The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m. by President Drew Harrington, who introduced the officers sitting on stage. She announced that three members of NMLA had passed away during the past year: Irene Peck, a former State Librarian; Edward Lujan, an Honorary Life Member, who was formerly associated with New Mexico Bookbinders; and Vida Hollis Gibson, a Past President of NMLA and former mayor of Cimarron.

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Secretary: Jeanette Smith announced that the minutes of the April 30, 1992, General Business Meeting were published in the March 1993 NMLA Newsletter as required by the Bylaws. Jeanette moved and Dinah Lea Jentgen seconded the motion that the minutes be accepted as printed. The motion carried.

Treasurer: David Null reported that the Association is in good financial shape. Both the Roswell and Farmington Conferences made between $9-$10,000. As of this morning there was $15,368.42 in the checking account, with an additional $4,200 in conference checks to be deposited. Dues are running a little ahead of last year. Advertising money is running ahead, thanks to Carol Myers. We have already received $1,685 this year, compared to $1,360 last year. There is currently $5,448.21 in the Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship account. Last year was the first year that money from the Silent Auction was deposited into the scholarship account. We will continue to do this. Last year the amount was $1,450.75 plus $312 from Conference registrations. Donations for the Marion Dorroh account this year were $573, about half as much as last year. Are people now donating to the New Mexico Library Foundation instead of the scholarship? NMLA has received $993 in contributions to the Foundation this year, which has been transferred to the Foundation. The Association has one CD at Merrill Lynch that is worth almost $18,000, and one CD at SunWest Bank that is worth almost $12,700. After this Conference, another $5-10,000 should be able to be moved into investments. The Association is planning to hold a planning retreat in May, and one of the major topics to be discussed is financial planning for the Association. Estimated profit from the Las Vegas Conference is $5-7,000. David moved and Judy Crocker seconded the motion that the Treasurer’s report be accepted. The motion carried.
First Vice President/Conference Chair: Alison Almquist received a round of applause as she rose to speak. Alison thanked the Co-Chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee, Ruben Aragon and George Wang, and the Local Arrangements Committee for their work on the Conference, and they received a round of applause. Alison asked that the members visit the Exhibits area to express their appreciation to the exhibitors. She also asked for support for the Silent Auction since the Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship depends upon it. Alison announced that the Library Instruction Round Table would hold a brief meeting in the auditorium directly after the General Business Meeting. She noted that the Educational Technology Round Table program "Client-Server Library Technology," scheduled for 8-10 a.m. on Friday morning, was cancelled.

Second Vice President: Barbara Billey reported that the 1992 mini-conference was held at New Mexico State University, Grants, on October 9, 1992. Approximately 87 persons attended, and a profit of approximately $900 was made. Seven programs were offered. Barbara thanked Fred Wilding-White and his staff for their assistance. She also thanked the divisions and round tables that sponsored programs.

ALA Councilor: Ben Wakashige reported that it has been an honor to represent NMLA to the ALA Council. Susie Sonflieth, elected last year, will now begin her term as ALA Councilor. Ben attended the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco and ALA Midwinter in Denver. He reported that ALA, with over 55,000 members, is alive and well and is one of the most democratic organizations with which he has been associated. ALA's financial situation is not as good as that of NMLA. The "Billions of Bucks for Billions of Books" program received some criticism by the ALA Council, and will not be sponsored by ALA Headquarters; however, other units such as the American Association of School Librarians will continue to sponsor it. In an editorial in the January 1993 issue, the editor of American Libraries addressed the issue of why he did not publish an article which implied that there have been some overexpenditures on the part of some ALA Executive Board members. The Council did not take an official position on this. The position of the Council and the Executive Board on Colorado Amendment Two is that ALA will not hold any conferences in Colorado until the amendment is overturned. Ben presented $100 to the Freedom to Read Foundation on behalf of NMLA. He would like to see some direct financial support from NMLA for the ALA legislative effort in Washington.
Newsletter Editor: Drew Harrington announced that former Newsletter editor Stefanie Wittenbach had taken a job in Dallas with AMIGOS. Chuck Baldonado served as interim editor. The new editor is Donnellyn Curtis. Donnie reported that she appreciated the number and quality of submissions to the last Newsletter. She enjoys working with the Lindseys and Carol Myer. Advertising has been increasing. The next Newsletter deadline is March 26. Donnie stated her E-mail address (dcurtis@lib.nmsu.edu), her FAX (646-4335), and her work phone (646-6926). In addition to Conference reports, Donnie would like to articles on successful library programs. A new feature added to the Newsletter is "NMLA Soapbox," a readers' forum.

State Librarian: Karen Watkins reported that the State Legislature is finishing up its work this week, and the status of the State Library’s budget request is not certain. However, it looks as though the current level of $200,000 will be maintained in addition to at least $300,000 for adult literacy. Karen thanked members of NMLA and the Legislation & Intellectual Freedom Committee for their support. It looks likely that there will be state money for a new bookmobile rather than federal money for the first time. Academic libraries have requested $3,000,000 for library acquisitions as part of the Christmas Tree Bill. It looks likely that there will be a mandate to study the feasibility of constructing a combined State Library/State Records and Archives center. The State Library issued an RFP for an integrated automated system, and has received proposals from several vendors. The State Library hopes that eventually the system will provide linkage to other state agencies and libraries and access to CD-ROM databases. The new children’s consultant is Karen Preuss, who worked with Karen McIntyre in coordinating Battle of the Books. The theme for the statewide reading program is "Quest for Enchantment: Treasure Reading." The revised state aid rules go into effect July 1. Emporia State University is offering a Master's degree in Library Science in New Mexico with the assistance of UNM. Over 60 students are enrolled in this popular and worthwhile program.

DIVISION REPORTS

College, University, and Special Libraries: Jenny Minter reported that the division completed its goals. A successful and well-attended workshop on basic networking was offered in Las Cruces in February. A mail survey on information exchange among members of the division did not get a good response. The CUS Conference program on Friday will be a panel discussion on the Library Alliance.
Public Libraries: Clara Rey reported that the division sponsored two workshops this year. The mini-conference program by Pat Boyd dealt with illiteracy, and an all-day workshop on managing problem patrons was held January 15 at the Albuquerque Public Library. The resource sharing goal was not completed, and will be included among next year’s goals. The division worked with the State Library in getting the word out to public libraries about what was happening in the State Legislature. The new Chair is Bambi Adams of Santa Fe Public and the new Vice-Chair is Lucie Olson of Socorro. The Conference program, co-sponsored with the Library Instruction Round Table, was a presentation on global literacy by Phil Yeh.

Services for Youth and School Libraries: Serena Douglas reported that SYSL has had a busy year, and thanked the Standards Committee for their work. Although the goals were not completed, progress was made, and the Standards Committee has volunteered to stay on for another year. Serena accompanied Barbara King to a Western Council of State Libraries workshop in March. The division and the State Library will encourage more cooperation between libraries and more regional meetings and training sessions. Serena expressed her delight that Karen Preuss is the new children’s specialist at the State Library. The division selected books for the Battle of the Books. The annual financial donation to the Land of Enchantment Program was made, and Louis Sachar will be the speaker at the SYSL breakfast. A committee was set up to look into the Free Books for Schools Program. A survey on conditions, standards, and needs was sent to 650 schools in New Mexico, and the results are being compiled. The division sponsored a panel discussion on standards, funding, statistics, and cooperation at the mini-conference. Kathleen Jones and Serena, the only members of the Networking Committee to meet, concluded that workshops at the regional level were a desirable goal. The division has been working with the State Library to develop an annual survey form similar to those sent to public libraries. The new Chair is Jerry Klopfen of New Mexico Military Institute. A pamphlet has been developed, which will be presented to the division and then to the Executive Board for approval of distribution to libraries and legislators.

ROUND TABLE REPORTS

Documents: Laurie Chaney reported that the goals were completed. A mini-conference program was presented by the Census Bureau on Native American census statistics. Charles Seavey presented the Conference program on maps. The new Chair is Kay Krehbiel of New Mexico Tech and the new Vice-Chair is Karen George of NMSU. As of March 8, 1993,
the round table has 48 members, and falls short of voting status on the Executive Board. Laurie encouraged NMLA members to join the Documents Round Table.

Educational Technology: Kathy Flanary reported that the round table has had a very busy year. They sponsored two programs at the mini-conference, "Quick Time" by David Smith and a program on outstanding videos presented by Cherrill Whitlow. They also co-sponsored the networking workshop in Las Cruces. There was great response to the round table’s survey. The topic with the most interest was multimedia/interactive media, then educational software, hypercard, health hazards of technology, computer responsibilities other than library applications, and voice activated computers. The round table’s programs for Conference reflected these interests. The interactive media program by Wendy Warren Brooks was reduced to a sharing of handouts as necessary equipment didn’t make it to Las Vegas. Carol Foley will repeat the "Multimedia Knowledge System" program on Friday. The new Vice-Chair is Jennifer Marquardt of Lew Wallace Elementary School in Albuquerque, and the work goals were approved.

Library Instruction Round Table: Betsy McGuckin reported that the round table co-sponsored two programs with the Public Libraries Division, the mini-conference program by Pat Boyd, and the Conference program by Phil Yeh. Because Ellanie Sampson was elected Second Vice President, the round table must find another Chair. Kris Wycisk from Albuquerque TVI, Montoya Campus, has agreed to have her name placed in nomination for Chair. There will be a brief round table business meeting immediately following the General Business Meeting.

Local and Regional History: Cheryl Wilson reported that the round table’s work program and goals were met. One of the goals was to promote the New Mexico Newspaper Project. Mary Elms, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, will be unable to serve as Chair. An election for Chair will be conducted on Friday. Peter Ives of Parish Library at UNM is the Vice-Chair nominee. Harry Myers, the Superintendent of Fort Union National Monument, will present the Conference program.

LUISA: Elvira Segura-Langton announced that LUISA stands for Library Usage and Information Services to Spanish-Speaking Americans. The Conference program was presented by poet Joe Somoza. All round table goals were met except for publishing a newsletter. A highlight was the co-sponsorship, with the Native American Round Table, of a
program at the mini-conference on the Hispanic-Native American encounter of 500 years ago. The new Vice-Chair is Adriana Ortega of Santa Fe Public Library.

Native American Libraries: Jeanne Gonzales reported that the round table will meet on Friday at their program presented by cross cultural consultant and author Jay De Groat. One of the goals of the round table is to encourage New Mexico Indian librarians to join NMLA and LUISA. The Vice-Chair nominee is Marcelino Chalan, an audiovisual aide at Santa Fe Indian School.

Online Round Table: Valerie Horton invited the membership to the round table program on Friday, a presentation by David Hughes on the National Research and Education Network, which is set to replace the Internet and Bitnet, and will revolutionize our libraries and lives.

Technical Services: Gary Mayhood reported that the round table was organized at the Farmington Conference. They have 53 members, and have achieved voting status. The round table sponsored a workshop presented by Anne Morgan and Hui-Yee Chang at the mini-conference. Barbara Spivey is the incoming Chair, and Mary Grathwol is the Vice-Chair nominee. Laura Kimberly from AMIGOS will present the Conference program on integrated MARC formats on OCLC. The round table will discuss inclusion of Collection Management personnel and affiliation with ALCTS-ALA. Gary expressed gratitude to round table and NMLA members for their support through the round table’s first year.

Trustees and Friends: Les Lesperance reported that 50% of the goals were met. There were about 40 attendees at the Conference program. The incoming Chair is Carol King.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards: Mary Grathwol reported that the committee selected seven individuals from 28 nominees for various awards. All award winners plan to attend the Awards Banquet. Seven presenters have been identified, and Namibeware plates have been prepared. Press releases have been prepared by Daryl Black of the Public Relations Committee.

Bylaws & Procedures: Cheryl Wilson announced that she would present a proposed change in the NMLA Bylaws later in the meeting.

Conference Site: No report. Drew Harrington noted that the 1994 Conference will be held in Albuquerque on April 26-30, 1994. The place in Albuquerque has not yet been determined.
Education: No report.

Legislation & Intellectual Freedom: Laurie Macrae reported that she attended the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco where she heard Gloria Steinem and Patricia Schroeder address the convention on the subject of declining federal and local support for libraries. Their words provided inspiration for the focus of the committee’s activities over the past year, which has been to mobilize support for libraries throughout the state, and to make legislators aware of the crisis in library funding. The committee held a series of three regional meetings hosted by librarians throughout the state. At these meetings they enlisted participation in the legislative network to reach state legislators regarding library funding issues and the importance of libraries throughout the state. They got good participation from librarians and library supporters in getting the network off the ground. Laurie thanked those who wrote and talked to legislators concerning the proposed cutting of state aid to libraries. Their quick action resulted in funding being restored. The committee also responded to a book challenge in Roswell with letters to the local newspaper and library board. The committee sponsored a Conference program attended by over 50 people presented by Roger Morris. Senator Pete Campos was unable to appear.

Library Development: Marilyn Reeves reported that the committee met in September and November to put together the goals and work program of the Association as a whole plus those of the divisions, round tables, and some committees. The goals and work programs were published in the preconference Newsletter, and will be presented for acceptance by the Executive Board at its Saturday meeting.

Drew announced that since an Education Committee report was not given, she would announce that five $1,000 scholarships were awarded for library education toward a Master’s degree to Harriet Meiklejohn, John Kemp, Bettina Romero, Kathleen LeFebre, and Alicia Busch. The $1,500 Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Jacqueline Etulain.

Local Arrangements Committee: Ruben Aragon reported that 36 people attended the Historic Las Vegas Guided Tour on Wednesday, and 12 people have registered for the art tour on Saturday. There were 387 people preregistered for the Conference. There were 31 registrations at the Conference, making a total of 418 total registrations, 257 members, and 161 non-members. The Silent Auction received 414 items with a value of over $10,000. The Showcase of Artists received donations of 28 items. 96 people have signed up for Las
Vegas Casino Night and buffet. This event supports the New Mexico Library Foundation. More than $1,300 in prizes were donated by local merchants and other organizations for this event. 62 exhibit booths were sold. 59 vendors have appeared, plus 16 non-profit organization tables. There are 179 people signed up for the banquet, with tickets still available. About 41 people have registered for the Post Conference on Saturday. Drew thanked Ruben, George Wang, and the Local Arrangements Committee for their work, and they received a round of applause.

Membership: Joe Sabatini reported that the committee did some design work on the membership brochure, with some more work to come. They revised the application form, including a notice to post or pass on to a colleague, and adding a check-off box to exclude oneself from being on a mailing list sold by NMLA. The membership count is approximately 570, 10 down from a year ago, but stable. The official count on March 2, 1993, was 528 personal members. All divisions and round tables except the Documents Round Table will have voting status. The committee will continue to look at methods of promoting membership.

Nominations and Elections: Daryl Black reported that the committee counted ballots on March 8. 240 votes were cast for Treasurer and 239 for Second Vice President. Nominees for Treasurer were Virginia Seiser and Katie Kierst. Nominees for Second Vice President were Kathy Flanary, Karen McPheeters, and Ellanie Sampson. Ellanie Sampson, the Director of the Truth or Consequences Public Library, was elected incoming Second Vice President, and Virginia Seiser of UNM was elected Treasurer. Letters were sent to all who ran for office.

Public Relations: Daryl Black reported that the committee is working on a fast-paced fun video to promote NMLA. They hope to have it ready for next year's Conference. The committee is soliciting good black and white still photos, color slides or transparencies, and 1/2" videotape. Arnold Trujillo volunteered to document the Conference with photos and videotape. Press releases were prepared for the award winners and new officers. The committee has a Swap and Share Booth in the Exhibits area. A booklet based on the "Library Fund Raising 101" program is for sale for $10, and can be purchased from Karen McPheeters. The committee's goals are to complete the video and to update the public relations handbook.

Drew congratulated the new officers Ellanie Sampson and Virginia Seiser, and they received a round of applause.
**OTHER REPORTS**

**Liaison to the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy:** Kathy Costa stated that librarians need to be aware and help each other in literacy issues. Kathy received official appointments to the Board of the Coalition and to its Planning Committee. Membership in the Coalition is free. Its annual meeting will be held in Socorro on June 18.

**Special Committee on Automation and Networking:** Allen Schwartz announced that this is the last report of the committee. The committee accomplished its first task, to revise the NMLA Long Range Automation Plan, but could not accomplish its second task, to examine networking in New Mexico. This topic will be discussed at the NMLA planning retreat in May.

**Special Committee on a Permanent Executive Director:** John Brewster reported that this committee met after the Wednesday Executive Board meeting. They continue their commitment to working toward an Executive Director position and believe that the financial commitment will be more than offset by the benefits to the Association. The committee will continue to work on funding options. This topic will also be discussed at the planning retreat.

Drew Harrington noted that there has been a decision to conduct a long-range planning retreat in mid-May. There will be 30 delegates representing different geographical areas and types of libraries in New Mexico. Topics discussed will include library networking, long-range financial planning, and the issue of an Executive Director. The Association will pay lodging and meals for the delegates. The delegates will pay their own transportation. The retreat may be held at Glorieta. Division and round table chairs are accepting names of potential delegates.

**Special Committee on Funding Roles of NMLA/NMLF:** Kathy Flanary reported that the New Mexico Library Foundation was organized to raise money to be spent only on NMLA. The committee met before the Fall Executive Board meeting in Silver City. They decided that monies will be spent in the broad categories of professional development, scholarships, and programming and related materials. They did not feel that it was appropriate to spend monies on salaries. They did not want to give state officials, school administrators or mayors the idea that they can quit funding libraries and librarianship because the Foundation is in existence. The committee will collect guidelines from other foundations as a basis of establishing application and award processes.
New Mexico Library Foundation: George Marr reported that the Foundation is less than a year old. It was formed at the General Business Meeting at the Farmington Conference. Organizational work has been done by the trustees, and an attractive brochure was designed by Daryl Black. The Foundation has filed for 501 (c) (3) status with the IRS. Over $5,000 has been received in donations mainly from librarians. The balance at the end of the year was $3,700. They have launched several advertising campaigns, and have obtained the names of vendors at Conference. 104 charter donors will receive bookmarks at the first birthday party. The bookmarks are also for sale. Proceeds from the Las Vegas Casino Night are going to the Foundation. They are also launching a direct mail campaign and planning a Celebrity Celebration. During the Conference the Foundation issued a small but symbolic check to support the programs of NMLA.

ITEMS FOR MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL

Dissolution and Merger of the Publications Committee into the Public Relations Committee: Cheryl Wilson announced that at last year's General Business Meeting the membership voted to dissolve the Publications Committee. In order for the NMLA Bylaws to reflect this change as printed in the preconference Newsletter, the word "Publications" will be changed to "Public Relations" so that the responsibilities of the former Publications Committee will become the responsibilities of the Public Relations Committee. On behalf of the Bylaws & Procedures Committee Cheryl moved and Mary Penland seconded the motion that the proposed Bylaws change as published in the preconference Newsletter be approved. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Drew Harrington announced that those wishing to volunteer to be delegates to the planning retreat should contact Barbara Billey, Alison Almquist, Drew, or the chair of their division or round table, preferably before NMLA leaves Las Vegas.

NEW BUSINESS

Daryl Black named and thanked the 1992-1993 NMLA officers, and called for a round of applause for them.

Marilyn Fletcher, the Coordinator of the New Mexico Newspaper Project, gave an update on the project. An article
will be submitted to the Newsletter. The project is sponsored and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Two years from now Marilyn plans to do a presentation on the project at Conference. She presented a certificate from the project to NMLA expressing thanks for its support.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Betsy McGuckin announced that the Library Instruction Round Table would meet immediately after the General Business Meeting.

Drew Harrington announced that the Newsletter deadline was March 26, and that articles should be submitted to Donnie Curtis.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Smith
Secretary