

New Mexico Library Association
General Business Meeting
Ruidoso Civic Center, Ruidoso, New Mexico
April 28, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Barbara Billey who welcomed attendees to the 72nd Annual Conference and introduced by officers.

Officer, Newsletter Editor, State Librarian, and New Mexico Library Foundation Reports

Secretary: Marilyn Reeves announced that the minutes of the April 28, 1994 General Business Meeting had been published in the March 1995 Newsletter as required by the By-Laws. Joe Sabatini moved and Betty Long seconded that they be accepted as published. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Virginia Seiser reported that NMLA's general fund balance includes \$26,874.30 in checking, \$15,000 in reserve in a three-year certificate of deposit, and \$3,477.16 in short term reserves in a Merrill Lynch Ready Assets account. Funds not yet deposited include membership paid during the month of April and conference registration paid at the door. Outstanding invoices to be collected total \$3,579.00. Some major bills have not yet been received for some conference expenses so it is too early to determine whether the conference will break even. The Mini conference was a financial success earning \$1,440 after expenses.

First Vice-President/1995 Conference Chair: Kathy Flanary reported that the Conference would serve as her report with nothing new to say at this time.

Second Vice-President: Jennifer Minter announced that the Mini Conference was a huge success. She has been making preliminary contacts for the 1996 conference to be held in Las Cruces at the Oñate High School March 6-9. The banquet is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 7 at the Las Cruces Hilton. She is researching the possibility of shuttle buses from various hotels to the high school. She is currently assembling the local arrangements committee.

ALA Councilor: Susie Sonflieth reported that she had attended both the ALA Annual Conference in Miami Beach in June and the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia in February. She participated in both Chapter and Council Caucus sessions learning about issues. She participated in the Legislative Training pre-conference in Miami and the Library Advocacy Now! Training in Philadelphia. ALA is in the process of restructuring and reassessing priorities to become more responsive to the needs of the library field. ALA Goal 2000 is a five year initiative to position the American Library Association as a force for the public interest in the emerging electronic information infrastructure and to secure the role of libraries and librarians in the 21st century. New Mexico presently has 326 ALA members.

Newsletter Editor: Donnie Curtis reminded everyone that the deadline for the next issue is May 1. Special Interest Groups need to send their annual report to Marilyn Reeves.

State Librarian: Karen Watkins reported on the status of the Statewide Internet Project. The State Library began by making grants to libraries. Thirty-two libraries for first round grants. The State Library is continuing negotiations for toll-free internet access and hopes to have this by early summer.

New Mexico Library Foundation: In George Marr's absence, Kathy Flanary reminded everyone about the raffle for the airline tickets, the Henriette Wyeth book, and the prints. The drawing will be held at noon.

Committee Chairs

Archivist: Paul Agriesti sent word that the archives are in good shape.

Awards: Linda Avery announced that five recipients were given awards at the banquet Thursday evening. Montgomery Phister, Ruth Farley, William Fulginiti, and the George O'Keeffe Friends of the Library received the New Mexico Library Amigo Award. Representative David Townsend received the Legislator of the Year award. Linda asked everyone to be thinking of awards and send nominations to the new Awards Committee chair Karen Stabler.

By-Laws and Procedures: Cheryl Wilson reported that no changes had been proposed.

Conference Site: Stan Ruckman announced that the 1996 Conference will be held March 6-9 in Las Cruces. The 1997 Conference will be in Santa Fe April 9-12.

Education: Gary Mayhood reported that the Education Committee had granted three Education Grants of \$200 each to Roger Steeb from NMSU, Norice Lee from Dona Ana Community College Library, and Bettina Romero from Las Vegas Medical Center and two professional grants to Karen George from NMSU and Lori Snyder from Rio Rancho Public Library. There are five \$50 scholarships pending for the Internet course offered through Eastern New Mexico University at the Annual Conference. The Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Melissa Haraughty of Eastern New Mexico University who is attending classes on a part time basis leading to a Master's in Library Science at North Texas State University. The committee again sponsored the First Time Attendee's contest, and again, through the generosity of David Keyes of A.C.T. Systems in Santa Fe, were able to offer two prizes this year. The winners were Kathy Barco from the Taylor Branch of Albuquerque Public Library and Teddie Payne a student in the library tech program at Dona Ana Community College and part-time employee at the NMSU library. Four poster sessions were sponsored at the Annual Conference.

Legislation and Intellectual Freedom: Joe Sabatini reported that \$8 million was received through G.O. Bonds passed by the voters in November. There were a few pieces of "Collections and Connections" which were brought back to the 1995 Legislature for funding. Of these, only the training component (\$100,000) made it through the Legislature, but it was line item vetoed by the governor. The State Library/Records Center and Archives merger was vetoed by the governor due to the size of the commission that would govern it. Management from the two agencies is beginning to revise the proposed reorganization language. The new Officer of Cultural Affairs is Gary Morton, and NMLA needs to correspond with him to let him know what NMLA is, what NMLA does, and where NMLA wants to go. House Joint Memorial 25 requested the State Department of Education to revise educational standards to reflect the need for licensed library media specialists in the public schools. It passed the house but was not heard in the Senate so did not take effect. The Committee will be working on the 1996 Legislation.

Development Committee: Betty Reynolds was not at the meeting but her committee recommended that the goals of the Association be retained.

Membership: Mary Grallwol reported there are currently 526 members of NMLA – 504 personal and 22 institutional.

Members At Large: No reports from Kris Wycisk representing College Libraries, Dinah Jentgen representing School and Young Adult Librarians, or Lucie Olson representing Public Libraries.

Nominations and Elections: Alison Almquist announced that Betty Long from Roswell Public Library had been elected to serve as Second Vice-President. Nova Duhrsen, librarian at Oñate High School in Las Cruces, was elected to serve as Treasurer. Elected Members At Large are Mary Pat Kraemer of Los Alamos County Library (Public Libraries representative), Kathy Matter, librarian at APS John Baker Elementary (School and Young Adult Librarians Representative), and Virginia Seiser of UNM General Library (College Libraries Representative).

Public Relations: Karen McPheeters reported that the committee will continue its efforts to coordinate a statewide public relations campaign to promote libraries and reading in New Mexico. This campaign will take place during National Library Week 1996.

Special Interest Groups

There were no reports from Special Interest Groups.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Kathy Costa, the liaison for the Public Library Special Interest Group, reported that the speaker for the afternoon meeting had to cancel but did send a report.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.