

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 11, 1963

The Librarian's Office, University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Present: Miss Sophronia Dewey, President; Mr. David Otis Kelley, Vice-President; Mrs. Virginia Ewing, Secretary; Mr. Chester Davis, Treasurer; Mr. Chester Linscheid, ALA Councilor; Mrs. Carolyn C. Marshall, Past-President; Mrs. Elsa S. Thompson, SWLA Representative.

Absent: Miss Dorothy J. Watkins.

Also present were Mrs. Eleanor Tedesco, the representative of the Special Libraries Association on the program planning committee for the annual meeting, and Mrs. Helen Saunders, Local Arrangements Chairman for the annual meeting.

The meeting was opened by Miss Dewey at 2:10 p.m. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. Miss Dewey made the following correction: the amount of \$1,557.12 should have been given as the total assets, and the checking account balance should have been \$544.62. There being no further corrections, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Miss Dewey said that it should be a matter of record in these minutes that on September 8 Mr. Davis had reported, by letter, a balance in the checking account of \$587.62, and total assets of \$1,600.12.

Mr. Davis read the Treasurer's report. On January 10, 1963, net assets were \$1,631.36; the checking account balance was \$618.18. The total membership at present is 196. It was noted that in March of 1962 the total membership was 172. The Treasurer's report is attached.

There being no old business, Miss Dewey called for presentation of new business. Mr. Davis read a request from the Market Compilation and Research Bureau of North Hollywood, California, for a list of the members of NMLA. In view of the possibly questionable use of this list, such as for advertising purposes, it was decided that a policy for the future should be determined by the Executive Board. Mr. Linscheid made a motion that the Executive Board delegate to the President authority to determine, in each case, whether or not a membership list should be made available in response to a request. Mrs. Marshall seconded the motion and it was carried.

A bill from ALA for membership dues of \$25.00 was given to Mr. Davis.

Miss Dewey read the Amendments to the Constitution of the Southwest Library Association, as approved in San Antonio, Texas, October 27, 1962. These amendments are as follows:

“By- Law 1: Every state library association shall be entitled to one delegate to serve on the Executive Board. The delegate shall be chosen by his respective

association and shall serve a term of office co-terminous with the officers of SWLA. If a state library association has not chosen its delegate within six months after the end of each biennial meeting of the SWLA, the President, in consultation with the president of the state library association, shall appoint a delegate to serve on the Executive Board. If the official delegate is unable to attend, the president of the state association, or someone appointed by him, shall serve as alternate upon notification to the Executive Board.

By-Law 3, Sec. A: All dues, except state library association membership dues, shall be for a biennium and are payable in January of the year following the biennium meeting year.

By-Law 3, Sec. B: State library association membership dues shall be 20¢ per capita per annum for the total membership of each state association, provided that the total membership shall be computed and dues paid for the coming year as of December 31 of each year.”

Miss Dewey reported that a letter had been received from David Clift, Executive Director of ALA, saying that the Constitution and By-Laws of NMLA, as amended, have been approved by ALA.

Miss Dewey read a letter from David Clift announcing the third annual World Book Encyclopedia - ALA Goals Award of \$25,000. This award is available in support of programs which implement the eight ALA Goals for Action. Miss Dewey called for suggestions for projects to submit to ALA but none was offered.

Mrs. Thompson, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, reported that she had received a telephone call from Miss Watkins about the fact that Mr. Halpin, of the State Records Center, had come to her to tell her of his desire to amend the law to permit setting up a reference library in the Records Center, which Miss Watkins feels would be in conflict with the services offered by the State Library.

Mrs. Thompson also discussed the fact that Senator Toles of Roswell should be asked to sponsor the proposed legislation on certification of librarians but she had been unable to reach him. Mrs. Thompson also mentioned Miss Watkins' concern that the legislature include a State Library building in legislation for the Capitol Improvement Program. Miss Watkins wants the association to be alerted to the possibility of presentation of such legislation.

Miss Dewey read an invitation to the association to send its exhibits chairman, or an officer, as delegate to the Standards Committee of Exhibits Round Table, of ALA. The meeting will be held during the midwinter meeting of ALA in Chicago, on January 29, 1963, at 2:00 at the Edgewater Beach Hotel.

Miss Dewey then turned the meeting over to Mr. Kelley, for reports and discussion of plans for the annual convention in April. Mr. Kelley gave to all present copies of the tentative program for that meeting. He reported that Drs. Krepsch and Ellsworth had accepted his invitation to be guest speakers. The association will pay round trip aircoach fares for these guests, plus honorariums of \$100. to each.

There followed discussion of the various plans for the annual meeting. It was decided to make no further effort to have a slogan and theme for the meeting. Mr. Kelley asked Mrs. Saunders to explain her idea for a publishers' party. After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Kelley will consult with Mr. Roland Dickey, Director of the University of New Mexico Press, about the possibility of the five publishers in the state cooperating to give a tea at 4:00 on Thursday, April 4, for members of the association, at which authors of recent books will be asked to autograph copies. Mr. Dickey will be asked to discuss this with the other publishers and make all plans and arrangements. It was decided to name this party "New Mexico Publishers' Tea". No expenses for it are to be incurred by NMLA.

Mr. Kelley suggested that it might be pleasant to invite the Lobo Four, a group of folk singers at UNM, to sing two numbers during the dinner meeting. All present agreed this would be very nice. Mr. Kelley said he would make arrangements with Mr. Davis, the faculty advisor for this group.

Miss Dewey stated that it should be a matter of record in these minutes that Mrs. Eleanor Tedesco had resigned as Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee and Mrs. Helen Saunders had accepted appointment and was serving as Chairman of this committee. Mrs. Saunders reported on the progress of plans. Letters have been sent to about 30 possible exhibitors. Registration will be in the general area of exhibits in the basement of the Alvarado Hotel - the purpose for this being to encourage better attendance at the exhibits. Coffee will be served in the basement. An information desk will be set up in the main lobby. Arrangements have been made for the dinner meeting, at a charge of \$4.00 per person; and for the breakfast meeting, at a charge of \$2.25 per person.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 and then was reconvened in a few minutes. Miss Dewey read the section of the By-Laws referring to the fact that all bills must be presented for approval of the Executive Board rather than given directly to the Treasurer. A bill was presented from the Scholarship Committee. Mrs. Marshall moved that it be approved, Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion and approval was unanimous. Discussion of approval of expenses by the Sections followed. Miss Dewey read the pertinent passage from the By-Law.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Virginia Ewing, Secretary