

New Mexico Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Erna Fergusson Public Library  
Albuquerque , New Mexico  
September 11, 1971

Present:

Miss Peggy Tozer	Mrs. Marti Riordan	Mr. Cecil Clotfelter
Mrs. Mildred Neal	Mr. Alan Clark	Mrs. Doris Lester
Mrs. Alma Daniels	Mrs. Alice Wynne	Mrs. Doris Cox
Miss Calla Ann Crepin	Mr. Gar Elison	Miss Elinor McCloskey
Mrs. Delores Lanier	Mrs. Jean Naughton	Mrs. Bert Ellen Camp
Mrs. Helen Melton	Miss Christine Buder	Mr. C. Edwin Dowlin
Mrs. Jacklyn Goodfellow	Mrs. Virginia Ewing	

Meeting was reconvened at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Miss Tozer called for Special Committee reports.

Committee to Extend Library Service and the Professional Development Committee had no report.

Vella Galle's Research Committee. Miss Tozer reported that Mrs. Mary Jo Walker and Mrs. Laura McGuire would start a concentrated effort to complete this research.

The Standing Committee reports were continued.

Documents Committee. No report.

Miss Tozer announced that any member of NMLA would be most welcome at the meetings of the New Mexico Council on Library Development.

Copies of the draft "Standard for Accreditation" for Graduate Library Education Programs by the ALA Committee on Accreditation are available upon request from ALA.

Miss Tozer has received a report by Mrs. Grace Stevenson on the ALA-SWLA chapter relations paper in which she outlines what various states have done in relationship to this report. This summary also includes a section on the results of the NMLA Annual Conference held in Roswell.

ALA has asked the Association to submit names of ALA members of our Chapter who are anxious to serve on ALA committees. Please give names of interested persons to Miss Tozer.

The Standing Committee reports were continued.

Historical Committee. Mr. Clotfelter reported that his committee has decided to compile a pamphlet guide for librarians to help them decide what to collect on local history. Publication of this guide in New Mexico Libraries may be preferable.

Miss Tozer decided to wait to appoint a member to the Historical Committee until Mr. Simpson's position at the State Library has been filled.

General Publicity and National Library Week Committee. Mr. Clark stated that the group will probably do another state wide program using State Library people or people from the Childrens and Young Peoples Division of NMLA.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Mrs. Melton's budget request for \$25 was for postage and paper. Members were asked to make changes and additions to their Handbooks including a change for the "Scholarship and Recruitment Committee" procedures. The third paragraph under "Membership", the third sentence – ("One member shall be the ALA recruitment representative of NMLA")– should be deleted. In the following sentence the work "three" used the first time should be changed to "four". Under "Amount of Scholarship - History", the \$1 fee for the scholarship fund which is added to the registration fee for the Annual Conference is explained.

Mrs. Melton stressed that annual reports do not belong in the Handbook and asked that the Board members pull them from their Handbook. Mrs. Melton read her report. Miss Crepin felt that recommendation no. 3 should be entered in the Procedural Handbook. In connection with recommendation no. 1 the need for a Publication Committee was aired. Mrs. Melton explained that this committee would review everything to be printed including issues from Divisions and such publications as the Procedural Handbook. Mrs. Melton felt there is no need for this committee at present. Miss Crepin suggested that a Publications Committee would give standardization to the publications issued by NMLA and the committee would ensure proper credit where due. Mr. Clark emphasized the mechanical problems involved with a Publications Committee indicating that more time would be required in getting something published. All material would have to be sent to the Publications Committee; wait for them to return it; make corrections and re-edit; resubmit the material to the Publications Committee and await approval. The Association would have to be assured that the Publications Committee would act quickly on all materials sent to them for review. Mrs. Melton also felt that a Publications Committee would increase the cost of communications.

On Friday the possibility of a Publications Committee was also discussed in connection with recommendation no. 5 of the LDC report. The following observations were made: Mrs. Ewing stated the Publications Committee would receive material to determine whether it should be sent in newsletter form or be published in something like NML. Mrs. Neal suggested that the Editorial Committee assume the duties of a publications committee because the Association has too many committees. Mrs. Ewing disagreed because the Editorial Committee has no authority and suggested disbanding and Editorial Committee and creating a Publications Committee.

She stated that it should be a small committee, centrally located, and preferably close to the President. Miss Crepin stated that it would be useful to have the Publications Committee and Editor near the President because of mail volume, especially from ALA. Much of the material is obsolete by NML press time, and isn't printed.

Discussion concerning the Association's need for a Second Vice President ensued. Mrs. Goodfellow inquired into the value of having a Second Vice-President solely-for the need of a Chairman of the Membership Committee when a constitutional change and a vote of membership are required, and the fact that this existing committee is functioning satisfactorily.

Miss Tozer stated that this position is needed to help the Vice-President, President-Elect to gain necessary experience to perform as an effective President.

Mrs. Melton stated that due to the growth rate and added responsibilities of the Association the Association would experience serious difficulties should something happen to one of the key

officers. If a Second Vice-President were elected he would be familiar with the activities and responsibilities of the Association. If the office of Second Vice-President were to be in the line of succession to the President this would require him to serve four years on the elected Executive Board thus insuring continuity to the Board.

Mrs. Goodfellow moved that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee prepare a constitutional amendment to provide for a second vice-president to follow in the succession pattern. Miss Tozer added that this officer could also serve as chairman of the Membership Committee.

Miss Crepin stated that she and Miss Tozer did not want to build such an elaborate system leading to President. Perhaps the Second Vice-President could work under direction of the first Vice-President. She added that the time served on the Board might be too long.

Mrs. Neal added that people might be reluctant to accept such a long term, demanding position.

Mrs. Melton felt that having a non-succeeding, short term Second Vice-President would bring new and fresh ideas, to the Board.

Miss Tozer suggested that perhaps the person who is to become Vice-President, President-Elect must have served on the Board within the last five years, thus giving the person some exposure to the Board other than only as an officer and would give this person some continuity. In other words the next vice-president would come from the Executive Board.

Mr. Dowlin stated that in other organizations the second vice-president is an honorary position or a position of recognition or is held by one special type, such as a trustee who advises on special things.

Mrs. Goodfellow's motion "stated previously" died from lack of a second.

The personal dues structure was discussed in relation to fees for students. It was decided to retain the present personal dues structure. Miss Tozer recommended a Membership Committee investigation into ways to encourage student membership from among those people taking undergraduate library courses in New Mexico. One method would be to notify people in charge of undergraduate library courses at all New Mexico institutions that \$4 student memberships are available. The possibility of waiving the registration fee at the Annual Conference might be used as a further inducement for students to join NMLA. Discussion will be continued at the next Board Meeting. The report was accepted.

It was decided to investigate the possibility of a Trustee as a candidate for Vice-President, President-Elect of NMLA for 1972-73.

Miss Tozer recommended that with the mailing of the dues the Membership Committee include a section which offers a chance for members to volunteer to serve on the various committees.

Membership Committee. Mrs. Camp reported that she mailed out 104 dues reminders. As a result she received 64 checks bringing the total individual membership to 360, 33 institutional members, and one honorary life member, Miss Dorothy Watkins. The budget request was for \$100. Mrs. Camp also stated that she would mail dues for 1972 in December. She was reminded that SWLA dues should be included on the dues form and that a SWLA brochure should also be included.

Convention Site Committee. No report.

Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee. The program plan for 1971-72 as read by Mrs. Lester is: 1) Legislative targets—A. “Increased state aid for public libraries to be used for materials with emphasis on the following area: a) drug abuse education, b) job opportunities and training programs in the state c) cultural awareness - bi-lingual materials. B. Audio-visual resource center to be started at the State Library to serve us locator for materials already in the state and to begin purchase of materials for a pool to be drawn upon by libraries.” (It was stressed that the Association must fight for these targets.) 2) “Paid lobbyist to develop good public relations material and to organize statewide, town by town, to establish effective local contacts and lines of communication for legislative action.” Miss Leona Huber has consented to do this for a month or so. 3) If a pornography bill should arise in the 1971 legislative session, a legal counselor, perhaps Mr. Tom Donnelly, should be employed. The budget request was: legal counsel \$275, miscellaneous expenses \$20, legislative coordinator \$500, total \$795.

Special Paid Assistant to the President is the name given to the position previously entitled “legislative coordinator” or “paid lobbyist”.

Miss Crepin moved that the Board accept the report and endorse the proposals in item 2 calling the paid lobbyist “Special Paid Assistant to the President”, and contact Mr. Donnelly in item 3 and endorse the legislative targets in item 1. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Neal and carried.

A vacancy on the Committee exists because of Mary Grilly’s death.

Editorial Committee. Mrs. Ewing announced that the printing cost of \$10 per page for New Mexico Libraries remains the same. She stated that “the editor must know, definitely, what type of material the Association wishes to have published” in NML.

Editor of New Mexico Libraries, Miss Buder, read her report. The need for NML was deliberated. The report was accepted.

The Library Development Committee report as continued. Discussion resumed concerning recommendation no. 5. The Board members deliberated about the format of NML and the possibility of issuing a newsletter and NML too. In the first sentence of recommendation no. 5 the words “in its present form” were inserted following “New Mexico Libraries.” Mrs. Neal moved that recommendation no. 5 be tabled until the Editorial Committee and the Editor have time to submit a recommendation at the next Board Meeting but that they continue in their present policy until a change is made. Mrs. Riordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The budget for NML will be set up according to last year and will be changed if needed.

Miss Crepin suggested that the Editorial Committee investigate the possibility of the Association supporting two different types of publications with two different goals. One person or a committee might be appointed to determine which type of material goes into which publication. The newsletters should be fast and be kept from getting bogged down. The report should include current cost figures, sources, speed, and printing.

Miss Buder submitted a resignation but it was not accepted.

Miss Tozer stated that the possibility of a monetary stipend for the editor and the resignation procedure of the editor be included in the Editor’s and Editorial Committee’s report.

Mrs. Cox continued the LDC report. Mrs. Daniels moved that the report and recommendations of LDC be accepted and that further action be taken at the next Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Goodfellow. Motion carried.

The recommendations of the LDC were considered individually to determine what action the Board needed to take .

Recommendation No. 1 --The Public Library Division will hold area workshops.

Recommendation No. 2 – Mr. Elison has agreed to prepare for the membership a miniature demonstration of a communication system to be presented at the spring meeting in 1972.

Recommendation No. 3 -- Action delayed until a director for the Systems Coordination Office has been selected.

Recommendation No. 4 --The Board supports and endorses this recommendation in its entirety.

Recommendation No. 6--Mr. Clotfelter agreed that his committee accept this project and to expand, if needed, the membership of the Historical Materials Committee for this project.

Recommendation No. 7 --The Membership Committee has already agreed to do this.

Recommendation No. 8--The paid lobbyist was agreed upon when Mrs. Lester presented her report.

Recommendation No. 9--Mrs . Goodfellow moved that the Board urge the State Library Commission to take initial steps for the establishment of a locator unit as early as feasible. Seconded by Miss Crepin. Motion carried.

Recommendation No. 10--To be considered at the next Board Meeting.

The report was concluded. The \$200 budget estimate was for clerical assistance.

The President will send a formal communication to the chairman of the State Library Commission stating the Board's endorsement of recommendation No. 9 of the LDC report.

Mrs. Daniels presented he proposed budget. Under "Debits:" "Dues: SWLA-\$70, Other \$10" was deleted. Mrs. Daniels is to investigate further "Conference Expenses" because the Association usually does not lose money on a conference. "Gift to ALA" should not be included. If the Association receives a solicitation then the Board will consider it. Expenses for officers will be included under "Supplies." The division budgets were amended as follows: College, University and Special Libraries \$200; Public Libraries \$50; Children, Young Adults, Schools \$200; and Trustees \$200. The following Standing Committee budgets were amended: Constitution and Bylaws \$35; General Publicity and national Library Week \$25; Legislation and Intellectual Freedom \$795; Scholarship and Recruitment \$35. Under Special Committees the Library Development Committee budget was amended to \$200.

Miss Tozer is to determine whether there is a need for an Executive Board meeting in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Ann Lanier, Secretary