members, new officers, etc.

The Bylaws Committee has also been developing the agenda for the Board Orientation that will be held on April 24. I will take this opportunity to remind you that it is very important that you bring your grey book to the board orientation.

I want to thank Alison Almquist, the other member of the Bylaws Committee, for all of her hard work on the committee. We welcome Mark Adams as a new member to our committee.

Conference Site Committee – Ellanie Sampson, Chair

The work of the Conference Site Committee has been completed. The 2004 mini-conference is scheduled for the Convention Center in Roswell for Friday, October 8, 2004. The 2005 NMLA annual conference is scheduled for the Convention Center/Doubletree in Albuquerque on Wed-Thurs-Fri, March 30, 31, and April 1, 2005. All contracts and agreements should have been sent by those agencies to Eileen Longworth, President of NMLA, for signature.

It has been a pleasure working once again with NMLA.

Education Committee Report – Julia Clarke, chair

The Education Committee awarded the Marion Dorroh Scholarship to Ji Cloteaux and Continuing Education Grants to all who applied.

Committee member Mara Yarbrough raised \$500 by selling book bags.

Committee member Kathleen Knoth prepared and submitted the Professional Development Registry to the NMLA website in March 2004.

Committee member Andy Howe recruited Keith Curry Lance to speak at the annual conference.

Outstanding issues and concerns have been communicated to Isabel Rodarte, the incoming Committee chair.

I have enjoyed my work with the Education Committee.

NMLA Nominations and Elections Committee Report – Earl Phillips, Chair

Earl Phillips, Chair, contacted Kay Krehbiel and Barbara VanDongen for their permission to have Molly McGetrick* assist in the vote count. Both Kay and Barbara agreed to this proposal.

On March 8, 2004, Molly and I met to count the ballots for election of Officers and Members at Large. Of the 168 ballots received, one ballot was disqualified because it was postmarked after the due date of March 1, 2004.

The results of the election are:

Vice-President / President Elect	Kathy Matter of Albuquerque
Secretary	Julia Clarke of Albuquerque
Member at Large	Lori Grumet of Las Cruces
Member at Large	Leslie Chamberlin of Albuquerque
ALA Councilor	Thaddeus Bejnar of Santa Fe

The ballots will be mailed to Eleanor Bernau, NMLA Archivist.

The Nominating and Elections Committee Members are Barbara Van Dongen, Kay Krehbiel, and Earl Phillips.

Thanks to all who ran for office this year and all who voted.

Publicity Committee Report – Valerie Nye, Chair

64 press releases have been sent out to advertise the conference and announce NMLA's award winners.

The committee held several email meetings and worked with Shawn at One Stop to design the publicity/membership bookmarks. 3000 bookmarks were produced to be distributed at conferences and as membership tools.

Stephanie Gerding has resigned as newsletter editor. She will continue to work on the newsletter through the publication of the next issue. Pam MacKellar has been appointed as the new newsletter editor. Pam is currently working as a library consultant and has a background in graphic design.

Special Interest Group Annual Reports

Advocacy for School Libraries SIG - Barbara VanDongen, Chair & Kathy Matter, Secretary

Collection Development Workshops.

The ASL-SIG sponsored an array of collection development workshops across the state during the past year with a total attendance from all regions of more than 350 librarians and educators.

Recommended Purchase Lists for GO Bond Funds.

In cooperation with the New Mexico Task Force for School Libraries, the ASL group developed recommended purchase lists to help school librarians use the GO Bond money to begin to bring their libraries up-to-date. The bibliographies focus on the time-sensitive sections and materials for literacy support. Hard copies were mailed to schools through the sponsorship of Bound-to-Stay-Bound, Follett, and Perma-Bound. The lists are posted on the websites of each of those companies for easy selection and ordering.

2002 GO Bond funds for New Mexico public school libraries.

The State Department of Education and the State Library in conjunction with the New Mexico Task Force for School Libraries determined the allocation amount for each eligible public school library. A procedural letter was mailed to each school district announcing the funding distribution, guidelines for spending the money, and the process for ordering and paying the invoices. The ASL group mailed letters to school librarians to share the same information.

The New Mexico School Library Independent Reading and Information Literacy Curriculum.

A new school library curriculum has been developed over the last two years by the ASL Curriculum Committee for individual districts and schools to use as a foundation for developing site appropriate student learning activities and assessments. The curriculum is based on the Standards and Benchmarks model used by New Mexico for its core curriculum. A copy of the curriculum was mailed to about 650 school libraries with an invitation to attend the first ASL sponsored workshop on September 6 when the curriculum was introduced. The document was enthusiastically embraced for addressing the need to shift from library skill competencies to standards-based literacy learning. The workshop also addressed implementation of the curriculum for the 38 participants. The afternoon session was a training program for regional curriculum trainers who will conduct workshops for their colleagues. Over 10 regional curriculum workshops have been held around the state including Silver City, Gallup, Gadsden, Belen, Las Cruces, Clovis, Los Alamos, Grants, Four Corners (Farmington, Bloomfield, Aztec, Shiprock), Archdiocese school libraries, and BIA schools. A similar workshop was offered at the Mini-Conference in Gallup with 51 participants in attendance. A curriculum implementation program is being offered again at the NMLA Conference in April 2004.

The School Library Material Act and 2004 GO Bond.

The ASL in partnership with the New Mexico Task Force for School Libraries won passage in the 2003 session of the School Library Material Act. The Act provides recurring school library materials funding similar to textbook funding. During the 2004 legislative session 1 million in

funding was attached to the Act with Governor Richardson's support. School libraries will need this funding to maintain collections once they have been updated.

New Mexico school librarians contributed successfully this year to having GO Bond Funding placed on the ballot again in 2004. ASL sees this as essential to our effort to bring our libraries up to standard. Last time we got half of what we needed and requested. Another GO Bond infusion should bring us close to minimum standards. Our focus for the fall will be to help build the political momentum for convincing voters to pass the GO Bond '04 for Libraries in the November election. By successfully lobbying for a slight revision in the wording of the Public Education Act (HB 96) with the sponsorship of Rep. Mimi Stewart during the 2004 legislative session school librarians made a giant leap to being included in the definition of teachers instead of identified as Instructional Service Providers. The intent of the change is to firmly establish librarians as teachers for all purposes including salary issues and the new three-tiered licensure system.

The NM Coalition of School Administrators Conference and the NM Association of Non-public Schools Conference: the ASL SIG was represented with an informational booth in the exhibits area at two major educational conferences this year.

The Awards Committee selected two school libraries to receive the Outstanding School Library Awards presented at the annual NMLA Conference Banquet and sponsored with two \$250 prizes from Follett: John Baker Elementary School Library and Taylor Middle School Library, both in Albuquerque.

The Land of Enchantment Committee has agreed to give responsibility for the annual conference luncheon to the ASL Steering Committee. The luncheon has been renamed The Young Authors' Luncheon. In the event that the Land of Enchantment Award Winners are unable to attend the luncheon to accept the annual award, an author or illustrator from the SW region will be selected for the program. The Steering Committee proposes that a committee of "Friends of the Library" representatives from various school libraries be formed to participate in planning and extending the luncheon celebration of children's books to parents and students in the community.

The Steering Committee will propose to the membership at the general meeting during the annual conference that the term of the current officers and committee chairs be extended for one more year and henceforth to make the term of office two years for all positions.

NMLA's Advocacy for School Libraries group working in partnership with the New Mexico Task Force for School Libraries has accomplished an impressive array of achievements in the first three years of its existence—thanks to the dedicated voluntary contributions of many New Mexico school librarians.

Officers:

Chair/NMLA Executive Board Liaison – Barbara VanDongen	Successor Chair – Pam Rishel
Recording Secretary – Kathy Matter	E-group Manager – Judy Hulsey
Legislative Coordinator – Stephanie Eagle	Task Force Liaison – Omar Durant

Committee Chairs:

Curriculum and Professional Development – Dora Trudell
Conference and Public Relations – Maggie Reysen
Land of Enchantment Liaison – Kathy Matter
Awards – Marolynn Griffin
Legislative Network – Stephanie Eagle

2004 Report from the Battle of the Books SIG for NMLA- Sarah Geiger

The 2004 Battle of the Books, the culminating event of a year-long literacy initiative, took place on April 3, 2004 at Sarracino Middle School in Socorro. There were 59 schools and libraries represented in the Elementary division and 20 teams in the Middle School division. 462 students participated. Public schools, private schools and public libraries served as sponsors. During the year, our SIG engaged in a number of activities to make this program a success.

The Book Selection committees read extensively, met and developed book lists for the following year. This committee also revised the selection criteria.

Funds were raised to insure the viability of the program. Donations were solicited and secured.

The web site was renewed and updated periodically. This approach to communication and registration has saved us a great deal in reproduction and mailing expenses.

The awards were purchased.

The t-shirt vendor made price revisions and these were communicated to the team sponsors. (Our SIG does not sell the shirts but simply makes the information available on the web site).

The Registration committee, in conjunction with the Steering committee, established a policy of firm deadlines so that planning for the Statewide Battle of the Books could be accomplished more efficiently. Registration was conducted on-line for the second year and then confirmed in person at the event.

The site chairperson made many arrangements at her school to ensure the success of the event including recruiting student and staff help with the event.

The Question committees prepared both practice questions (which were posted on the web site) and questions for the competition. They also were available to handle any challenges at the event.

The Refreshment committee worked to develop a more efficient and equitable distribution of snacks to participants and volunteers. We implemented a ticket system. This committee also purchased, transported, set up and served the refreshments.

The book sale at the event was arranged with the Bound To Be Read Bookstore. Twenty percent of the sales go to the Battle of the Books. We purchased half of the door prizes. The bookstore donated the other half.

All the materials for the event were collated and envelopes stuffed by volunteers from Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Beta Chapter. Approximately 100 additional volunteers were recruited and assigned for the event.

The Rules Committee made minor but necessary revisions in the rules.

The Battle of the Books SIG conducted a session at the NMLA 2004 Conference.

All expenditures were approved and tracked by one of the Co-Chairpersons. She also documented all incoming monies. We continue to operate in the black with enough monies held in trust at the end of each year that we are able to begin planning the next year's work with the confidence that we will meet all the expenses of this program. We plan on enhancing the Battle of the Books statewide event next year.

The next Battle of the Books will be held in April 2005 at Rio Rancho Mid-High. Information will be posted on our website: www.nmbattleofthebooks.org

Local & Regional History Interest Group – Peter B. Ives

For the 2003 Annual Conference the Interest Group presented TVI History Prof. Cheryl Foote who spoke on "A Taste of New Mexico--Food and Foodways in the State Since 1492." It proved to be quite popular.

For this year's Annual Conference, we will have Prof. Kelly Allred from NMSU's Dept. of Animal & Range Sciences. His talk, "E.O. Wooten: A Victorian Scientist in New Mexico," will unfold the fascinating tale of early scientific research in NM in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The business meeting took all of about five minutes. I checked to see if anyone else was interested in taking over as Liaison. There were no volunteers, so I accepted another year at the post. As always, I mentioned the contact sign-up sheet for those interested in being members.

NATIVE AMERICAN LIBRARIES SIG – Mary Alice Tsosie

Summary:

- NALSIG had seven meetings the past year.
- NALSIG coordinated with the American Indian Library Association in hosting the Third International Indigenous Librarians Forum held in Santa Fe, NM on November 9-12, 2003.
- The chair of NALSIG was on the Search & Screen Committee, State Library, for the selection of the new Tribal Libraries Coordinator.
- The chair of NALSIG represented the Tribal Libraries on the Bond Committee.
- NALSIG and Friends of New Mexico Tribal Libraries co-sponsored a meeting together.
- Advisory role for the State Library.
- Programs very well attended at the Annual and Mini-Conferences.

Conferences:

- Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM, April 2003.
 - Honored the Founders of NALSIG, originally the Roundtable.
 - Silent Auction
 - Program: Tom Talache, Governor of Nambe
 - Meeting: Overview of activities for the year, election of new chair, Coordinators for International Indigenous Librarians Forum
- Mini-Confernce in Gallup, NM, October 17, 2003
 - Program: David Brugge, "Long Ago in Navajoland: An Anthropologist Shares his Story."

Meetings:

State Library, August 1, 2003

Agenda: Training on Annual Reports for the libraries
Introduction of new State Librarian
Indigenous Librarians Forum

Isleta Casino, August 22, 2003

Agenda: Planning of the opening and closing sessions of the International Indigenous Librarians Forum, November 2003, Santa Fe, NM
Introduction of Tribal Libraries Coordinator of the State Library, Dana John Training topics

Pojoaque Pueblo Public Library, September 23, 2003

Agenda: Meeting with the national coordinators of the International Indigenous Librarians Forum. NALSIG is coordinating the opening and closing ceremonies for the Forum. We

also did a presentation and a poster session on NALSIG. The tribal librarians requested funds from the casinos to fund the activities for the opening and closing ceremonies.

Mini-conference, Gallup, NM, October 17, 2003

Agenda: Finalization of everything for the IILF III in Santa Fe, NM, November 9-12, 2003. NALSIG Program for Mini-conference. Pueblo of Laguna Public Library, Laguna, NM December 11, 2003

Agenda: Report of IILF III, State Library Report, Report of Friends of NM Tribal Libraries, Fundraising, NMLA conferences, meetings. This was our annual Holiday Feast meeting where we had entertainment, potluck and gift exchange.

State Library, February 19, 2004

Agenda: NMLA conferences, programs and fundraising activities, State Library Report, Friends Report, Training topics. In the afternoon, there was a training session on Technology Plan for the tribal libraries.

Special Collections Library, Albuquerque Bernalillo Library System, April 16, 2004

This meeting was held in conjunction with the annual meeting of Friends of New Mexico Tribal Libraries and also the exhibit on Ann Nolan Clark. There was a presentation by Jeanne Whitehouse.

Agenda: NMLA conferences, State Library Report, meeting schedule for the year, priorities for the year, training and speaker schedule. Presentation by State Librarian, Richard Akeroyd. Friends meeting elected a new chair, Veronica Peynetsa of Zuni Public Library. There was an overview of duties and responsibilities and plans for meetings the year.

Next meeting: NMLA Annual Conference in Las Cruces, NM. Agenda: elections and overview of year' activities.

NNMYSRT (Northern New Mexico Youth Services Round Table)

Lori Snyder and Vaunda Nelson, liaisons to the NMLA Board.

The roundtable met three times this past year.

Our spring meeting was held May 2, 2003 at the Espanola Public Library. Mary Rose Manges was our host for the day. Karen Starr of the NM State Library presented SWOT. SWOT is a brainstorming technique that includes an exploration of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats in a program. The group applied this to the state summer reading program. Networking took place as we lunched at a local restaurant. Linnea Hendrickson, Children's Literature instructor at UNM and Bandelier Elementary School librarian, presented information on the Siebert award for children's non-fiction. She led a discussion on the differences between non-fiction and informational books. Business matters concluded the meeting.

Our fall meeting was held October 22, 2003 at the Vista Grande Public Library in Santa Fe. Susan Sheldon, library director, and Jude Francisco, youth services librarian, hosted. After a tour of the facility, Susan Sheldon, explained the history of this non-profit library and how it is funded. Jude Francisco gave an overview of children's programming at the library. Attendees were invited to take any of the hundreds of donated books that lined the perimeter of the meeting room! Kathy Barco, state Youth Services Librarian, reported on the National Book Conference in Washington D.C. She also showed a training video entitled "Youth Participation in School and Public Libraries.

Michael Cart, a well-known advocate of teens in the library hosted the video, which featured libraries that have successfully utilized teen boards and teen programs. Members were then treated to a visit by a local resident and illustrator, Roni Rohr. Ms. Rohr spoke to the group about her career as a commercial illustrator for Hallmark and then about her first time illustrating a children's book. Her enthusiasm was exciting and the group expressed interest in the programs she could present at their libraries. The group networked during lunch at a local café. After lunch, members swapped ideas on upcoming holiday program ideas. Karen Lozier, library assistant, volunteered to host the spring 2004 meeting in Aztec.

The state library, as part of their summer reading kick-off extravaganza, provided the third meeting. The group met on November 14, 2003 with other librarians at the new Alamosa/Robert L. Murphy Library facility in Albuquerque. Kathy Barco presented the 2004 SRP theme, "READiscover New Mexico". Various librarians from around the state demonstrated craft, song, and program ideas. Groups brainstormed YA program ideas as well as fund raising ideas. Librarians networked during an in-house lunch break. After lunch, performers presented a sampling of their work so that librarians could decide which performers to contract with for the summer program. Contact information for the performers was distributed.

NMLA Paraprofessionals SIG - Leslie Monsalve-Jones

Spring is in the air, with this warm weather many of us are headed on vacations or just eager to get outside and have some fun. Enjoy!!!!!!

Report: ALA-Mid-Winter on Library Support Staff Issues

School Media Specialists and Library Technicians, in some states are being asked to take a certification test that is not directed to library work. This has become a hot issue among support staff and paraprofessional across the nation.

Support Staff / Paraprofessionals, you are being heard !!! Between the COPE III and the ALA/LSSIRT (American Library Association/Library Support Staff Special Interest Round Table) some states are working hard to standardize a certification test for library workers that is more library oriented. If you are interested in addition information from ALA-mid-winter concerning the COPE3, I am more than happy to share it with you. Contact me and I will make copies for you.

I have been offered the position of Library Support Staff on the ALA Council Committee on Pay Equity for a two-year term, however, I will be continuing to support the New Mexico Paraprofessional Group and plan to stay active as a consultant to the NMSIG, while I am working for paraprofessionals through ALA. As we work together on issues concerning paraprofessionals we can grow and become stronger.

April has some great activities for Library Support Staff

Elections for chair and co-chair for New Mexico Paraprofessional Special Interest Group ,2004-2005 will be conducted at our Annual **Business Meeting** at NMLA on Friday, April 23, 2004 at 8:30 am – 9:30 am, at the Corbett Center at NMSU Campus.

Remember you must be present at the Business meeting to vote, so please try to make it to this meeting. Taking Nominations thru April 22, using phone or email. However, we will open the floor to nominations at the meeting, so it's won't be late to nominate yourself or another member. I

encourage all members to seriously consider running for a Chair, I can guarantee that it will be a rewarding and enlightening professional experience. Please consider serving as a chair or co-chair. Phone: 505-476-9718 or e-mail: leslie@stlib.state.nm.us

Look for the following NM Paraprofessionals – SIG at NMLA in April.

Library Support Staff Makes a Difference: Friday, April 23, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Room location: TBA

We support staff are known to battle our way up the career ladder-searching for recognition in the library profession. Today, we are unity, gaining strength and power and coming on strong. We have finally found an opportunity to be recognized and be heard on issues that we face every day on the job.

Please contact Leslie Monsalve-Jones – leslie@stlib.state.nm.us

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WHCLIS SIG REPORT – Betty Long

The White House Conference on Library and Information Services Task Force is celebrating 25 years! A ceremony recognizing this achievement will be held in the Library of Congress during Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. Virginia Matthews has written a history of WHCLIST that will be distributed at this event.

I have participated in 3 Board Meetings via conference calls. Efforts are still being made to have some kind of national forum on libraries. There is some discussion on WHCLIST partnering with ALA, but this discussion is still in the very preliminary stages.

WHCLIST legislative committee continues to alert members on legislative issues that need e-mail, calls or letters from the membership.