

New Mexico Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Four Seasons Motel
Albuquerque, New Mexico
March 4, 1972

Present:

Miss Calla Ann Crepin	Mrs. Marti Riordan	Mr. Alan Clark
Miss Peggy Tozer	Mr. Cecil Clotfelter	Mrs. Delores Lanier
Mrs. Mildred Neal	Mrs. Alma Daniels	Miss Leona Huber
Mrs. Dorothy Wells	Mrs. Jacklyn Goodfellow	Miss Dorothy Wurgler
Mrs. Alice Wynn	Mrs. Helen Milton	Miss Elinor McCloskey
Mrs. Mildred Barrett	Mr. Gar Elison	

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Miss Tozer, President.

Miss Crepin questioned the correctness of the Executive Board Minutes, dated January 15, 1972, p. 7, concerning the voting for the ALA Councilor. It was agreed the minutes read correctly. Miss Tozer stated that Mrs. Greeley was spelled Grilly, p.1, third paragraph, January 15, 1972, Executive Board minutes. Mrs. Daniels moved the minutes be accepted as corrected; seconded by Mrs. Neal. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Daniels distributed copies of her report. Total assets: \$6,029.20 as of March 3, 1972; disbursements: \$1,646.06.

Mrs. Goodfellow introduced Mrs. Wells, Vice-Chairwoman, Chair-woman-elect of the School Libraries, Childrens and Young Adult Services Division.

Miss Tozer introduced Miss Wurgler, Chairwoman of the Convention Site Committee.

Miss Tozer announced Brother Brendan would take Miss Wurgler's position on the Convention Site Committee.

A list of changes in committee chairmen and members were distributed by Miss Tozer.

ALA Councilor. Mr. Grove explained that the office of the Councilor expires at the conclusion of the summer convention.

The budget was the main topic of discussion at the ALA Mid-Winter Conference. Fourteen positions in the ALA office were not funded and 14 positions were funded but frozen, i.e. not filled. Seventy-seven persons staffed ALA Headquarters in 1961; 136 persons in 1966, and 182 persons in 1971.

Dues received during this ten year period were:

1961 organizational dues - \$82,300. Total dues - \$232,200.
(organizational dues less than half)
1966 organizational dues - \$193,700. Total dues - \$482,200.
(organizational dues still less than half)
1971 organizational dues - \$527,900. Total dues - \$868,300.
(organizational dues are over half)

The dues funds reflect that people are not supporting ALA as individuals. They are joining or staying in through institutions. Dues, foundation grants, gifts and publications, amounting to over two million dollars, comprise the total budget of ALA. The publications budget is well over a million dollars.

Comments made during the ensuing discussion were: People join ALA through institutions because it is less expensive and institutional memberships receive more publications, including a directory, than individuals receive. People are not staying in as individual members because people in the field do not realize what it means to belong to the American Library Association; they really do not understand what ALA represents or what professionalism means. People do not realize the role individual members could have in making ALA what it should be. These are problems which ALA Headquarters needs to face.

Mr. Grove stated the membership of ALA really supports American Libraries. The members want the editor of American Libraries to have more liberty and to be independent of the Headquarters. AL costs an enormous sum of money and it is always a deficit publication. American Libraries's funds come from members in dues and AL comes as part of the membership. The reason that reviews for audio-visual and instructional media in the Booklist are descriptive rather than evaluative is because every evaluative article must be read by an attorney.

SWLA Councilor. Mrs. Barrett read her report. Della Thomas, SWLA's Executive Secretary, has asked that copies of state bulletins or newsletters be sent to her and the editor of the SWLA Newsletter to ensure that her directory of people, places and events is current.

The State Representative elected in April of this year will serve only until January 1, 1973, when the Office of State Representative will then be filled by the president of each state library association.

SWLA will furnish membership cards to the treasurers of state associations soon.

Miss Tozer reported on the SLICE meeting held in Dallas March 3, 1972. The structure of the officers of SLICE has been changed as follows: vice-presidents of the SWLA state associations will be the representatives to SLICE; their alternate will be appointed by the state association vice-presidents at the first meeting in the fall.

SLICE urges the state associations to budget for their SLICE representatives to attend two council meetings per year. This is all SLICE is asking of state associations at this time. The question of how the State Library decided to support SLICE rather than WICHE was raised.

Mr. George B. Miller, Chairman of an Ad Hoc Coordinating Committee of the UNM Libraries for the Library Bond Issue, explained the purpose of this committee. He asked the Executive Board for guidance for this committee and the prospects of this bond issue. He wished to inform the Board on what UNM is doing and asked how the Committee can cooperate with NMLA.

The following remarks were made in response to his questions:

- 1) NMLA needs to come out in force to get this bond issue passed;
- 2) NMLA desperately needs to demonstrate that money can be made available for libraries;
- 3) NMLA should make a professional commitment to the fact that we must do everything possible to see that this bond issue passes. This is the first thrust toward our Coordinated Library Systems and passage of the bond issue will be the first concrete action.

Suggestions for what not to do were: 1) NMLA should not take the position that the legislators are for this bond issue. They voted to let the public decide through a bond issue; 2) Do not worry about the division of the money; 3) DO not get involved in the mechanics of how to house the books, catalog them, etc.

Positive suggestions were: 1) Contact the senator who voted against the bond issue and work with him; 2) Get as many written statements of support from every political official possible. Obtain a written statement that can be printed in newspapers and contact the head of the State Department of Education. When obtaining these statements do not ask if the bond issue will pass but rather get a positive statement of his personal support and convictions.

Mr. Clark stated that the Public Librarian Division of NMLA would work in total cooperation with the university libraries. The fact that the bond issue will be an improvement of library services to all people, and not just to the university libraries, should be stressed. Publicity should also be placed in public libraries. The posters in the public libraries should convey that the public library is in total support of this bond issue because the bond issue is not taking things away but giving things to the while mix.

The Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee and Mr. Miller should work closely together.

Miss Crepin stated that LDC recommends top priority for work and money of NMLA to get the bond issue passed in November. The establishment of a network to work for the bond issue will be necessary to get any kind of library development programs for New Mexico. Mr. Grove added that we need the type of set up where libraries have contacts in every congressional district. We do not have the organization necessary to get written statements form each member of the house and senate.

Mrs. Barrett added that one of the problems will be to educate our membership on the importance of this bond issue. We must make school librarians and small public librarians see that they will benefit from passage of this bond. We must make sure that they are fully informed so they can answer questions directed at them. The Annual Conference is one place to start informing these people.

Miss Tozer announced that she has received a letter from the State Library Commission expressing acceptance of the appointment of Miss Huber as liaison to meet with the State Librarian and the State Library Commission as stated in the L&IFC report given in the January 14, 1972, Executive Board Minutes.

Library Development Committee. Miss Crepin read the report. She explained that the "Five Year Plan for New Mexico Libraries" is a new approach the State Library as to take this year. This plan indicates where the State Library will be placing its efforts and money for the next five years. Because the State Library is asking NMLA what we think about this plan, we need to be sure we are satisfied and take advantage of the fact that they are asking. We need to make sure that the priorities expressed in CLS and adopted by the Association are reflected in the state's plan allowing the State Library to put their efforts in the right direction.

Miss Tozer said the plan includes projected statements showing forethought.

Mrs. Goodfellow moved that the Executive Board support recommendation no. 3 of the LDC report and provide paper to publisher 2,000 copies of the "Coordinated Library System for New Mexico." Seconded by Miss Crepin. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Goodfellow moved that recommendation no. 2 of the report be accepted and that the Board offer its support to the best of its ability. Mrs. Lanier seconded the motion; motion carried.

Memorial Committee. Mrs. Lanier read the report. This committee recommended that at the first NMLA Business Meeting on Wednesday, April 26, acknowledgment of the work of Mr. Donald Riechmann be given through a resolution by the presiding officer stating NMLA's request that the City of Albuquerque give consideration to naming the new main Public Library for Mr. Riechmann in recognition of his vision, leadership and contributions to community, state, and national library development.

Following the acclamation of the resolution the President would declare that a copy of the resolution be sent to Mrs. Donald Riechmann. The presiding officer would then mention the loss to the Association of the New Mexico Librarians, Mrs. Mary Grilly, Mr. Wells from Artesia, Mrs. Betty Autrey and Mrs. Dollis Stevens from Roswell, and Miss Wilma Sheldon.

Mrs. Daniels moved that the recommendation of the Memorial Committee be accepted; Mrs. Neal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was decided that someone from the floor should make the resolution into a motion because it would be appropriate to have the entire Association vote on this resolution.

Miss Huber asked if the Association wished to recognize Mrs. Dwyer in some manner such as with an honorary membership. Discussion of honorary memberships ensued.

Miss Tozer suggested that librarians, such as Miss Evyln Shuler and Miss Irene Peck, who have been particularly helpful to the Association and to the library profession could be honored in some manner next year when NMLA celebrates its 50th anniversary. The Historical Materials Committee agreed to assume this project.

Mrs. Neal moved that NMLA bestow an honorary membership on Mrs. Dwyer at the Convention banquet when other awards area announced and emphasize her contribution to library development in New Mexico. Mrs. Grove seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Goodfellow moved that the President appoint a special committee to consider the basis for awarding honorary memberships and making recommendations that can be placed in the Association Handbook. Mr. Clark seconded the motion; motion carried. This committee is to report to the first Convention Board Meeting in April.

Publications Committee. Miss Tozer announced that Mr. Grove is chairman of this committee. Mrs. Virginia Reale and Mrs. Margaret Meaders are also on the committee.

Mrs. Melton stated that the Constitution an Bylaws Committee urge that the charge for the Publications Committee read as follows: "The Committee shall be made up of 3 members, one of who shall be appointed chairman by the President." This change would tighten the organization and the appointment by the President would agree with the description of standing committees in the Procedural Handbook.

Miss Crepin moved that the change in the charge for the Publications Committee be accepted; seconded by Mr. Grove. Motion carried.

Mrs. Neal distributed copies of the program for the Annual Conference and reviewed it.

Mr. Elison distributed copies of the packets for the Thursday afternoon and Friday morning programs for the Annual Conference. He explained the basic purpose of these programs is to present educatable ideas on the need for the CLS, and to create an attitude for change and then develop those attitude which are necessary for all libraries to cooperate in a CLS. Hopefully, these objectives will be accomplished through the formal presentations given on Thursday afternoon and networking games played between those presentations. Through the games it is hoped to expose those attitudes or fears such as who is going to pay for CLS and why are not the university libraries going to be overrun by requests from public schools?

Official listeners who have been chosen for the networking games will report their observations on Friday morning. Based on reports of official listeners from Thursday afternoon it is hoped that the Panel on Friday morning will ask questions such as: "What is the true cost of an interlibrary load?" It is hoped that these questions and the panel discussion will begin to give some working relationship.

The summary and charge to the participants is the last part of the program. Here it is hoped that Mr. Elison will be able to emphasize the fact that most of us are not totally committed and it is time to commit ourselves.

Two or three educational exhibits, such as a twx plugged into the Medlars program, will be exhibited to give the people more of a reason to make the scheduled tours.

The Annual Conference program is an attempt to get the librarians of New Mexico to look at the "why" of networking as opposed to the "how."

Mr. Elison recommends that everyone read Mary Ann Duggan's paper on the library network analysis published in the "journal of Library Automation," v.2, No. 3, September, 1969.

Mr. Elison will have copies of a glossary and the Thursday afternoon and Friday morning programs packets available for pick-up at the registration desk.

Local Arrangements Committee. Miss McCloskey asked if NMLA wished to mailed the Annual conference pre-registration forms to SLA, NMAECT, NMLA and BRLA. The Board agreed to send these forms to all the members of these associations. Miss Crepin will contact the President of the Rio Grande Chapter of SLA to see if a bulleting will be mailed before the Conference. If so, they will include the Annual Conference pre-registration forms in their mailing.

The State Library Commission plans to hold a meeting Wednesday, April 26, at the Four Seasons Motel, in conjunction with the Annual Conference so that the general public may come. If this meeting is going to be held, its schedule should be included on the final Conference Program.

Highlights of the Annual Conference will be included in the newsletter.

The following was decided concerning special and standing committee annual reports: 1) An abstract and one copy of these annual reports will be sent to the President by April 1 so that she can have copies of the abstract printed and available at the Conference registration desk. (Printing costs will be charged to Conference expenses.) 2) Two copies of the complete annual reports will be sent to the Secretary two weeks before the Conference.

Division reports should be given to the President after their annual business meeting so that the President may announce the newly elected officers for the coming year.

The Publications Committee will go through the Constitution to determine what kind of reports and other items have previously been included in NML. By the first Board Meeting in April this committee should recommend how to dispose of these reports and other items.

New Mexico Magazine Indexing Project. Miss Tozer reported that she has found no chairman as yet. However, before she appoints a chairman she will contact the New Mexico Magazine publishers to determine if they are to compile and publish their own index. Miss Tozer will also contact Mrs. Lester concerning the printing of the index. Miss Tozer will also contact Mrs. Lester concerning the printing of the index.

Mr. Clark reported that no progress has been made concerning the divisional vice-chairmen being ex-officio members of the Executive Board.

Mrs. Goodfellow moved the Board instruct the treasurer to reimburse Mr. Clark for expenses incurred when he held area workshops around the state. Seconded by Mrs. Neal. Motion carried.

Miss Crepin suggested that chairmen of the other Divisions be informed of what the Public Library Division did this year and be encouraged to do something in addition to their annual meeting program. If their project is submitted to the Board and approved there might be some reimbursement. The newsletter will be used to get this message across.

Miss Tozer called for Division Reports.

Trustees Division. No report.

Meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.