

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting
September 29, 1967
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Present: Mrs. Mildred Barrett, President
Miss Helen Ketola, Vice-President
Mr. Lee Parman, past-president
Miss Dorothy Watkins, State Librarian
Mrs. Brooke E. Sheldon, Secretary
Mrs. Jackie Goodfellow, Treasurer

Also present: Joe Amis, College and Ref. Section; Mrs. E.W. Eggleston, rep. Trustees Division; Virginia Jennings, Historical Materials Committee; Mrs. Bea Allen, ALA Council rep.; Calla Ann Crepin, National Library Week Director; Dolores Lanier, Local Arrangements Chairman for 1968 NMLA Convention; Helen Redmond, Advisory Council; Lois Godfrey, Intellectual Freedom Committee, Dorothy Boynton, Children's Section; Gordon McShean, Librarian, Roswell Public Library.

Mrs. Barrett called the meeting to order at 2 pm.

The minutes were approved and the Treasurer's report submitted. Mrs. Goodfellow, newly appointed Treasurer, suggested that some of the funds now in the checking account could be re-invested in a savings & loan or in treasury bills thus accruing a higher interest rate. There was some discussion about this, and Mrs. Duncan suggested that the treasurer submit a further report on this, so that the board could decide later.

Next topic was the Advisory Council on Libraries. It was decided that the Advisory Council can also serve as the proposed Library Development Committee, and thus avoid duplication of effort. Miss Watkins clarified the role of the Advisory Council. It is not restricted to Title III activities. (i.e. Inter-library co-operation). It will act independently of NMLA, but will report to it and the State Library. Its recommendations will be implemented through the State Library. Members of the Council are: Helen Redmond, Mildred Neal, Plumer Lemley, Chester Linsheid, Helen Melton, E.A. Propes, Clovis Baca. Ex-officio members are Miss Watkins, Mrs. Barrett, and Jack Key.

Lee Parman moved that NMLA support the Advisory Council in initial stages with expense money up to 100.00. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion, and it passed. The funds will be used for postage, telephone calls etc. until federal monies are approved. There was some discussion as to whether the Council should be self-perpetuating. Lee Parman moved that the executive board of NMLA be responsible for appointing members of the Advisory Council. This was seconded and passed.

Regarding the New Mexico Library Bulletin, Mrs. Barrett reported that one of her staff members is conducting a survey of other state association publications as to how they are financed, and staffed. It is generally agreed that NMLA should assume more responsibility for the publication of the Bulletin.

Mrs. Duncan, newly appointed Chairman of the Scholarship committee, stated that Marilyn Pendleton has accepted a three year appointment on the Scholarship committee.

Miss Crepin, Executive Director of National Library Week, discussed the meeting of the state committee held in Albuquerque, Sept. 19th. Theme for National Library Week, 1968 will be an appreciation of four aspects of our culture: Indian and Spanish heritage, climate and governmental activities - through books and libraries. Librarian members of the committee are: Mrs. Elinor Gilbert (Ass't Director); Marilyn Pendleton; Donald Riechmann, Don Roberts, Nina Duncan, Nancy Trammell, and Brooke Sheldon.

Mrs. Lois Godfrey, Chairman, reported on the activities of the Intellectual Freedom Committee regarding the recent controversy in Roswell concerning a program on "hippie" poetry held in the Roswell Public Library. A letter from Mrs. Inge Sund, Chairman of the Local Action Committee in that area, was read in support of Gordon McShean, Roswell Librarian, and the free dissemination of books and ideas. After much discussion, and a report from Gordon McShean on the current situation in Roswell, Lee Parman was asked to draw up a resolution for the executive board strongly backing the Roswell Library Board in its support of Gordon McShean. This resolution will be sent to the Roswell Board, the City Council, and the local paper.

Mrs. Virginia Jennings, Chairman, said that the Historical Materials Committee is working on a New Mexico author information file. This will be mimeographed and distributed to libraries. Hopefully, this project will be completed by National Library Week.

Lee Parman reported on the Committee on Committees which met in Albuquerque on Sept. 28. Committee members Hester Miller and Donald Riechmann and Lee Parman (chairman) defined the role of the Committee on Committees as: outlining a good committee structure for NMLA, investigate what present committees are doing, suggest the addition of new ones, or elimination of old, and writing a committee manual.

Mr. Parman asked if revision of the Constitution and the Procedures Manual of NMLA comes within the province of the Committee on Committees and there was general agreement that it does. The Committee also suggested several projects that it would be willing to undertake i.e. investigation of a state document distribution law to guarantee proper numbers of state documents to be sent to a central agency for further distribution, a checklist of state documents, and the formation of more committees centered around areas of professional interest. The purpose of such committees would be to originate suggestions for programs, either for the annual meeting or for workshops at other times during the year.

Program Chairman Helen Ketola asked if the board and section chairmen felt that 1968 would be a good year to concentrate on the purposes, structure and future of NMLA as the overall theme of the convention. Since many members have asked for stronger section activity, she suggested that the dues for NMLA membership might be raised, and some money given back to each section. The section could then become a division of NMLA, and assume responsibility for a substantial part of the program time at each annual meeting. There was a great deal of discussion about this with general agreement that the sections should consider this in 1968.

Miss Watkins suggested Irving Stone, who spoke at ALA, as a good choice for banquet speaker.

Dolores Lanier, Local Arrangements Chairman, announced that the 1968 convention will be held March 27th - 29th at the Hilton Hotel in Albuquerque. It is hoped that there will be at least 65 exhibitors. The Hilton is the only hotel that would guarantee room for the exhibitors in a central lobby.

The Board agreed to meet again in January. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brooke E. Sheldon
Secretary