

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

1st Business Meeting

Farmington Conference

March 28, 1979

The meeting was called to order by President Lois Godfrey at 7:45 p.m. Approximately 100 people were present for the business session.

Lois Godfrey introduced Sallie Gray as Parliamentarian for the conference.

Lois Godfrey introduced the following special guests: Sam Dyson, president of the SWLA and Austin Hoover, president of the Border Regional Library Association.

MINUTES

The minutes of the business meetings of the 1978 Albuquerque Conference was published in the 1979 pre-conference Newsletter were presented for approval. Vida Hollis moved that the minutes be approved. Elinor McCloskey seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the treasurer's report were distributed. Benita Weber noted that the association is receiving revenue from Newsletter advertising for the first time. The various workshops charged fees, thereby generating additional revenue for the association. The dues schedule was also increased in an attempt to generate additional income. The summary of the treasurer's report is as follows:

Income	\$19,019.49
Expenses	<u>12,715.83</u>
Total Net Income	\$ 6,303.66
Checking Account Balance	\$ 6,783.08
Savings Account Balance	2,962.43
Certificate of Deposit	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Cash Assets	\$12,745.51

Benita moved that the treasurer's report be approved and it was seconded by Richard Van Wye. The majority vote cast was in favor of approval. One "no" vote was recorded.

Conference Arrangements: Fred Danes reported that 244 members had registered for the conference. The conference also has a total of 39 exhibitors. The city of Farmington donated \$821 in addition to providing several mailings. He introduced the members of the arrangements committee.

Conference Program: Zanier Lane thanked all the people who helped to formulate the program. She noted the conference theme "Libraries in Transition". Art Plotnik will be the keynote speaker.

ALA Councilor: Alice Clark informed the association about the Mountain Plains Library Association which is a regional chapter of ALA. She explained the organization of the Mountain Plains Library Association, the newsletter and the program of MPLA.

Southwestern Library Association Board Report: Lois Godfrey explained that the New Mexico Library Association President is ex- officio, an SWLA board member. At the June meeting of SWLA Lois felt that it was evident that the organization was having financial, as well as administrative problems. Deficit spending was proposed. In the fall of the year, SWLA had taken steps to get its finances under control. In February the executive director and projects officer resigned. The SWLA staff was reduced. Sam Dyson has become the new president of SWLA. Sam has proposed that the purpose of the organization become better defined. A new statement of philosophy has also been proposed. These actions have put SWLA on the right course to becoming a responsible organization. Lois urged support by joining SWLA. She introduced Sam Dyson, who addressed the members. He stated that SWLA will be an organization that will respond to its members' needs.

New Mexico Conference on Libraries and Information Services: Paul Agriesti reported on the developments in the state relating to PL 93-568 (White House Conference On Libraries and Information Services). Four area meetings were held to provide input for the New Mexico Conference on Libraries and Information Services. Ninety-nine delegates took part in the State Conference, whereby thirty-nine resolutions were acted upon. Seven New Mexico delegates were selected to the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services. The delegates were announced by the President. They are lay persons Sister Evelyn Booms, William R. Prince, Johnnie B. Scott, Dr. Richard Rundell and Steve Torres. Librarian delegates are Vida Hollis and Paul Vassallo.

Roundtables Formation: The President read from the NMLA by-laws - the section related to the formation of roundtables. A petition of at least fifteen signatures of NMLA members must be presented to the NMLA Executive Board. Once the Board approves the formation of a roundtable, then it is voted on by the membership. Lois noted that valid petitions had been presented and voted upon favorably by the Board.

Sandy Faull presented to the membership the reasons for a Documents Roundtable. Sandy moved for the creation of a Documents Roundtable. Jerry Zollars seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Lee Platero presented to the membership the rationale for a Native American Libraries Roundtable. Lee moved for the creation of a Native American Libraries Roundtable. Joe Sabatini seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: Paul Agriesti defined the role of the archivist and mentioned several functions performed during the past year .

Constitution, By-laws and Procedural Handbook: Elinor McCloskey defined the function of her committee and reported that due to a recent revision of the constitution and by-laws, a status quo was maintained this year.

Conference Site: Octavia Fellin reported that future conference sites are Roswell (1980), Albuquerque (1981), Las Cruces (1982) and Santa Fe (1983).

Documents: Jerry Zollars related the activities of the committee which included four area workshops for the State Documents Clearing House.

General Publicity and National Library Week: Flo Starkey told the members that she had sent twenty-two news releases to daily newspapers throughout the state concerning the NMLA Annual Conference. Also, news releases were sent out concerning National Library Week.

Legislation and Intellectual Freedom: Joe Sabatini reported on a very active year for the committee. The Shoffner Report called for a Public Access to Libraries (PAL) proposal. SB-168 addressed this proposal. NMLA hired attorney Torn Horan as a legislative advocate to promote SB-168 and other library related legislation. SB-168 passed the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate, but was tabled in the House. The bill called for an appropriation of \$295,000.

In other legislative related matters, HM-37 called for the Board of Educational Finance to make a study of library funding. HB- 473, which limits the number of copies of annual reports a state agency can publish, was passed, but the section repealing the State Documents Depository Act was eliminated.

The committee had recommended that NMLA purchase the film "The Speaker". The Association did not purchase the film, but the state Library did. It is scheduled to be shown twice during this conference.

Federal Relations Coordinator: Linda Lewis reported that the Carter administration has requested a reduction of spending on library related legislation. New postal regulations that would increase fourth-class postage are being considered by Congress.

Library Development: Vida Hollis related that the 1979-80 Goals and Work Program for NMLA were developed in response to input by participants in the New Mexico Conference on Libraries and Information Services. The Goals and Work Program will be published in the Newsletter after adoption by the Board.

The committee investigated how to generate income for NMLA. One result is the bumper stickers that are on sale at the conference.

Library Education: Cinda Ray reported that a new grants program, the Education Grants, was funded at \$1,000 for the fiscal year. The Job Enrichment Grants were continued. The Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship was reduced from \$1500 to \$1000 and the requirements and guidelines were changed. David Pinto was selected as the 1979 Marion Dorroh recipient. The Baker & Taylor Co. and ALA Junior Members Roundtable established a Grassroots Grants program. Leslie Head of ENMU and Lori Floyd of UNM received the award this year.

The committee also co-sponsored a Census Data workshop.

Organization of Continuing Education: Karen Watkins reported on a meeting in Albuquerque for the development of a coordinated approach to long-range planning for continuing library education. The attendees looked at the present status of Continuing Education in New Mexico and alternative approaches that show potential. They agreed that Karen and Ben Wakashige should be responsible for writing an action plan for Continuing Education in the state.

Membership and Awards: Cherrill Whitlow reported that, at the present time, there are 597 members of NMLA. She reminded everyone that changes in address should be reported to NMLA and the membership year is July 1 to June 30.

Publications and Mailings: Ben Wakashige stated that the committee has published five issues of the Newsletter. Laurel Drew was approved to continue as Newsletter editor and an honorarium was being awarded to the Newsletter editor for the first time this year. Advertising income is expected to exceed \$800 this first year.

Nominating Committee: Vida Hollis explained that the presidency of NMLA rotates among every division.<sup>1</sup> Zanier Lane was elected to be the incoming president. However, she is unable to serve as president for personal reasons. Mary Penland agreed to move up to candidate for president. Sally Garrett is candidate for 1st Vice-president and Joe Sabatini is candidate for 2nd Vice president. Other candidates are Julia Martinez, secretary, and Cecil Clotfelter, treasurer.

The meeting as adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Denis Roark, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup>This is a type of library employer rather than division. The rota recently has been: Public Libraries, School Libraries, Special Libraries and Academic Libraries. (2 from CUS Division in the rota; none from Trustees).  
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