New Mexico Library Association  
First Business Meeting  
Four Seasons Motel  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
April 26, 1972  

The meeting was called to order by Miss Tozer, President, at 7:53 p.m.

Mrs. Lanier, secretary, moved that the minutes of the first and second business meeting, held April 14 and 16 in Roswell, be accepted as published in New Mexico Libraries, Vol. 4, No. 2, Summer 1971. Mr. Grove seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mrs. Daniels treasurer, reported that as of April 25, 1972, Checking Account Balance $7,996.9-; Bonds $1,635.78; Total Assets $9,632.58

Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee. Mrs. Lester, chairwoman, made two announcements: 1) On April 26, 1972, the Executive Board voted to finance the printing of bumper stickers and bookmarks for the 1972 Library Bond Act campaign. 2) The Executive Board approved a campaign to make library needs and the Coordinated Library Systems known to legislators. Miss Leona Huber, Special Assistant to the President, was ready to assign NMLA members to their legislator and to provide copies of CLS and a 1972-73 NMLA legislative program fact sheet.

Miss Tozer announced that “A Guide to the Search for Historical Materials” is available.

Mr. Clark announced that “Readout”, an Albuquerque Model Cities Library film, was shown on KNME-TV.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Mrs. Helen Melton, chairwoman, moved that the New Mexico Library Association drop no. (6) under Article VIII, Sec. 3 E of the Bylaws, and which names and charges the Editorial Committee. Mrs. Lois Godfrey seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mrs. Melton also moved for acceptance of the Publications Committee and its charge. Mrs. Doris Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Membership Committee. Mrs. Bert Ellen Camp, chairwoman, amended the NMLA membership figures as follows: 323 personal and 33 institutional.

Publications Committee. Mr. Grove, chairman, reported a permanent editor for the newsletter is needed and as yet has not been appointed.

In response to an immediate need Miss Crepin agreed to become the acting editor and published NMLA Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 1.

A somewhat similar need for timely communications by the New Mexico State Library has also
been expressed by the state librarian, Mr. Edwin Dowlin.

Miss Maryann Duggan congratulated the Association on the NMLA Newsletter and temporary editor, Miss Crepin.

Mrs. Dorothy Rosen, Scholarship and Recruitment Committee member, asked for feedback from NMLA members concerning paragraph four of this Committee’s report. Mrs. Ruth Farley, Rio Grande Chapter, SLA, President, stated that SLA feels that the scholarship award stipulations should be flexible and the scholarship monies should not necessarily go to just one person or for the same thing.

Miss Tozer outlined contributions to the fund as: Mr. Jester, New Mexico Bookbinders - $400; GALA - $200; $1 from each NMLA Annual Conference registration fee. NMLA contributes sufficiently to affect a $1,000 total.

Mr. Clark pleaded for stronger guidance on scholarship money expenditures.

Miss Tozer suggested perhaps a need exists for doing more with the scholarship money.

Mrs. Lanier resolved that NMLA acknowledge the work of Mr. Donald Riechmann. Miss Tozer mentioned the loss of other New Mexico Librarians – Mrs. Mary Grilly, Mr. G.B. Wells, Mrs. Betty Autrey, Mrs. Dollis Stevens, Miss Wilma Shelton and Miss Evyln Shuler. Miss Shuler and Miss Shelter were among the original founders of NMLA.

SWLA Councillor. Mrs. Mildred Barrett, representative, read her report. SWLA, now a non-profit organization, has restructured its dues schedule eliminating automatic, dual membership in NMLA and SWLA. Dues are now $4/year of which $1 is retained by NMLA if dues are paid through NMLA, There are now 83 New Mexico members in SWLA.

The “76 Club”, a self perpetuating scholarship endowment fund, will obtain its goal by 1976 if each member contributes $7.60. The New Direction Task Force is evaluating the Goals Award Project. Results will be reported at the fall conference in New Orleans.

SLICE, directed by Maryann Duggan, made possible through the efforts and detailed planning of SWLA, Allie Beth Martin and Lee Brawner, and funded with a grant of $25,000 from the Council on Library Resources, opened its office at the University of Texas, Southwest Medical School on October 1, 1971.

Mr. Lee Brawner, President of SWLA, cited examples of SWLA’s new directions. SLICE has concentrated on regional education programs designed to stimulate sharing and usage of Marc base services available from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. During the next two months the SLICE office plans to initiate CELS (Continuing Education for Librarians in the Southwest). A survey to determine the desires for continuing education programs to help develop skills of the regional library staffs will be conducted. From this survey a director of needs will be compiled. An attempt to coordinate the regional prolific educational programs will follow. This project will culminate with a 1-1/2 days conference preceding the New Orleans Conference.
In October SLICE, with the University of Oklahoma and the ALA Committee on Library Service to the Disadvantaged, will co-sponsor a regional, three day workshop on library service to the disadvantaged. The workshop is funded with a $10,000 grant from the Office of Education.

Nominating Committee. Miss Crepin, chairwoman, presented the slate of officers and representatives for 1972-73 as printed in NML Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 1.

Mr. Alan Clark, (representing Public Libraries) announced that he, Miss Crepin (Special Libraries), Miss McCloskey (School Libraries), and Mr. Maxwell (University Libraries) have formed an ad hoc committee which offered to host the 1976 SWLA Convention in Albuquerque.

Mr. Dwight Myers, New Mexico Book League President, explained the Association’s purpose. It presents a monthly show on KOAT-TV at 7:30 a.m., has applied for three federal grants, publishes a house organ (Booktalk), and sponsors footlocker libraries. The membership is 41 and annual dues are $4.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Delores Ann Lanier, Secretary