

NMLA EXECUTIVE BOARD  
FIRST MEETING  
October 2, 1969

Roswell Inn, Roswell, New Mexico

Present:

Mrs. Helen Melton	Mrs. Mary Grilly	Mrs. Brooke Sheldon
Miss Calla Ann Crepin	Mrs. Dorothy Trester	Miss Elizabeth Morgan
Mrs. Marjorie Wilson	Miss Christine Buder	Brother Brendan
Miss Helen Ketola	Miss Marilyn Pendleton	Mr. Norris Maxwell
Mrs. Bertha Allen	Mrs. Doris Cox	Miss Elinor McCloskey

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Mrs. Melton.

The minutes of the two previous meetings, 4/16/69 and 4/18/69, were read and accepted. The addendum to the minutes of the 18th were corrected.

Changes in officers were announced. Mrs. Doris Cox is the new Chairman of the School Library, Children and Young Adult Division. Mr. Norris Maxwell is the ALA Membership Representative. Brother Brendan will assume the responsibility of maintaining the NMLA scrapbook.

Mrs. Melton announced a change in agenda. Division reports are not part of the regular meeting. Therefore the official session was recessed for Division reports, as follows:

**COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES.** In June all Division members received a letter urging their support of the Arthur D. Little Survey. Plans are forming for tours during the Spring Convention. A new directory of libraries in New Mexico is being discussed. Mrs. Melton indicated all Division reports must be accepted by the Board. The University Division report and all others were accepted.

**SCHOOL LIBRARIES, CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULT SERVICES.** A newsletter has been sent to all Division members to keep open communication about the Association. Convention program plans will include a panel on the A. D. Little Survey. Project would be completion of by-laws. The report was accepted.

**PUBLIC LIBRARY.** A new committee has been appointed to formulate by-laws. They will be mailed to Division members before the Spring Convention so that they may be studied before the membership votes. The spring program will tentatively focus upon the A. D. Little Survey.

**TRUSTEES.** A newsletter has been mailed to all members. By-laws are being revised. A handbook is being prepared. The Division proposes to join the Public Library Division discussion at the Convention. Miss Horgan requested that funds be allocated to the Division in advance of its activities rather than as part of dues assessment, any surplus to be returned to the NMLA Treasurer.

Discussion brought out that all money is channeled through the NMLA Treasurer.

Mrs. Sheldon urged completion of the Trustee handbook. The Public Library Division feels it would be very useful. She also moved that Public Libraries pay the Trustee membership for each Trustee since all Trustees donate their time. This would serve also to increase membership in the Trustee Division. Mrs. Cox moved this be done. Miss Crepin seconded. The motion passed.

Mrs. Wilson raised a question concerning separation of the two NMLA bonds. Discussion brought out the fact that the Scholarship Bond was established before the Association Bond. It is possible that interest accumulates at different rates. Miss Crepin suggested investigation into this matter. The bonds are close to maturity. Mrs. Allen pointed out they could be used in the event that the Association could not award a scholarship.

Mrs. Wilson also asked why a large balance was maintained in the checking account and not placed in savings to receive 5% interest. She felt this would not endanger NMLA's non-professional status. After discussion on this point, Miss Crepin noted the NMLA status was pending and this point could be clarified then. She recommended the Association go on record in favor of this action if there is assurance that the Association's non-professional status is not harmed. Miss Ketola noted the balance sometimes becomes very low. Action on the item was postponed to the end of the meeting.

A break was called at 10:50. The regular session was reconvened at 11:05.

Mrs. Melton asked that all bills be submitted to the Treasurer.

Mrs. Allen gave a report of the Executive Board Meeting of SWLA, June 24, in Atlantic City. Official announcement of the \$22,500 J. Morris Jones -World Book Encyclopedia ALA Goal Award was made. A moratorium on the Scholarship Fund was approved. The duties of an Executive Secretary were amended; a new secretary has been appointed. The Library Education Committee will sponsor a preconference before the 1970 meeting.

Hester Slocum, Editor of Southwest Libraries, dispersed a new form for reporting news items. (A copy of the form is attached to the minutes.)

ALA Councillor Pearce Grone was not present.

Committees reporting and a summary follow:

Mrs. Melton said all reports and requests for funds must be sent before the regular meeting.

CONSTITUTION AND BY- LAWS. A handbook for each committee will be ready by the middle of the term. It will be brief and informal; designed to be passed from hand to hand with any needed additions or revisions. This should save much letter writing and inquiry. A brief outline was requested by November 3. By February a final draft will be made. Mrs. Allen suggested the handbook be included with the Constitution. The Local Arrangements Committee was also requested to formulate a handbook. Mrs. Trester requested inclusion of past phone calls and correspondence. Mrs. Cox said informal correspondence is helpful in determining opinion on issues.

Mrs. Melton requested that two copies of the Committees' reports be filed with the Secretary.

STATE DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE. Mrs. Sheldon reported that the Committee had succeeded in having a monthly checklist of State documents sent to public libraries.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE. Miss Buder reported for Mrs Ewing. There had been no meeting since spring.

REPORT ON New Mexico Libraries. Miss Buder attended an institute on State library journals in September. At that time content rather than appearance was stressed. Miss Buder said new budget requests will be in order. The last mailing cost \$18 or 4¢ per piece.

General discussion about content followed. Speeches given at the Convention should be edited and presented either in their written form or a resume of highlights. Committee reports should be in hands of membership before the meeting. Need they be published? It was felt that a list of officers should be included once a year and then changes noted. Mr. Maxwell was told that ALA cuts could be run at no cost. A need is felt for an editorial page and persons to funnel in news from around the State. Professional developments are covered in national magazines. Miss Crepin suggested drawing up a list of key source persons in the State and using the clipping service of the State Library. This would widen coverage to all types of libraries.

GENERAL PUBLICITY AND NATIONAL. Photographs pertinent to libraries were requested by Mrs. Grilly for the Press Scrapbook. Miss Buder received all photographs which the State Library locates.

HISTORICAL MATERIALS COMMITTEE. The project to identify and develop information files about New Mexico authors continues in conjunction with the public libraries. The Scrapbook will be maintained. Cooperation with local and State historical associations is being explored.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12.10 P.M. and resumed at 1:00 P.M.

SCHOLARSHIP AND RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE. A scholarship announcement will appear in ALA's Library Education Division Newsletter. Deadline for applications is February 15, 1970.

Membership of the Scholarship and Recruitment Committee was clarified for the year. Mrs. Patricia Taft will remain on the Committee, making a membership of six. Mr. Allen Clark, Albuquerque Public Library, will serve as ex-officio member.

LEGISLATION AND INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE. Mrs. Sheldon reported for Mrs. Godfrey. A request for \$275 attorney fees was requested. Mr. Tom Donnelly recommends that NMLA prepare a censorship bill which will be least offensive. It appears certain that such a bill will be introduced in the Legislature after the spring incident at the University. A prominent legislator should be identified to introduce the bill. Mrs. Grilly noted a model bill presented in a recent Intellectual Freedom Newsletter.

The New Mexico State's Purchases Act also needs revision. Should the Governor be requested not to include a censorship act in his report to the legislator? Miss Ketola indicated the Board might best be ready to act if action took place. In addition, support by the Association of public education's program especially Family Living, is needed.

All committee reports were approved and accepted.

Special Committees reporting and summary follows:

**COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.** A cross-library mailing list is being developed enumerating all libraries within sub-state districts. Work proceeds toward locating all libraries in the State--institutional, public, school. Requests have been made to WICHE concerning information about the kinds of workshops to be offered within the State. Publicity about all workshops to be given will be welcomed by the Committee. The WICHE survey conducted by Dr. Lawrence Allen may highlight workshop needs.

Mrs. Melton had forwarded the California State Library request for a statement about academic status for university librarians. Once the replies from all academic libraries in the State have been secured, a draft position paper will be made. It will be presented at the next Board meeting.

**COMMITTEE TO EXTEND LIBRARY SERVICES.** Mrs. Sheldon reported that Miss Fellin has sent a questionnaire to each public library to determine their activities, trustee activities, and outreach projects.

**CONVENTION SITE COMMITTEE.** No report.

All Special Committee reports were approved and accepted.

**NEW MEXICO LIBRARY-AUDIOVISUAL EDUCATION COUNCIL.** A report of library-AV education in New Mexico has been distributed to the council members. A request for an informal relationship with the New Mexico Library Development Council has been made and that one member be appointed liaison member. Confusion of council titles lead the group to maintain its formal title, but refer to itself generally as the "Education Council." The Education Council will request each organization it represents for \$10 to cover Council expenses.

**INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA COUNCIL** will make recommendations or requests to the Board at a later time.

Revised budgets for all groups are to be presented at the next Board meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Maxwell, Convention Arrangements Chairman, indicated that he received notification of the increase in dues.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mr. David Otis Kelley was approved as a member of the Library Development Council to replace Mr. Lincheid.

Spring Conference theme is tentatively centered on implementing recommendations of the Arthur D. Little Survey. Final plans will be delayed until survey results are made available.

A request was read from Helen Redman, Library Development Council Chairman. A Governor's Conference on Library Development is being considered. This could publicize the

results of the Little Survey and make a number of key persons in the state aware of libraries. What trends or results that are shown by the Survey will be used in organizing the Conference program. Brother Brendan was nominated as NMLA representative. This was seconded and approved.

Mr. Maxwell presented a list of subcommittee chairman for local arrangement, for the annual Convention. The Convention will be held at the Hilton. The Board approved the site choice. A discussion of arrangement plans and details was given by Miss Crepin and Mr. Maxwell.

The next Board meeting will be February 6, 10:00 in Albuquerque at the Hilton Hotel.

A note from Mr. Key suggested establishment of an annual \$100 award for Librarian of the Year. Mrs. Sheldon felt an additional award for a trustee was merited to develop general interest. Discussion supported the view that the honor of recognition was more important than a cash award. The revised proposal read:

The New Mexico Library Association annual award for Librarian of the Year and Trustee of the Year will be established. A suitably inscribed plaque will be awarded at the Annual Convention dinner meeting. The Award Committee will be made up of the President, the Vice-President the Division Chairmen, and three other members of the Association appointed by the President. The award will be given to that librarian or trustee who has rendered outstanding library service for the State of New Mexico in service which might include such areas as interlibrary cooperation, recruitment, or library education.

Acceptance of the proposal was moved, seconded and carried.

Regional institutes on interlibrary loan have been planned by Mr. Key and Mr. Riechmann. Miss Crepin moved that \$500 be allocated to support the program of institutes. The sum is to be spend on travel, printing and publicity, but not for attendees' travel or lunches. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Wilson Presented the revised budget. Miss Ketola recommended that \$5 be added for the use of the Intellectual Freedom Committee Chairman. This was moved, seconded and passed. The Board approved an increase from \$100 to \$125 in the Trustees' Budget. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$3,853.04 as of October 3. \$1,478.42 in bonds and total assets of \$5,331.46. Mrs. Wilson also noted that the Treasurer's books should be audited before they are passed to the new Treasurer and that such an item should be incorporated in the budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elinor McCloskey, Secretary