

THE NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13, 1967

A regular meeting of the Executive Board of the New Mexico Library Association was held in the Commission Room at the State Library, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on Friday, January 13th, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

There were present:

Lee F. Parman, Chairman presiding
Mildred A. Barrett
Helen H. Ketola
Hester Miller
Dorothy J. Watkins

comprising a quorum of the board; also

Caroline Heriot
Mildred Ludecke
Phebe Harris
Donald L. Roberts
Lois E. Godfrey

Absent: Anne Denton
Bertha R. Allen

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The report of the treasurer was read and discussed. On motion made by Miss Ketola, seconded by Mrs. Barrett, the treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

REPORTS:

National Library Week Committee: Mr. Roberts announced that April 16-27, 1967, has been designated as National Library Week, with Winfield Scott and Judge David Chavez of the New Mexico Supreme Court as Honorary Co-Chairmen. He advised that NMLA planned to offer an award of \$50 to the library in the state that makes the best efforts toward the National Library Week program; and that a luncheon during the ALA conference was being planned in connection therewith.

Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee. Mrs. Ludecke reported that she had familiarized herself with the program and made herself known to the Legislators; and Mr. Clay Buchanan, Director of the Legislative Council, had assigned Mrs. Jane Peters as her contact. Mrs. Peters offered to call Mrs. Ludecke when anything came up regarding the pornography bill expected to be introduced in the Twenty-eighth Legislature. She explained that the bill is practically the same as last year's, and the possibility of it getting very far is fairly slight. She stated that the bill is a very simple but dangerous one. Mrs. Ludecke felt the following legislators would be helpful: Black, Tibo Chavez, Delgado, Skeen, Davenport, Eaves, Hoover, King, Mattson, Rudolph.

Mrs. Ludecke reported she had attended the board meeting of NCLU and told them NMLA was going to try to defeat any bill. She felt the list of professionals aiding in the legislation problem should include local people as follows: Mrs. Elsa Thompson in Albuquerque, Mr. Art Freed in Los Alamos, Mrs. Phebe Harris and Mrs. Brooke Sheldon in Santa Fe. She reported that Mr. Buchanan had said the NMEA would not be at all helpful. She said the Teachers Union would help. She felt the colleges could be handled better from Albuquerque.

Mrs. Godfrey felt that if the chairmen were not going to do anything to aid in the legislation problem they should be replaced. She explained that there had been no action from Roger Christian, Mary Richards, or Frank Brookshire. She felt Octavia Fellin should replace Mrs. Richards. Mrs. Godfrey advised she had telephoned and written to the chairmen with no results. Consideration was given to further telephoning them. Mrs. Godfrey stressed that money was needed for this. Mr. Parman agreed. He felt it best for the board to define a certain amount of money which would be budgeted to the committee for whatever purpose it was needed. This should be local emergency money. Miss Watkins moved that \$100 be applied to the Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee. Seconded by Mrs. Barrett, the motion carried. Mr. Parman suggested the board outline a letter to the chairmen after the meeting. Be said he was thinking of a questionnaire to him, so the chairmen can report on what they have done and what they will actually do. Be felt this might push them into some action.

Mrs. Ludecke requested as much biographical material on the legislators as possible, to enable her to secure ideas as to what approach to make.

The writing of Clair Boothe Luce concerning the problem of censorship was discussed.

A letter received from Senator Mack Easley regarding a bill drafted on the Equal Status of Women for introduction in the Twenty-eighth Legislature was discussed. The board felt more information was needed with regard to setting up a commission as set forth in the bill. The Chairman suggested a letter be written to Senator Easley, saying NMLA is sympathetic to it but more information would be needed.

Miss Watkins advised that under the amended LSCA, Title III, an Advisory Council appointed by the Governor had to be in the State Plan. She explained it is an Advisory Council for library development. She advised further that the Federal government has to be assured by March 31, 1967, that this Advisory Council is in our Plan. She felt the request for an Advisory Council should come from NMLA and the State Library; and since our Plan has to be in by September 1, 1967, NMLA and the State Library should have it ready by June 30. It was agreed that action be delayed until the NMLA March meeting, as it would be better timing for the Governor. The Advisory Council, appointed by the Governor, might be as follows: State Librarian, ex-officio; Librarian of the University of New Mexico; President of the New Mexico Library Association; President of the Rio Grande Chapter of Special Libraries; State School Library Supervisor; Chairman, School Librarians Section, New Mexico Library Association; Chairman, Public Libraries Section, New Mexico Library Association; and two lay people.

ALA BUSINESS:

NMLA Representative for ALA. Mr. Parman advised he had received word that Mrs. Elsa Thompson had sent in an official announcement of her resignation, and that he had been requested by ALA to have someone elected for the balance of Mrs. Thompson's term, that is, from January 1967 to the adjournment of the national conference in June, 1968. The Chairman asked for suggestions.

Able Association Workers - Nominations for National Committees. The Chairman advised he had received a request and forms from ALA for nominations for able people of NMLA for the purpose of selection for national committees. He asked the Executive Board to submit names. Miss Watkins informed the board that the term for those selected would be for three years and the position would involve traveling. She felt NMLA had some able people who could be selected for these committees, e.g., subscription books committee.

ANNUAL MEETING:

Program - Mildred Barrett. Mrs. Barrett advised that for the first general session on Thursday, Miss Ruth Hendrickson would speak on what has been accomplished with Federal Aid. It was agreed that the Governor be asked to be their banquet speaker; and Mrs. Barrett said she would write to him. Nancy Reed would be the coordinator for the third general session. Since Gercaine Krettek would be the main speaker, it was agreed that she have all the time necessary, allowing for a question- and-answer period. Open House at the Public Library would be added to the program. Mrs. Harris advised that since tours are being planned, the Santa Fe Public Library would be glad to have people come for coffee at 12 noon. Germaine Krettek has advised that she is planning to attend, but if she should find she cannot come she will send a substitute. A discussion followed regarding the paying of expenses.

It was agreed that Mary Gaver be asked to attend and that plans be made for her to speak. Mr. Parman advised he was planning to write to Phoebe Hayes and invite her to attend. He asked that it be decided where to place her and plan for her to talk.

Arrangements - Dorothy J. Watkins. Miss Watkins advised the Board of the definite plans which have been made by the Local Arrangements Committee.

Permanent Exhibits Chairman. Miss Watkins advised that Mr. Harry L. Lester, Fiscal Administrator of the State Library, would be willing to accept the appointment of Permanent Exhibits Chairman. Mr. Parman moved that the Executive Board of the New Mexico Library Association request the Fiscal Administrator of the State Library to act as Permanent Exhibits Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Barrett and unanimously carried.

On motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.