

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting
January 26, 1968
Albuquerque Federal Savings and Loan
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Present: Mrs. Mildred Barrett, President
Miss Helen Ketola, Vice-president
Mr. Lee Parman, Past-president
Miss Dorothy Watkins, State Librarian
Mrs. Jackie Goodfellow, Treasurer
Miss Christine L. Buder, NMSU Library
Mrs. Bertha Allen, SWLA rep.
Mrs. Brooke E. Sheldon, Secretary
Miss Dolores Lanier, Local Arrangements

Mrs. Barrett called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Mrs. Barrett noted that while the Library Council is not restricted Title III in the range of its activities, it is the legal authority for Title III.

The Treasurer's report was submitted along with a bill for 45.59 from the Trustee's Division for the publication of one issue of their newsletter. There was some discussion about the bill as it seemed high. The treasurer was authorized to write and ask for clarification of the postage charges, and method of reproduction of the newsletter.

Mrs. Barrett read the report of the Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee, and attached correspondence. In a letter to Mr. Phil Mayne, owner of the Yale Grasshopper Bookstore recently raided by the Albuquerque police, the committee volunteered to support his right to sell Tropic of Capricorn and other titles. Mrs. Lois Godfrey, committee chairman, asked the board to approve a statement of the duties of the committee, and also to appoint two new committee members. The function statement was approved, and it was decided to ask Mrs. Betty Nicholas of Roswell to serve on the committee. Mrs. Elsa S. Thompson will be asked to be lobbyist for NMLA, and also a member of the LIFC committee.

Mrs. Barrett announced that Mrs. Phebe Harris is chairman of this year's nominating committee. Members are Lee Parman, and Dorothy Boynton. The nominating committee will also be asked to nominate a new ALA Counselor, as Mr. Kelly's term expires in July.

Regarding the ad hoc Committee on the Southwestern union list of serials, it was announced that the library council has asked NMLA to appoint this committee to investigate ways of financing the publication of the union list. Pierce Grove of ENMU is chairman. John Gardner and Dorothy Trester are committee members. Also, Arthur De Volder will be asked to serve. The committee will look into foundation grants and other means. It is estimated that it will take at least 20,000 to publish. Arizona and Colorado are also interested.

Miss Christine Bruder presented the findings in her survey study of other state association publications. The report included a detailed chart of average costs per issue, dues of state associations, advertising revenue, editorial time expended etc. Miss Watkins then announced that, because of cost and time factors, the State Library Commission voted January 24 to discontinue publication of the bulletin. Miss Watkins said that the State Library would send

public library statistics, news from ALA, state library news etc. to the new editor.

A discussion of how NMLA could take over publication of the bulletin followed. It was felt that the matter of appointing a permanent editor, use of advertising etc. could not be decided quickly, but that it was important to have an issue out in early March containing the convention program, and announcing the new status of the publication.

Christine Bruder volunteered to put out an interim issue until the association can decide how to handle the matter. It was suggested that the new publication be called "New Mexico Libraries."

Mrs. Barrett reported that Phyllis Maggeroli, programming specialist of the ALA headquarters staff has been contacted, and is free to come to the convention in March. Miss Ketola will write and ask her to come, specifically for the second general session, and the joint board meeting on Friday.

It was suggested that all committees of NMLA be asked if they wish to meet during the convention, and any meetings scheduled listed on the program.

The board approved payment of 126.00 for a watchman to guard exhibits Wednesday and Thursday evening. It was agreed that fees for exhibitors should be increased next year. Mr. Harry Lester will be asked for his recommendations as to what the new fee should be. A decision will be made at the board meeting following the convention.

Other program details were discussed including selection of a banquet speaker. Several names were suggested, but no decision reached. The board allocated 50.00 for use of the local arrangements committee in mailings, duplication etc.

The meeting adjourned at 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brooke Sheldon
Secretary