

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, NMLA, APRIL 17, 1970

The Executive Board of the New Mexico Library Association met Friday evening, April 17, 1970, immediately following the closing banquet of the 1970 Conference. Miss Calla Ann Crepin, president, called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Marjorie Wilson, Treasurer, made the following comments: It is not feasible for the Treasurer to make two reports at convention. The Treasurer should not be required to make a report at the second business meeting, as all of the facts and figures are not in at that time. The Treasurer should be assisted at registration by not more than two persons, as more than this number tends to complicate the procedure to account for receipts, etc.

Mr. Gar Elison made the motion that new policies be established regarding the Treasurer's reports. The Treasurer shall give a report to the first Business meeting, based upon activities prior to the Conference; a post-Conference report shall be printed in New Mexico Libraries, in the first issue following the Conference. Mrs. Doris Cox seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

The president reminded the Board that the 1971 Conference will be held in Roswell on April 14, 15, 16. There is a possibility that a pre-conference workshop will be held.

The Greater Albuquerque Library Association will sponsor the 1972 Conference. Calla Ann was authorized to ask GALA to proceed with establishment of a committee to set the dates for the 1972 Conference (avoiding Easter, National Library Week, the Texas and Arizona Library Associations meetings), and to ask said Committee to get a commitment from the hotel which will serve as headquarters for the Conference.

Miss Crepin brought up several thoughts for the Executive Board to be considering. Due to growth of the Association, etc., in the future it may be necessary for the Executive Board to have longer meetings. Also, some thought should be given to Awards, such as Librarian and Trustee of the Year: Are they to be given every year or only when merited?

Other considerations; Special Committees can last five years. Two of these are: Professional Development Committee, and the Committee to Extend Library Services. Some thought must be given to the best way for such committees to continue, (as well as the Executive Board itself) if additional time is to be required for meetings. The difficulty in getting together must be taken into consideration. The Committee on Committees previously recommended that perhaps partial reimbursement could be made to Executive Board members. Could this reimbursement also be extended to Committees? The Committees might also be in need of money for special projects, etc. This could involve a change in the Constitution. Members of the Executive Board were asked to think about this.

After discussion, it was decided that the membership list should be sent out after the Annual Conference to the Executive Board and also to New Mexico Libraries. The Executive Board should make suggestions for committee appointments to assist the President.

The Treasurer was asked to send out extra application cards to members, so that they in turn could pass them on to non-members.

The July issue of New Mexico Libraries will report on the Conference. Reports of Divisions should be sent to the secretary and to New Mexico Libraries.

Some discussion was held regarding institutional memberships. Calla Ann will appoint a committee to work out a letter inviting institutional memberships.

The function of the New Mexico Library Development Council was discussed. When the New Mexico Council was started, it was decided that it should be an action group. However, in other states, Development Councils are purely advisory, not action committees. The Board was reminded that, if we get into a statewide plan, the final use of LSCA funds is actually up to the State Library Commission. The president said that NMLA will probably eventually have to have its own long range planning group.

Calla Ann also advised that LSCA funds for the current year must be committed by July 1, 1970. Proposals for preparation of an informative brochure to cover recommendations of the ADL survey, and the printing of this brochure are currently being pursued. Also being pursued is the locating of someone to co-ordinate efforts to implement the survey, as well as a short-term consultant to "pull out" information.

It was conceded that the 1971 Conference should be built around the State Plan.

Calla Ann led a discussion concerning the Legislative and Intellectual Freedoms Committee. The present members of this committee are divided in their opinion that perhaps this Committee should be separated into two working committees. In the future, a strong Legislative Committee may be necessary to implement the State Plan, and perhaps it should be a totally separate committee. The present constitution calls for a joint committee. A compromise might be to subdivide the group and put enough on the Committee to staff two committees. Consultants and resource people could be added to the Committee, in order to circumvent the number of people as presently required by the Constitution.

It was suggested that the Roswell 1971 Conference Local Arrangements Committee immediately appoint a local person to work with Alan Clark and Brooke Sheldon.

The Board was informed that New Mexico Bookbinders will probably raise their scholarship contribution in the future. However, NMLA should also be raising their scholarships amount, if the company is to continue increasing their donation.

The Fall Executive Board Meeting will probably be held around the 10th of September. Division Chairmen must write and distribute their reports before this meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Jack Daniels, Secretary