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Page 1 New Mexico Library Association
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Page 5 The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the New Mexico Library Association was called to order by the president, Mr. Arthur M. McAnally, Librarian, University of New Mexico, in the auditorium of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on Friday morning, October 31, 1947. Mrs. Treseider, librarian, welcomed the group and introduced Mr. E.G. Shannon, who gave a further greeting and a short inspiring speech regarding the library profession.

The secretary, Mrs. Barbara Paddock Carroos, read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved as read.

Mrs. Evelyn Bauer, treasurer, read the attached [following] treasurer's report. The report was approved as read.

[begin attached treasurer's report]

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Financial Report
1946 - 1947

RECEIPTS:

Balance from preceding year	\$ 87.81
Membership dues (11/46 to 10/30/47)	<u>39.00</u>
Total	126.81

DISBURSEMENTS:

Bank services charges (12/46 to 9/47)	\$ 5.74
State Library Commission, Library Bull. (12/44/46)	50.00
Travel expenses for group from Albuquerque in connection with Certification bill (2/27/47)	7.50
Meals for above group (2/27/47)	7.44
Southwestern Library Assoc. Membership (7/14/27)	6.60
Postage and supplies (9/18/47)	<u>6.08</u>
Total	83.36
Balance on hand	<u>\$ 43.45</u>

[end of attachment]

Page 6 Miss Lillian Swenson, Librarian, State College, D.B., made several announcements concerning the Friday noon luncheon, open house at the Prichard Books and Stationery Co. Friday afternoon and the banquet Friday evening.

The president introduced the speaker of the morning, Mrs. Helen D. Farrington, Librarian, El Paso Public Library. Mrs. Farrington spoke on public relations, which she defined as finding out what the public likes and doing more about it and finding out what the public does not like and doing less about it. Libraries are public service agents. The public values what it pays for, let the public know how the library is supported, its purpose and what it does. Mrs. Farrington elaborated on the following points: library buildings - many public libraries are built with little consideration for users; public conception of the public librarian - sour-puss librarians are fast becoming extinct, let's keep it that way and let's let the public know it; atmosphere in the library - improved by a program which includes a good health program for the staff, staff meetings, authority designated, a staff manual, appreciation by supervisors of work well done, and a staff association; book selection and rules - consider locale when selecting books for a public library; make rules for public as simple and unobtrusive as possible; telephone technique - train staff to use accepted telephone courtesy rules;

Page 7 correspondence - are letters and forms coming out of the library polite or sour? Special collections and displays in library; advertising - how is library represented in clubs and community activities? Advertising depends also on local publications. After her talk Mrs. Farrington introduced an informal discussion concerning experiences and problems of other libraries in regard to public relations. Subjects discussed were large problem of obsolete books, lost books, overdue books, and inventories.

Miss Shuler, chairman of the committee on retirement and security, was called upon by the president for a report. She announced that the retirement plan adopted by the state legislature in the 1947 session appeared to be very desirable. A discussion followed which pointed out its advantages.

There was no other business for the morning session and the meeting was adjourned.

The Friday afternoon session was called to order by the president at 1:30

Mrs. Elsa Smith Thompson, Librarian, Albuquerque Public Library, read the Certification Law for Librarians which was passed by the state legislature March 2, 1947, a copy of which is attached hereto [following]. A discussion followed concerning what stand the library association will take concerning the applications of the law, publication, which eleven members voted in favor of and seven against.

[begin attached Certification Law for Librarians]

Passed March 12, 1947.

Final draft.

CERTIFICATION LAW FOR LIBRARIES

The state library commission is hereby authorized to issue certificates to librarians. It shall have authority to prescribe and hold examinations, or require submission of credentials to establish the qualifications of those seeking certificates as librarians, and to issue certificates of librarianship to qualified persons, in accordance with such reasonable rules and regulations as it may provide.

Applications. The state library commission shall grant professional librarians' certificates without examination to applicants who are graduates of library schools accredited by the American Library Association for general library training, and shall grant professional librarians' certificates to other applicants when it has satisfied itself by examination that the applicant has attainments and abilities equivalent to those of a library school graduate and is qualified to carry on library work ably and efficiently. All applications shall be in writing on blanks provided for the purpose by the state library commission, and each application shall be accompanied by the proper fee.

Librarians now acting. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to affect any librarian at this time in his or her position. Such librarians as are now acting shall be entitled to receive certificates in accordance with positions now held.

Who may apply. Any person who is actively engaged in, or who expects to engage actively in library service may apply for a certificate, either with or without examination, and if found competent and qualified shall be granted the certificate so applied for, in the manner and upon the payment of the fees provided for in this act.

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Temporary certificates. Upon submission of satisfactory evidence that no qualified librarian is available for appointment as chief librarian, a temporary certificate, valid for one year, may be issued upon written application of the library board or governing body. Such temporary certificate shall not be renewed or extended and shall not be valid beyond the date for which it is issued.

Fees. The state library commission shall require a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) to be paid by each applicant for a certificate, except that a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) shall be required of an applicant who applies for a certificate by examination. Money paid as fees shall be deposited with the state treasurer, and shall continue a separate and distinct account, to be used to defray expenses incurred in the administration of this act, in accordance with law; Provided, that all monies so derived from fees shall constitute a revolving fund and that no part there of shall in any even revert at the end of any fiscal year.

Applications. After January 1, 1948, no library supported in part or in entirety by public funds and having a total annual appropriation of over five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) shall have in its employ, in the position of chief librarian a person who does not hold a professional librarian's certificated issued by the state library commission. This measure shall not be interpreted to apply to the libraries of public schools.

Violations; Penalty. No public funds shall be paid to any library failing to comply with the provisions of this act.

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Publication. The state library commission shall issue annually a list of all persons holding librarians' certificates.

Committee on Certification,
New Mexico Library Association

Arthur M. McAnally, Chairman
Salome Anthony
Arie Poldervaart

[end of attachment]

Page 8 In the absence of the chairman of the State Library Commission, Mrs. Julia Brown Asplund, the vice-chairman, Mrs. Burton Dwyer, greeted the organization for the commission. She announced that Mrs. Asplund recently had been honored by being appointed a trustee of the American Library Association and that she is interested in organizing a Trustee Division of the New Mexico Library Association. Mrs. Dwyer read the specific aims and purposes of a trustee's division as recommended by the American Library Association and asked that the librarians and trustees present give it thought and consideration during the year so that definite action might be take at the next annual meeting.

Mrs. Irene D. Peck, Director of the State Library Extension Service, gave a report on the state matching fund which was begun in 1945 and 1946. It is both an effort to state new libraries and strengthen existing libraries. The requirements are simple: if the local library can get an appropriation of tax funds of \$200 to \$500 the state will match it. In 1945 and 46 ten local libraries throughout the state qualified. In 1946 and 47 thirteen libraries qualified. Thus far thirteen libraries have qualified for the 1947-48 year. The stimulation this help and interest has given many small libraries has been most satisfactory and gratifying Mrs. Peck reported, but the large field for further work is very apparent.

Page 9 Mrs. Peck also explained the State Educational Survey - which is to be a survey of education throughout the state made by a committee appointed by the governor. Mrs. Peck expressed the feeling that the state library facilities should be represented in the report. There is some possibility that Miss Helen Ridgeway from A.L.A. headquarters could be obtained to come out and work with the committee and incorporate her report with the education survey report where it is presented to the legislature in its 1949 session.

Following Mrs. Peck's reports Mc. McAnally led a discussion concerning the possibility of establishing a trustees division of the New Mexico Library Association. Board members present seemed to express the general opinion that such a division would be a desirable step forward. No action was taken.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned for the day.

The Saturday morning session was called to order by the president at 9:30.

Miss Theresa M. Gillett, chief cataloger, University of New Mexico Library, gave an address entitled "Experience with the new Cataloging Rules." Miss Gillett pointed out that the demand and need for new catalog rules has been evident for many years and therefore the new catalog rules published by the American Library Assoc.

Page 10 last June were very welcome. She explained the major differences between the old and the new rules. The new rules permitted a great deal more liberty, irrelevant material may be omitted, capitalization conforms more to regular rules, the cataloger is expected to use discrimination but may have more freedom. Miss Gillett said that the lack of detail would not lead to consistency but only the perfectionist would find this important and there are many more important matters to be given time than these small inconsistencies. The final form of the A.L.A. rules is to be published next year. The University has adopted the new rules with a few reservations. The new rules should save a great deal of time but whether they are practical will have to be seen after use, if time saved by the cataloger makes more work for other members of the staff it would not be worthwhile.

Mr. McAnally read a letter from the American Library Association which notified the New Mexico Library Association that it had been given chapter affiliation in A.L.A. Miss Hefling, who had been appointed temporary representative by the president, sent a report of the session of the council held at the American Library Association meeting in San Francisco this summer. The value of a councilor was brought out by Miss Hefling's report which was read by Miss Ruth Russell, also of the University of

Page 11 New Mexico library. In a report of A.L.A. membership by Miss Hefling and read by Miss Russell, the advantages of A.L.A. membership were explained.

The president announced the survey plans of the Southwestern Library Association. Mrs. Peck explained that the Southwestern Association is very anxious to have an American Library Association representative, preferably Miss Ridgeway, come to work for a period in the southwest, and they have voted \$250 toward her expenses. It is hoped that this will tie in with the survey planned in connection with the New Mexico State Educational Survey. Mrs. Peck moved that the New Mexico Library Association express its approval and appreciation of the American Library Association's effort to aid the southwest by sending a representative from headquarters to work for a period in the area. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously.

The president also announced that he had been notified that a Rocky Mountain Library Association was being formed and that the New Mexico library Association was invited to join. A discussion followed, the opinion seemed to be that New Mexico more rightfully belonged in the southwestern association, no action was taken.

The president announced the proposal of the Nevada Library Association for a

Page 12 regional American Library Association office in the west. Mrs. Peck expressed the feeling that it was unnecessary, she moved that we go on record against the formation of a regional office of the American Library Association in the west. Mrs. Tressidor seconded the motion. There was no discussion, it was voted unanimously.

Mr. McAnally announced the proposal that the annual library meetings alternate between the American Library Association and regional associations. Mr. Poldervaart expressed the opinion that this seemed to be a general trend of the times and that it had many advantageous aspects. He moved that we go on record as approving the proposal. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Peck. A discussion followed. It was unanimously voted.

The president called upon Mrs. Mildred Barrett of State College, chairman of the nominating committee, who presented the following slate:

President:	Miss Evelyn Shuler, Raton Public Library
Vice-President:	Dr. Edward Werner, State Teachers College, Silver City
Secretary:	Miss Virginia Williams, University of New Mexico Library
Treasurer:	Miss Evelyn Fitzhugh, Hot Springs Public Library

Mrs. Barrett moved that this slate be accepted. Mrs. Tressidor seconded the motion. Miss Shuler was called upon for a few words of welcome

Page 13 and Mr. McAnally relinquished the meeting to her.

The new president, Miss Shuler, called upon Mr. Arie Poldervaart, University of New Mexico Law Librarian, to read the report of the resolutions committee. The resolutions were read and discussed. Miss Lusk moved that the resolutions as appended, hereto be approved. Miss Dewey seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.

Mr. McAnally and Mrs. Thompson invited the group to Albuquerque for the 1948 meeting. Miss Dewey moved that we accept the king invitation with thanks and graditude [sic]. Miss Swenson seconded the motion. It was voted unanimously. Miss Swenson also suggested that the date of the convention be announced earlier than had been the plan in the past as it would be more convenient for members planning to attend the meeting. A discussion followed.

The treasurer, Miss Evelyn Bauer, suggested that it might be advisable to increase dues since the treasury fund was hardly large enough to take care of present expenses. A discussion followed. Miss Bauer moved that the by-laws be amended to increase the annual dues from \$1.00 to \$2.00. Miss Cornell seconded the motion. Mr. McAnally suggested that it would be more convenient to have the effective date set for the fall of 1948. Miss Bauer amended her move.

[begin attached Resolutions made by the Association]

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION
Las Cruces, New Mexico, October. 31 - Nov. 1, 1947

Resolutions made by the Association

The New Mexico Library Association in annual meeting assembled at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on October 31 and November 1, 1947, RESOLVES that:

- (1) The American Library Association be commended for agreeing to send a field worker to the Southwest to make a survey of library service and to make recommendations as to its improvement.
- (2) The Association recommend to the proper state authorities that the educational role of libraries in the state be considered and recognized by the New Mexico Educational Survey Committee and that a review of library facilities in New Mexico be made as a portion of the educational survey now in progress.
- (3) The New Mexico Library Association through its newly elected officers consider the advisability of establishing a trustees' or board members' section of the Association.
- (4) The Association endorses most heartily the activities and policies of the New Mexico State Library Commission and the New Mexico Library Extension Service.
- (5) The Association expresses its appreciation to Mrs. Irene S. Peck, Mrs. Rupert F. Asplund, Mrs. Kathlyn Blakey, Mrs. Elsa S. Thompson, Mrs. C. M. Botts, Mrs. Eleanor Mazurek, Miss Salome Anthony, Miss Evlyn Bauer, Mrs. Arthur M. McAnally and Mr. Arie Poldervaart for their untiring efforts in connection with the preparation and passage of the library certification measure by the 1947 legislature.
- (6) The Association commends the action of the State Legislature at its 1947 session in providing increased funds for the matching fund library program, and for passage of the certification bill.
- (7) The Association expresses its gratitude to Miss Lillian J. Swenson, Mrs. Mary E. F. Tressidor and their able assistants, complimenting them for the splendid job they have done in entertaining the 1947 annual convention in Las Cruces.
- (8) The Association expresses its appreciation to the officers and several committees for their faithful service and to Mr. E. G. Shannon, Mrs. Helen S. Farrington, the Prichard Book and Stationery Co., Prof. Kenneth Bender, President John R. Nichols, Dean J.W. Branson, Dr. Eugene O. Porter and Miss Theresa W. Gillett for their part in making this annual meeting a success.

Respectfully submitted,

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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Page 14 Miss Cornell agreed. There was no further discussion and the motion was voted unanimously.

Miss Swenson moved that the association contribute \$50.00 toward the publication of the New Mexico Library Bulletin. Mr. McAnally seconded Miss Swenson's motion. Mrs. Peck explained the publication of the bulletin. A discussion followed. Dr. Poldervaart suggested that pertinent reports of the association meeting might be published in the bulletin when advisable and when space is available. Miss Swenson's motion was voted unanimously.

Miss Tressidor said a few words of thanks for cooperation in making the conference so successful. Miss Swenson seconded her appreciation.

Mrs. Peck made an announcement concerning the list of books on homemaking which is being distributed by the New Mexico Home Economics Association and asked the librarians to cooperate with them in their efforts to circulate books on homemaking.

Mrs. Dwyer asked that the question of a library trustees division be given serious consideration before the next meeting and that trustees be given special invitations to attend the next annual meeting.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara P. Carroon, Sec.

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Page 17 The 25th anniversary meeting of the New Mexico Library Association was called to order by the president, Miss Evelyn Shuler, Librarian of the Raton Public Library, in the Greer room of the Hilton Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on Friday morning, October 15, 1948. Mr. Owen Marron, Acting Chairman of the City Commission, welcomed the group to Albuquerque, Miss Shuler gave a short response and reminded everyone that the association had been organized in Albuquerque 25 years ago.

Mrs. Irene G. Peck, Director of the State Library Extension Service, was introduced by the president as the speaker of the morning. "Library Service in New Mexico" was the subject of her talk in which Mrs. Peck gave a summary of the recent survey of library service in New Mexico which was incorporated in to the Educational Survey Report made by Mr. Simmons, field director of the survey. This survey outlines, in brief, the kind of public library service available in New Mexico at the time of the survey; a recommended national plan for extending public library service; and a state plan for developing library service in New Mexico. Mrs. Peck

Page 18 discussed the existing library service in the state. There are 34 public libraries in New Mexico but 7 counties have no library. The creating of the State Library Commission in 1941 greatly facilitated service. During 1947, with the help of the field librarian and car, 30,000 books were circulated. In 1943, the per capita support of libraries in the state was 10¢; in 1945 it was 27¢. The A.L.A. minimum standard for adequate service is \$1.27 per capita. However, New Mexico is not alone in such sub-standard service, for it is prevalent in other states. The survey recommended Federal aid to public libraries and organizations of larger units of service as possible means of extending library service nationally. Miss Ridgeway, public library specialist of the A.L.A., studied New Mexico's system of public library service and suggested a district type of organization under such a system the state would be divided into seven tentative [sic] regions with a branch library in each area. Each library would have a permanent, state paid staff and a large book collection supplemented by pamphlets and records. These branches would augment the resources of existing small libraries and school libraries.

Page 19 Miss Shuler expressed the gratitude of the Association for the work of the Albuquerque librarians in planning the meeting. Telegrams of congratulations and best wishes from the A.L.A., Southwestern Library Association and Sue Goree were read by the secretary.

The secretary, Miss Virginia Williams, read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved as read.

The first business to be discussed was the formation of a trustees division of the New Mexico Library Association. Dues of \$1.00 per year was suggested by the executive board. Members of this division will be associate members of the Association.

Mrs. Fitzhugh, treasurer, read the attached treasurer's report, which was approved as read.

[begin attached Financial Report]

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Financial Report

1947 - 1948

RECEIPTS:

Balance from preceding year	\$ 43.45
Membership Dues (11/47 - 10/48)	<u>59.00</u>
Total	\$102.45

DISBURSEMENTS:

Bank Charges October '47 - October '48	\$ 2.56
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Check to Barbara Carroon March 5, 1948	3.15
State Library Commission for Library Bulletin, May 26, 1948	50.00
Aiken Letter Shop Albuquerque for mimeographing Convention letters, Sept. 1948	<u>8.25</u>
Total	\$ 63.96
Balance on Hand	\$ 38.49

(Mrs.) Evelyn R. FitzHugh [signature]
Treasurer

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Page 20 Mrs. Peck then told the Association that she had had requests for the "New Mexico Library Bulletin" from outside the state. The "Bulletin" is published in cooperation with the State Law Library and only 800 copies are printed per quarter, thus limiting its availability. The question was raised as to whether the association should contribute more money to the publishing costs.

Several announcements were made by Mrs. Elsa Thompson concerning the noon luncheons for librarians and for trustees, the tea at the Ernie Pyle Branch Library, and the evening banquet.

Miss Helen Hefling, New Mexico representative to the A.L.A. urged everyone to renew their memberships to A.L.A. New Mexico had one of the highest percentages of increased membership to A.L.A. during the past two year period, according to Miss Hefling.

Mr. Arie Poldervaart, Librarian, College of Law, University of New Mexico, read and explained the certification law for librarians in New Mexico. These followed a short discussion of the problems presented by the law.

Miss Shuler then appointed Miss Emma Parsons, Librarian, Highlands University, Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Page 21 Mrs. Burton Dwyer called attention to the fact that Governor Mabry's proclamation of Library Week in New Mexico was particularly well worded. Radio programs, forums and spot announcements were featured during this week.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

The Friday afternoon session was devoted to a panel discussion on "Southwesterners View Latin America." Participating in the discussion were Mr. Arthur McAnally, Dr. R.M. Duncan, Dr. L.R. Tireman and Dr. Albert Lopes, all of the University of New Mexico.

The Saturday morning session was called to order by the President at 9:30 on the mezzanine of the Hilton Hotel.

Mrs. Evelyn Fitzhugh, Treasurer, reported registration of 55 librarians, 24 of which were new members, and 9 trustees.

Miss Helen McIntyre, Order Librarian, University of New Mexico, spoke on "Book ordering and Book Buying aids." Her talk outlined the factors which guide book selection; the many general and specialized book selection

Page 22 aids; and the procedures to be used in the actual ordering of books. A discussion period followed.

In the ensuing business session, Mrs. Burton Dwyer, Vice-Chairman of the New Mexico Library Commission, reported on the organization of the trustees section. At the trustees' luncheon of October 15, 1948, the following officers were elected:

Chairman:	Mrs. C.M. Botts of Albuquerque
Vice-Chairman:	Mrs. C.C. Mumma of Farmington
Secretary:	Mrs. Ben Simpkins of Hatch

Mrs. Dwyer added that one of their chief objectives for this year would be the addition of new members.

Mr. McAnally expressed the appreciation of the association for Mrs. Julia Asplund's untiring work in furthering library development in New Mexico.

Miss Evelyn Bauer, Librarian of the Museum of New Mexico, was appointed chairman of a group to study ways in which the primary source materials relating to the history of New Mexico can be located and preserved. Miss Bauer suggested that any organization or library that had an historical collection should notify the Museum of New Mexico of

Page 23 their holdings. Other members of this committee, appointed by Miss Shuler, were: Mrs. Charlotte Gaylord, Mrs. Evelyn Fitzhugh, Miss Ruth Russell and Miss Evelyn Shuler.

Miss Octavia Fellin, Librarian of the Gallup Public Library, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, reported on national legislation affecting libraries. The new postal rates and a plan to make the Library of Congress a National Library were discussed. Miss Jane Bradt, also a member of the Legislative Committee, reported on the status of the A.L.A. National Relations Office in Washington, D.C. Miss Dewey, another member of the Legislative Committee, discussed the Reintroduction of the Library Demonstration Bill in the 81st Congress.

Miss Genevieve Porterfield, Reference Librarian, University of New Mexico, Chairman of the Committee on Recruiting for Librarianship suggested that each member of the Association should recruit one prospective librarian. Personal contact seems to be the most

effective way of recruitment. Mrs. Peck suggested that more effort should be made to recruit Spanish speaking librarians for New Mexico. Mrs. Thompson reported that Miss Bradt

Page 24 had a Spanish American helper working with her who was interested in librarianship.

Mr. Edward Werner, Librarian State Teachers College, Silver City, New Mexico, Chairman of the Committee on Intellectual Freedom, was unable to attend the meeting, so no report of the Committee was available.

Governor Mabry's Library Week Proclamation, which is here attached, was read by the Secretary.

[attached Library Week Resolution]

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
Santa Fe, New Mexico

WHEREAS, during the last few years great progress has been made in the availability of books to the people of the State of New Mexico because of the splendid work done by members of the New Mexico State Library Commission, the New Mexico Library Association, and by many individuals, and

WHEREAS, it is essential that adequate libraries be maintained in cities and towns in our state, and that books be made available to individuals who do not have access to libraries, in order to provide the people of our state with this form of wholesome entertainment, as well as with opportunities to further their education, now

THEREFORE, I, THOMAS J. MABRY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, do hereby proclaim the week of October 10 to 16, 1948 as

LIBRARY WEEK
in
New Mexico

and I urge that schools, organizations and individual appropriately observe this occasion and they familiarize themselves with the fine work that is being carried on in the State of New Mexico to make library facilities available to all residents.

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS 22nd
DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1948
WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ATTEST:

Alicia Romero [signature]
SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

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Mr. Edwin C. Mirise, Librarian Eastern New Mexico College, Portales, New Mexico, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, read the resolutions and a discussion followed. The Resolutions as appended hereto

Page 25 were approved by unanimous vote of the Association.

[attached Resolutions made by the Association]

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION
Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 15-16, 1948

Resolutions made by the Association

The New Mexico Library Association in annual meeting assembled at Albuquerque, New Mexico, on October 15 and 16, 1948, RESOLVES that:

- (1) The secretary of the New Mexico Library Association convey our sincere thanks to the American Library Association and to the Southwestern Library Association for arranging to have Miss Helen Ridgway survey library service in New Mexico, and to Miss Ridgway for her recommendations.
- (2) The Association desires to express its gratitude to the State Library Commission for bringing the results of the Survey of Library Services in New Mexico to the attention of the proper authorities, and to the State Education Survey Board, Mr. Raymond Huff, Chairman, for integrating the Library Survey material into the Report of the State Educational Survey Board.
- (3) The Association desires to commend Governor Mabry for his interest in libraries and for proclaiming the week of October 10-16, 1948, as Library Week.
- (4) The Association endorses most heartily the activities and policies of the New Mexico State Library Commission and the New Mexico Library Extension Service.
- (5) The Association expresses its gratification at the establishment of a trustees section of the Association.
- (6) The Association expresses its gratitude to Mrs. Elsa Thompson, Miss Helen Hefling, and their able assistants, complimenting them of the splendid job they have done in planning the convention meetings and in entertaining the 1948 Annual Convention in Albuquerque, and to the Albuquerque Friends of the Library for their warm hospitality as evidenced by the tea at the Ernie Pyle Library, Friday, October 15, 1948.
- (7) That the Association go on record, on its twenty-fifth anniversary, as recognizing, with deepest gratitude, the long continued and faithful services of Mrs. Rupert Asplund to the cause of libraries and library service in the state of New Mexico.

(8) Recognizing the historical importance of old letters, documents and records for the history of our state, and realizing that much of such material is being lost forever through failure to realize its importance or to provide for its proper preservation, the Association urges strongly that such material be collected and preserved for use, and that information about the location of such materials be collected and published.

(9) The Association wishes to thank Acting Chairman Owen Marron of the City Commission for welcoming us so cordially.

(10) The Association expresses its appreciation to the officers and the several committees for their faithful service, and to Dr. T. M. Pearce, Dr. Albert Lopes, Mr. Arthur McAnally, Dr. R. M. Duncan, Dr. L. S. Tireman, Mr. Donald McRae, Mr. Elvin Walter, Miss Erna Fergusson, Miss Helen McIntyre, Mr. John Boyd of Doubleday-Doran and Mr. Kenneth Hay of Remington Rand Library Bureau for their part in making this annual meeting a success.

Respectfully submitted,

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mildred Barrett

Mrs. Elsa Thompson

Mr. Edwin C. Mirise

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Mrs. Elsa Thompson moved that the Association contribute \$75.00 toward publication costs of the New Mexico Library Bulletin. Mr. Mirise seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Mrs. Peck asked for contributions from various libraries.

The Secretary read a letter from John Hall Jacobs, President of the Southwestern Library Association, concerning the New Orleans meeting. A copy of the letter is here attached.

[attached Southwestern Library Association Report]

SOUTHWESTERN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

September 30, 1948

To: Members of the Executive Board, Southwestern Library Association

Subject: New Orleans Meeting

1. I am pleased to report that plans for subject meeting are shaping up nicely. Miss Culver informs me that the program is practically complete and that a draft of the tentative program should be in your hands in the near future.

2. Exhibit space was exhausted several days ago and requests have since been received from several organizations. On the bases of anticipated income from exhibits, we will have funds to meet expenses of the convention. For budgetary purposes I have told Miss Culver to try to keep expenses of speakers under \$500.00 and chairman of Sections, under \$50.00. This was an arbitrary figure which I have presumed to set. I hope you will approve my action on these funds. Of course I should have cleared these items point by point with you, but the picture has changed almost daily, and with the income in sight, I felt that you would wish me to proceed. Incidentally, I noticed in the files where Mr. Usher, former president, had made similar calculations for the proposed New Orleans Convention before the War.

3. Miss Mildred Harrington, Chairman of the Young Peoples' Section reports that the books lists of children's books about each of the six states is well under way. The project was developed with the thought of getting the final list printed. Exploratory letters are before publishers at present, but answers will probably not be ready before the meeting. Miss Harrington wishes to have the lists mimeographed for distribution at the Convention which would provide librarians with an opportunity of making suggestions before the list is printed.

She has arranged a good program without expenses involved, hence she requests permission to use \$50.00 to have the lists mimeographed. I recommend approval of her request.

4. Another item which needs attention is the reception on Sunday P.M. The Chairman of the Directors of the New Orleans Public Library and his wife mentioned sometime ago their wish to entertain the officers and their friends. We of the local committee wish to enlarge this function to include everyone in attendance. But this would involve considerable expense which we hesitate to ask these people to assume. By offering to provide the food and drinks we would be less embarrassed to request the larger function. Would you approve therefore of \$50.00 to be used for this purpose?

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5. Now about registration fees. It looks as if the income from exhibits will about cover the items listed above, but we of the local committee think that a \$2.00 registration fee should be charged to keep the treasury in a healthy state. Do you agree that a charge should be made? If so, is \$2.00 satisfactory?

6. Arrangements have been made with the Dock Board for a yacht ride on the morning of November 2, from 8 to 9:45. Mrs. Jacobs and I hope that you will be our guest for breakfast aboard. Please let me know if you can go because the yacht is limited to about 30 guests and we would like to have the full number enjoy this feature of the convention.

7. Well, I hope you are in a pleasant frame of mind and will not knock my ears back because of my high-handed handling of these items. And - since you are so very nice, will you answer these questions by return mail.

Cordially yours,
[signature]
John Hall Jacobs,

Mrs. Peck suggested that committees be appointed to work on raising the salaries of librarians and on certification of librarians.

The Nominating Committee Chairman, Miss Parsons, Presented the following slate of officers:

President	Miss Ruth Russell, Assistant Librarian, University of New Mexico
Vice-President	Miss Octavia Fellin, Librarian, Gallup Public Library
Secretary	Miss Jane Bradt, Librarian, Albuquerque Public Library
Treasurer	Miss Iris Laycock, Librarian, Santa Fe High School Library

Miss Helen Hefling moved that an unanimous ballot be cast for the officers as nominated. The motion

Page 26 was approved.

Miss Shuler then introduced the officers for the year 1948-49.

The President issued an invitation for the convention to meet in Santa Fe for the 26th meeting. Miss Fellin moved acceptance of the invitation. The motion was approved.

Miss McClure announced the New Mexico Education Association, Library Section meeting on October 30, 1948.

Miss Jane Bradt told of the bookmobile given to the Albuquerque Public Library by the Pilots Club and invited all interested persons to see it.

Mr. Arthur McAnally recommended the citation by A.L.A. of Mrs. Julia Asplund. Mrs. Peck gave a short resume of Mrs. Asplund's career as a librarian.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Williams, Secretary

Page 27 New Mexico Library Association
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Page 29 The 26th annual meeting of the New Mexico Library Association was called to order by the President, Miss Ruth Russell, Assistant Librarian of the University of New Mexico Library.

The meeting was held in the auditorium of the Santa Fe Public Library, on Friday morning November 11, 1949. Mr. R.P. Skaya, member of the Santa Fe City Council, welcomed the members to Santa Fe. Miss Russell gave a short response, mentioning the American Library Association Trustees Award, given to Mrs. Julia Asplund. Miss Russell spoke briefly of Mrs. Asplund's work in the State.

Mrs. Asplund responded. She introduced the hostesses and invited the Association members to a tea given by the members of the State Library Commission, to be held Friday afternoon in the new Headquarters of the State Library Extension Division.

Miss Dorothy Elizabeth Smith was introduced as the speaker of the morning. Her topic was, "Reading for Children."

The secretary, Miss Jane Bradt read the minutes of the prior meeting, which were approved as read.

Page 30 Miss Iris Laycock, Treasurer, read the attached report, which was approved as read.

[attached Financial Report]

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Financial Report

November 1, 1948 to November 10, 1949

Receipts

Balance	November 1, 1948	\$ 95.23
Dues 1948-49		\$25.00
Advertising in NMLA Programs		\$50.00
	Total	\$170.23

Disbursements

Genevieve Porterfield Recruitment program	\$4.86
University of New Mexico Printing Plant Recruitment program	\$2.60
NMLA-Trustees's Division Refund of dues	\$11.00
Service charges to bank	\$2.50

Southwestern Library Association Dues		\$16.00
Aiken Letter Shop Mimeograph letters to NMLA		\$7.17
	Total	\$44.13
Balance	November 10, 1949	\$126.10
	Iris Laycock [signature] Treasurer	

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Miss Russell called for any old business and, as there was none to come before the Association, she named two committees. Mrs. Elsa S. Thompson, Librarian of the Albuquerque Public Library, was appointed chairman of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Harrison McDonald, Librarian of the State Law Library, was appointed Chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

Committee reports were the next order of business.

There was no further business so the meeting was adjourned.

Luncheon was held at La Posada. 34 Trustees met separately and elected officers. Librarians met separately and had, as guest speaker, Miss

Page 31 Laura Gilpin, author of the new book "Rio Grande, river of destiny."

The Friday afternoon session was opened with a report by Mr. Arie Poldervaart, Chairman of the Certifications Committee. His committee outlined a plan for a graded certification based on a point system. There would be four grades of certificates available. The first grade would be given so those having a library school degree. The second grade would be given so those with some training and experience, plus an examination; a library school degree would not be mandatory. The third grade would be given to those with some experience plus and examination, little or no training necessary. The fourth grade would be a temporary certification. Mr. Poldervaart suggested that no changes as amendments were necessary or advisable at the present time. Adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Poldervaart and seconded by Miss Octavia Fellin. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Irene Peck, State Extension Librarian, spoke briefly on, "New Mexico Libraries." She mentioned the fine cooperation between Boards of Trustees and their Librarians throughout the state and

Page 32 described the book program for the Home Demonstration clubs in New Mexico. Mrs. Peck also reported that the total budget was now \$77,800 for all Public Library services in the State exclusive of Albuquerque.

Miss Helen A. Ridgway, Chief Library Specialist from the American Library Association, spoke on the "Extension of Library Service." She explained the new directions in library service coming both from within the profession and from the outside. The National Plan for the extension of library services is being worked out by members of the profession. The Public Library Inquiry is a plan instituted by Social Scientists and others outside the profession. Larger units of service are emphasized in both plans for we are reaching only a minority of our potential borrowers.

Sources of books other than Public Libraries and our relations to these sources is an important factor by themselves Public Libraries are too limited in funds to provide the necessary number of books in special fields. This is where the "larger units of service" would be useful, such as regional libraries, multi-country set-ups and library districts of State Libraries.

Another new direction is in

Page 33 getting away from endowments and depending only on public tax support. The old idea of a "free public library" should be done away with for that is limiting. It is necessary to begin thinking in terms of the "larger unit" idea with more cooperation to save waste.

These new trends and directions can best be achieved, said Miss Ridgway, by a thorough knowledge of political "know-how" and harder work by Library Boards. In addition to these, Miss Ridgway said we should also clarify and redefine our objectives. In most cases the necessity for use of public libraries is not seen clearly and we should show that public expense is valid for libraries as educational institutions. Cooperative throughout all the profession was highly stressed.

There was no further business so the meeting was adjourned.

The Saturday morning session was called to order by the President at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium of the Santa Fe Public Library.

Miss Emma G. Parsons, Assistant Librarian of New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas,

Page 34 told about their plan for orientating freshmen in the use of the library. Mr. Robert Davis, instructor in vocations, showed a technicolor movie, produced at the University with students as the actors, which is used in connection with the orientation course.

New librarians in the State were introduced.

Mr. David Otis Kelly, Librarian of the University of New Mexico, spoke on "Cooperation Among Libraries."

Mr. Kelly outlined several ways in which this cooperation could be accomplished. Some might be worked out in this State and others, while effective, are not practical for New Mexico.

Cooperation in the use of special subject collections would necessitate a survey of the resources of the State's libraries. The Farmington Plan of co-operative buying of books throughout the world for research be considered impractical here. Our exchange service might be a better way. A union catalogue, he felt, was not the answer but a union list for serials would be useful.

Public services for reference and loan material, storage cooperatives and micro-film service are other ways in which libraries can cooperate in

Page 35 the use of available material. Some discussion followed Mr. Kelly's talk.

Mrs. Chapman, Head of the Denver Bibliographical Center, explained its purpose and use. They have three and a half million cards in their Union catalogue. Several librarians told of the help and prompt service they had received from this center in locating books and material of patrons.

Mrs. Asplund gave the Trustees report. Thirty-four members of this section were present at the Trustees luncheon. The new officers are:

Chairman: Mrs. C.C. Wumma - Farmington
Vice-Chairman: Mr. Marshall - Deming
Secretary-Treasurer: Miss Hanson - Las Vegas

Mrs. Asplund then asked for action from the New Mexico Library Association on the questions of dues paid by the Trustees. The committee's recommendation was that 1/4 of the dues collected remain in the Treasury of the New Mexico Library. The remaining 75% was to be turned over to Miss Hanson as Secretary-Treasurer of the Trustees section. Mrs. Elsa Thompson would that the recommendation of the Committee be accepted for one year. Miss Shuler seconded the motion and it was carried.

Miss Octavia Fellin, Librarian of

Page 36 the Gallup Public Library, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, reported on material legislation affecting libraries. The Library Demonstration Bill is now in the Labor and Education Committee in Congress. The new Postal Bill increasing the cost of mailing books was explained. The Retirement Act for New Mexico Librarians was briefly outlined.

Miss Fellin then asked Miss Helen A. Ridgeway to bring us up to take on the Washington office of the American Library Association. Miss Ridgeway reported there was no money at present to support a representative and that the A.L.A. would give \$5,000 if matched by a similar sum given by Librarians or Libraries.

A motion to accept the report was made, seconded and passed.

Miss Genevieve Porterfield, Reference Librarian of the University of New Mexico, Chairman of the Committee and Recruiting for Librarianship, reported sending 156 letters and bibliographies to High School Principals and to colleges.

A motion to accept the report as read was made, seconded and passed.

[attached Recruiting note]

The other three members of the Committee on Recruiting are Miss Fern Young of the Albuquerque Public Library; Mrs. Mildred Barrett of New Mexico A & M College and Miss Sophorina Dewey, of the New Mexico State Library Extension Library.

We met once, in connection with the annual meeting at Albuquerque last year. The rest of our business was carried on by mail.

We decided that our best approach was through the principals or vocational directors of our schools. Accordingly, we prepared a letter and bibliography which we sent to principals of all high schools and the vocational guidance director in all colleges of the state. The bibliography was made up of articles and pamphlets on library work as a profession, chosen from those most easily available at low cost.

We sent out 156 copies of the letter and bibliography.

Genevieve Porterfield [signature]
Chairman, Committee on Recruiting

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Miss Evelyn Bauer, Librarian of

Page 37 the Museum of New Mexico, Chairman of the Committee for the Preservation of Historical Material, reported the progress of her committee and asked for added cooperation from Librarians all over the State.

A motion to accept the report as read was made, seconded and passed.

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Mr. A. McA. recommended that Mrs. Julia Asplund's name be submitted to the A.L.A. Comm. for the Trustees citation.

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Mr. David O. Kelly, Librarian of the University of New Mexico, Chairman of the Committee for the Study and Revision of the Constitution and By-laws, reported.

Mr. Kelly suggested that each revision and recommendations of the Committee be read and noted on separately. This suggestion was adopted.

Attached herein is a copy of the suggested revisions of the Constitution and By-laws as drawn up by the Committee.

[attached Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws]

Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws

The Committee, being formed lat in the year, has solicited as many ideas as possible from members concerning needed revision of the Constitution and By-laws. Since the welfare of the Association depends upon the organization that is agreed upon in the Constitution, we request that you consider carefully the following recommendations.

Constitution

Article 3 - Membership

Change the word “assessment” do “dues”, making the sentence read: “Any person or institution interested in promoting the object of the association may become a member upon the payment of the annual dues.”

Add the following sentence: “The membership year shall coincide with the fiscal year which shall cover the period from September 1st to August 31st.”

Article 4 - Officers

Following the word “Vice-President” add “who is President-Elect.”

By-Laws

1. Duties of officers

a. Following the paragraph on duties of the President add the following two sentences: “Before each annual meeting, the President shall appoint a Parliamentarian to serve during the period of that annual meeting. The President shall provide copies of the Constitution and By-Laws upon the request of a member.

c. In the paragraph concerning duties of the Secretary, delete the last sentence which reads: “He shall sign all orders drawn on the Treasurer.”

3. Dues

Change the heading to “Dues, Rights and Privileges.”

In the second sentence change the words “one dollar” to “two dollars.”

For the third sentence, substitute the following: “Membership is forfeited upon non-payment of dues.”

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Delete the last sentence of the present paragraph which reads: “Persons who have forfeited their membership through non-payment of dues for the current year.”

Add the following sentence: “All members of the association have the right to vote.”

Add the following article to the By-Laws:

6. Committees

“Standing and temporary committees may be created and dissolved by the Executive Board. The President shall appoint all committee members, and shall be a member, ex officio, of all committees. Committees should consist of 3 to 5 members. Membership of standing committees is to be rotated to preserve continuity of membership.”

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Elsa Thompson
Mr. Harrison MacDonald
Mr. David Otis Kelly, Chairman

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Constitution

Article 3 - Membership

Change the word “assessment” to “dues”. Moved, seconded and passed.

Add the following sentence: “The membership year shall coincide with the fiscal year which shall cover the period from September 1st to August 31st”. Moved, seconded and passed.

Page 38 Article 4 - Officers

Following the word “Vice-President” add “who is president elect.” It was moved, seconded and passed to table this revision.

By-Laws

1. Duties of officers.

a. Following the paragraph on duties of the President add the following two sentences: “Before each annual meeting, the President shall appoint a Parliamentarian to serve during the period of that annual meeting. The Secretary shall provide copies of the Constitution and By-Laws upon the request of a member.” These were moved, seconded and passed.

c. In the paragraph concerning duties of the Secretary, delete the last sentence which reads: “He shall sign all orders drawn on the Treasurer.” Moved, seconded and passed.

3. Dues

Change the heading to “Dues, Rights and Privileges.” Moved, seconded and passed.

In the second sentence change the words “one dollar” to “two dollars.” Moved, seconded and passed.

For the third sentence, substitute the following: “Membership is forfeited upon non-payment of dues.” After some

Page 39 discussion an amendment to this revision was moved. The amendment to read: “Membership is forfeited if dues are not paid by January 1st.” Moved, seconded and passed.

Delete the last sentence of the present paragraph which reads: “Persons who have forfeited their membership through non-payment of dues for the current year.” Moved, seconded and passed.

Add the following sentence: “All members of the association have the right to vote.” Moved, seconded and passed.

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The Nominating Committee Chairman, Mrs. Elsa Smith Thompson,

Page 40 presented the following slate of officers:

President:	Mrs. Kathleen Blakey, Librarian of St. Josephs College, Albuquerque
Vice-President:	Mrs. Charlotte G. Gaylord, Librarian, New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell
Secretary:	Brother Francis, Librarian, St. Michaels College, Santa Fe

Treasurer: Miss Nancy Trammel, Librarian, Highlands High School,
Albuquerque

Miss Hedgecock moved that an unanimous ballot be cast for the officers as nominated. The motion was approved.

Mis Russell then presented the officers for the year 1949-1950.

Two invitations were issued for the 1950 meeting. Mrs. Irene Peck read an invitation from Los Alamos. Miss J. Vivian Hedgecock, Librarian of New Mexico Highlands University, read a letter of invitation from the Chairman of the Commission of Las Vegas. The question was put to a vote and Las Vegas was chosen.

Brother Francis moved that the Association meet for two full days in the future. Mrs. Peck seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mr. Harrison McDonald, State

Page 41 Law Librarian, Santa Fe, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, reported. Miss Octavia Fellin moved that the following resolutions be included in the report: "that the Santa Fe Public Library Board be thanked for putting the Auditorium at the disposal of the Association." The motion was seconded and passed.

Miss Helen A. Ridgeway expressed her gratitude in meeting with the Association and brought greetings from Mr. Arthur McAnally, who is now at the University of Illinois.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Bradt, Secretary

Page 42 The 27th Annual Meeting of the N.M.L.A.
Las Vegas, NM, October 5-7

The 27th Annual Meeting of the New Mexico Library Association was called to order by the president, Mrs. Kathleen K. Blakey, librarian of St. Joseph's College, Albuquerque, N.M. The meeting was held in Kennedy Hall of N.M. Highlands University from Thursday, Oct. 5 to Saturday noon, Oct. 7th.

City Mayor Ivan J. Hilton; Felix Armijo, acting for Town Mayor Manuel Baca; and Dr. B.D. Roberts welcomed the delegates to Las Vegas. Mrs. Blakey gave a short response after which she called upon Dr. Q.J. Burris, master of ceremonies and chairman of the Las Vegas Carnegie Library Board to introduce the members of the Board and of the planning committee who acted as host to the delegates.

The secretary, Brother C. Francis, then read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved as read. At the request of Mrs. Blakey, he also read a communication from Gov. Thomas J. Mabry setting aside the week of Oct. 1-7 as Library Week in New Mexico; a telegram from Miss Ruth Russell, Mrs. Nellie Hartell, and Miss Lois Nethery all from Artesia and expressing their best wishes; a telegram from Mr. C.R.

Page 43 Graham, president of the American Library Association tendering greetings to the group; and a note of greetings from the Southwestern Library Association.

Miss Nancy Trammel, the Association treasurer, followed with the attached [nothing attached in the book] financial report which was approved as read.

Mrs. Blakey then introduced the guest-speaker of the evening, Dr. R.D. Jamison, former Administrator of Consultant Services at the Library of Congress. Dr. Jamieson in a splendid talk, outlined for the group the purposes and problems of the Library of Congress and have first-hand descriptions of Dr. Archibald MacLeish and his predecessor, Dr. Herbert Putnam.

Following Dr. Jamieson's talk, Mrs. Blakey read out the list of various committees and indicated that they would give their report later. She then called for old business, and as there was none to come before the association, each member present was asked to stand and introduce himself. The meeting was then adjourned so that the delegates could attend an informal reception immediately following. Refreshments were served by the local planning committee.

The Friday morning session opened

Page 44 with a report by the secretary on the results of the questionnaire given earlier in the year. Main points brought out in the report indicated that librarians in the state were: (1) in favor of a spring meeting instead of the fall; (2) in favor of having section meetings during the convention; (3) in favor of quarter participation by members by means of papers and more floor discussion at the annual meetings; (4) opposed to having the meeting on holidays, immediately after giving his report, the secretary distributed copies of a directory of librarians in New Mexico.

First among the topics discussed was the proposal of changing the annual meeting from the fall to the spring. In connection with this, Mrs. Blakey explained that Arizona was anxious to have a joint meeting with the N.M.L.A. In the spring of 1951, preferably in Phoenix, but that a joint meet meeting with the N.M.L.A. in 1952 could be held at some other place to be decided "in either state." Such was the contents of a letter addressed to Mrs. Blakey by Mr. Donald M. Powell president of the Arizona Library Association which the secretary read to the delegates.

Page 45 After some discussion, a vote was taken on whether the N.M.L.A. should meet this coming spring and with the Arizona people in Phoenix. 23 of 37 voted in favor, 13 members not voting. Motion carried. Because the invitation from the Arizona president was not a formal one and because some hesitation appeared among the members of the N.M.L.A. delegates,

Mrs. Asplund moved that, as a precautionary measure, a committee be appointed by the new president of the N.M.L.A. to meet with the Arizona delegates to the Southwest Library Association in order to reach a final decision. She also recommended that the committee be given power to act. As an alternative should the joint meeting not materialize a spring meeting of the N.M.L.A. was suggested for Albuquerque, Mrs. Thompson making the invitation. Mrs. Gaylord seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Asplund then inquired about the term of office of the next meeting would be in the spring thus producing a short term. It was unanimously agreed that the present term of office runs, as the constitutions says, "From annual meeting to annual meeting" No length of time being specified.

A discussion next followed concerning the fiscal year Mr. Kelley

Page 46 moved that the discussion be postponed until the proposed revision of the constitution was brought up. Mrs. MacMillan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Revision of the constitution was next on the program. Mr. Kelley, chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws took over. Copies of the constitution with proposed revisions were distributed to the delegates and Mr. Kelley then read through the constitution section by section, a vote being taken on each new proposal. The following proposed revisions were voted upon and accepted:

Section 3. Membership

Proposed text:

Memberships in the assoc. is of two types:

- (a) Regular members, consisting of persons who are or have been employed in library service or related activities and institutions as also members of governing boards of libraries and institutions such as Trustees.
- (b) Associate members consisting of persons interested in promoting the object of the association.

The membership year shall coincide with the fiscal year which shall cover the period from Sept. 1st to August 31st. Motion carried.

Page 47 Section 4. Divisions

Proposed text:

Members who have common interests may organize divisions within the Assoc. Such divisions must be approved by a two-thirds vote of those members present at any annual meeting. Motion carried with 46 out of 50 votes.

Section 5. Officers

Proposed addition (underscored): The officers of the association shall be a President, a vice-President who is the President-elect, a Secretary and a Treasurer., etc. Motion unanimously carried.

By-Laws Section 2

Proposed addition (underscored): Meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President at such times and places as he may designate, or shall be called upon request of a majority of the Board. Revision unanimously accepted.

By-Laws Section 3

Proposed additions (underscored): The annual dues of regular members shall be two dollars; of associate members, one dollar. Fifty percent (50%) of the dues of any one person who is a member of a division shall be turned over to the treasurer of that division for use in the special work of that division. All regular members of the Assoc. Have the right to vote. Motion carried. 40 out of 50 votes.

Page 48 By-Laws Section 4

Proposed additions (underscored): The nominating committee, appointed prior to the annual meeting – Revision approved.

Also, Mr. Arie Poldervaart suggested that the following items or phrases in parentheses be deleted: (on the first day of) and add “at”, delete also: (on the same days) and (the following day). Also that the following be added to the existing text: ... designated for election of offices. Revisions unanimously accepted.

Mr. Kelley moved that the Trustees be accepted as a division and that the money collected as specified by Section 3 of the By-Laws be turned over to the Trustees division. Motion seconded by Mrs. Gaylord. Motion carried.

Mr. Poldervaart moved that the assoc. Go on record as accepting the above revisions of the Constitution and that all errors made in discussing the same be likewise covered. Motion carried.

Certification was the next topic for discussion. The secretary distributed copies of House Bill #170 to the delegates prior to the discussion. Mrs. Asplund presented the history of the topic and requested an information vote on the following:

- (1) Should we have graded certificates?
- (2) Should there be a special Assistant’s certificate?
- (3) Should certification be based on partial

Page 49 library training? Much discussion followed with emphasis on the following: What is the exact meaning of the law on certification? To whom does it apply? Whom does it mean by “librarian”? Is it not the right of the Attorney General to interpret the law? What is the purpose of certification? Little or no progress was made and the voting requested by Mr. Asplund was incomplete Mr. Arie Poldervaart suggested that the acts of certification needed constitutional interpretation because it is uncertain and based on general terms. Time running out, Mrs. Dorroh moved that the meeting be adjourned for luncheon. Motion carried.

Luncheon was held at the Club Vegas. Dr. Lynn I. Perrign, head of the Highlands dept. of Social Science delivered a talk on “Preserving the Heritage of the Southwest”. Dr. Perrign pointed out the need of collecting and photostating Spanish documents, newspapers, business records and of making permanent markers for historical landmarks in the Southwest.

The afternoon session was devoted in part to committee reports during which time the Trustees division met. Reports made were as follows:

Miss Fern Young and Miss Helen McIntyre gave news of the A.L.A. convention. Miss

Page 50 Young reported on the panel discussion on specific books for children – an evaluation study, while Miss McIntyre spoke of the meeting of the 4th Activities Committee of the A.L.A. and of that of the Federal Documents.

Miss Dewey reported on her study of the Watertown Regional Library Service Center and of its possible applications to New Mexico.

Mrs. Thompson asked leave to remind the delegates of the Southwestern Library Association meetings to be held in San Antonio, Nov. 6-10 and that as many as possible attend.

The delegates were informed about the sudden illness of Mrs. Irene Peck and Mrs. Blakey suggested that expressions of regret and sympathy be conveyed to Mrs. Peck at the earliest possible opportunity.

Mrs. Asplund notified the association that the Trustees division, before terms noting its meeting had voted to turn over to the N.M.L.A. treasury its surplus fund of \$38.81 left over from the previous fund within the N.M.L.A. treasury Mrs. Blakey, in the name of the associations accepted the offer and thanked the Trustees.

Following the return of the Trustees from their meeting the topic of certification was brought up for further consultation and discussion but as a deadlock still prevailed.

Page 51 Mrs. Asplund suggested that the matter be returned to the Library Commission for further study and that the commission be informed of the present opinion of the N.M.L.A. in regard to the understanding on certification.

The afternoon session then adjourned for the sectional meetings of: Public Libraries; College and Institutional Libraries: and School Libraries.

The N.M.L.A. held its annual banquet (a buffet supper) Friday evening at the Costaneda Hotel. Mrs. Blakey, president, introduced General Milton, President of New Mexico Military Institute and speaker for the session. General Milton gave a most spirited talk on "World Civilization Again at the Crossroads." Preceding General Milton's talk, quests were introduced.

The Saturday morning business meeting and breakfast was held at the Costaneda Hotel with Mr. Jelin Payants, association professor of Highland's art departments delivering a most interesting talk on: "Librarians and the True Trend in Art." My. Payants emphasized the fact that art is a strong educational factor. The business meeting then occupied the rest of the morning.

Miss Hutchinson, chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers: for president: Mrs. Charlotte G. Gaylord, librarian, New

Page 52 Mexico Military Institute, for president-elect: Mrs. Elsa Smith Thompson, librarian, Albuquerque Public Library, for secretary: Rev. Brother C. Francis, librarian, St. Michael's College; for treasurer: Mr. Harold Stephens, librarian, Las Vegas High School. Miss I. McClure moved that a unanimous ballot be ast for the officers. Miss Shuler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mrs. Blakey then presented the officers for 1950-1951.

Miss Joy Con gave his report of the Resolutions committee. Report was accepted and is hereby attached [nothing attached in the book].

Miss Nancy Trammel, treasurer, reported that 53 librarians and 25 trustees had registered and paid dues.

Mr. Stephens reported that of the 14 firms contacted, the Lieter Co., represented by Mr. Lieter himself, alone was available for exhibits. Mr. Stephens suggested that the secretary send a note of thanks to Mr. Lieter. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Blakey announced that she had forwarded a bouquet of lowers together with a note of sympathy to Mrs. Peck wishing her a speedy recovery.

Miss S. Dewey gave the report for the Trustees' Division. The Division expressed its thanks to the N.M.L.A. for the changes made in Section 3 of the By-Laws as recently

Page 53 adopted, and renewed the Trustees' offer of the sum of \$38.81 to the N.M.L.A. This fund within the treasury of the Library Association. New officers for the Trustees Division for the following year were then announced:

Chairman:	Mrs. Arthur Jones, Portales
Vice-Chairman:	Mrs. Beatrice Havens, Gallup
Sec. - Treasurer:	Mrs. Mary Hanson, Las Vegas

Miss Dewey also reported on the activities of the Legislation Committee. Items stressed were: Social Security Bill; Postal Rate Legislation; Care Book Bill; and customs Limitation Bill.

Miss Evelyn Bauer, chairman of the Committee on the Preservation of New Musicana Material, report on the activities of her committee. Mention was made of the progress of a newspaper survey and of further development in line. The secretary in the name of Mr. Linscheid, chairman of the College and Special Libraries Section, the read a recommendation of that body. To wit, "That the above-mentioned Section recommends that the Library of the Historical Society of New Mexico work out a program of microfilming historical records, (newspapers, documents, etc.) pertaining to New Mexico, the expense to be borne either by the legislature or by cooperating libraries." Miss E. Shuler moved that the above report and recommendation be

Page 54 accepted. Miss Nancy Trammel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Miss E. S. Thompson, chairman of the Federal Relations Committee, reported that members of her committee had sent telegrams to Representatives and Senators urging them to vote for the Library Demonstration Bill.

Mrs. E.S. Thompson, speaking for Mrs. Mildred A. Barrett and miss Helen Hefling, gave the report of the Committee on Salaries. She indicated that the questionnaire that had been sent out showed much variation in salary schedules and that in general, salaries in New Mexico are below national averages. A.L.A. average is \$2,800.00; N.E.A. is \$2,400.00; New Mexico is between \$2,000.00 and \$2,800.00. The report recommended "That a program of publicity be lauded in which every member of the association will participate using as a present comparison, the salaries paid to the teachers throughout the State." Motion to continue the committee on Salaries was made by Mrs. Thompson. Miss E. Shuler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Stephens, acting on the previous invitation of the delegates from Albuquerque moved that the next annual meeting be held in Albuquerque showed the proposed joint meeting with the Arizona Library Assoc. not materialize. Miss Hedgecock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Page 55 As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Brother C. Francis
Secretary

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