

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting
 Inez Elementary School
 Albuquerque, New Mexico
 June 11, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m. by President Alison Almquist. All present introduced themselves.

Members Present:

Bambi Adams	Jerry Klopfer	Betty Reynolds
Alison Almquist	Kay Krehbiel	Joe Sabatini
Linda Avery	Betty Long	Virginia Seiser
Richard Bell	Robert Martinez	Jeanette Smith
Barbara Billey	Jennifer Marquardt	Barbara Spivey
John Brewster	George Marr	Roger Steeb
Donnie Curtis	Claire Odenheim	Carmen Ward
Karen George	Adriana Ortega	Karen Watkins
Mary Grathwol	Lee Platero	Cherrill Whitlow
Dinah Lea Jentgen	Marilyn Reeves	Cheryl Wilson
Drew Harrington	Clara Rey	Kris Wycisk
Carol King		

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Cherrill Whitlow announced her retirement.

Alison Almquist requested that reports be brief as the agenda for the meeting was long. As NMLA President, Alison made a presentation in behalf of keeping school librarians in Albuquerque. Karen Watkins and Joe Sabatini also made presentations. The result was that there will be school librarians in Albuquerque for at least one more year.

OFFICER, NEWSLETTER EDITOR, AND STATE LIBRARIAN REPORTS:

Secretary: Jeanette Smith announced that stationery was available at the meeting, and that she is a Notary Public and would provide that service to Board members. She requested that six copies of written reports be turned in at the beginning of the meeting for distribution to officers (35 copies when Board action is required). The budget request for Secretary this year is \$200. Jeanette entertained corrections, additions, and modifications to the minutes of the March 20 Executive Board meeting. There were none. Jeanette moved and Jerry Klopfer seconded the motion that the minutes be accepted as written. The motion carried.

Treasurer: Virginia Seiser read David Null's report. David thanked everyone for making the last two years go by quickly and smoothly. So far during the 4th quarter we have taken in \$1,659 from dues, \$555 in advertising, and \$3,170.50 from the 1993 Conference. As of June 8, 1993, the checking account contains \$6,289.70. Of that amount, \$1,272 belongs to the Battle of the Books, leaving \$5,017.70 for NMLA. This amount is lower than usual, due largely to the retreat, which cost \$3,092.70. Although we usually have more in the checking account at this time of the

year, David does not think that it is a problem since July and August are two of our bigger months in terms of dues income. A report on investments was attached to the Treasurer's report. currently the Marion Dorroh scholarship account contains \$9,043. 61. Our CD at Merrill Lynch, which matures in August, is worth \$17,882.37, and the CD at Sunwest Bank, which matures later this month, contains approximately \$12,800. If the Board accepts the recommendation from the retreat to keep half of the operating budget in a secure CD, then David recommends reinvesting the CD from SunWest for another three months when it comes due. When the CD at Merrill Lynch matures in August David would recommend putting \$15,000 into a longer-term CD. He would suggest three years, currently paying about 4.2%. We could put the money in for five years at about 5.1%, but we would run the risk of being locked into a low rate. He also recommends that the rest of the money from Merrill Lynch (approximately \$4000) be put either into the checking account if needed or into another short term CD until the Board decides what to do with our money. A report from the 1993 Conference is attached. There may be one or two more bills outstanding, but most have been paid. We actually made \$6,000, but because the proceeds from the Silent Auction (\$3,520) went to the Marion Dorroh account and \$619.50 went to the Foundation from the Casino Night auction (in addition to \$519.70 which the Foundation received that night), the final profit does not look large. A preliminary budget and projected expenses for 1993/1994 are attached. The proposed budget looks much larger than usual, but David thinks that it more accurately reflects what we do. We had been putting anticipated Conference profit into the "income" column with no corresponding "expenses." This year David has put in both anticipated income and expenses for the Conference. David would not include those figures when thinking about "operating" expenses. In accordance with the recommendation from the retreat, Virginia moved and Drew Harrington seconded the motion that \$15,000 be put into a long-term CD. When it was determined that Drew could not second a motion, Cheryl Wilson seconded it. The motion carried. Virginia then moved and Cheryl Wilson seconded the motion that \$17,000 be put into short-term investments such as a three month CD. The motion carried .

First Vice President: Barbara Billey reported that she has selected the Conference theme "Vision for New Mexico Libraries/Planning for the Future." She also presented a Conference logo. She selected the theme because it is timely. Barbara moved and Virginia Seiser seconded the motion that the Conference theme "Vision for New Mexico Libraries/Planning for the Future" be adopted. When it was determined that Virginia was not yet officially in office, Carmen Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried. Barbara recommended that exhibit fees be 1) \$325 for commercial exhibit space, 2) \$225 for non-commercial and small vendor exhibit space, and 3) free for table-top display space for non-profit library organizations. Barbara increased the first two categories of fees by \$100 since last year to try to break even in Albuquerque. Bambi Adams suggested that the exhibits be open to people not registered for the Conference. Barbara will recommend this idea to the person on the Local Arrangements Committee coordinating exhibits. To save money, space has been reserved for the pre-conference and post-conference at the new Albuquerque Public Library South Broadway Branch Library. The Grand Opening of the exhibits will be at noon on Thursday, and exhibits will run through Friday. After discussion of exhibit fees, Cheryl Wilson moved and Jeanette Smith seconded the motion that exhibit fees be accepted as presented. At Alison's request, Cheryl stated who on the Board was able to vote. After further discussion of exhibitors with non-profit status, Jerry Klopfer moved and Carmen Ward seconded the motion that the original motion be amended with the third category changed to read "table-top space for library organization displays." The motion to amend carried. The original motion by Cheryl Wilson and seconded by Jeanette Smith to accept the exhibit fees was passed as amended. Barbara recommended that registration fees remain the same as those for the

1993 Conference:

	NMLA Member	Non-Member
Entire Conference		
Pre-registration	\$35	\$50
On-site registration	\$50	\$65
Daily		
Pre-registration	\$25	\$35
On-site registration	\$30	\$40

Barbara moved and Jerry Klopfer seconded the motion that the registration fees be approved. After discussion, Jerry Klopfer moved and Richard Bell seconded the motion to amend the previous motion to approve the registration fees and to allow free access with a badge to the exhibit area. The motion to amend carried, and the original motion by Barbara Billey and seconded by Jerry Klopfer passed as amended.

Second Vice President: Alison Almquist announced that Ellanie Sampson resigned as Second Vice President on June 4, and read her letter of resignation:

“Due to severe budget cuts in the City of Truth or Consequences and simultaneous increases in my workload in addition to the cuts I can find no other recourse but to resign from the NMLA 2nd Vice President position. If the Association feels that the mini-conference is a necessity this year, I will follow through with the plans in progress and produce the conference as scheduled on October 8 in T or C. Because of the unstable nature of a staff member's health (she faces major surgery shortly), I will be unable to attend the June 11 NMLA Executive Board meeting in Albuquerque. At this meeting you will be discussing the recommendations from the long-range planning retreat. A total restructuring of the format of the Executive Board is included in the recommendations. Some thoughts about the 2nd Vice President position: 2nd Vice President does the mini-conference during the first year of office; the mini-conference is aimed at and intended for paraprofessionals and school librarians who are usually unable to attend the full annual NMLA Conference but who can usually get away for a one day event. Although the school library jobs in Albuquerque were restored this year, no one knows about next year. Perhaps it would merit finding out how many school library professionals, paraprofessionals, clerks, and aides would be likely to go to a mini-conference. Perhaps the usefulness of the mini-conference is past? With special interest groups forming and holding their own meetings (look at the academic groups and the municipal librarians' section of the NM Municipal League), does the mini-conference serve as a good "coming together of all these groups plus NMLA units" event or is it "just one more meeting to go to?" It is not too late for NMLA to hold a special election by mail for a new 2nd Vice President so that someone will be on track for the 1995 Conference. The restructuring, I believe, is a good idea and I still wholeheartedly support the planning group recommendations. I think the Association could examine the actual function of the 2nd Vice President, and see if that position is still necessary to the restructured Board, especially in view of the possible usefulness or non-usefulness of continuing the mini-conferences. I deeply regret being unable to serve my term and to continue on the presidential track. The increases in my workload plus the cuts to the library budget simply preclude any outside work. When I agreed to place my name on the ballot, I had already cleared the four-year commitment with city management, including the additional meetings and extra-curricular work involved. All this changed during the budget hearings on June 2 and 3, and the next three years look equally as bleak if not more so. The library is my first commitment and I cannot jeopardize services to the

city by continuing with NMLA. I am sorry.
Sincerely,
Ellanie Sampson."

Alison then read Ellanie's Second Vice President's report:

"Due to the budget cuts in the City of Truth or Consequences and the extra workload placed on me by the City Commission, it is with deep regret that I resign as 2nd Vice President of the Association. I do not make this decision lightly; Alison and I have talked at length about this and I believe that as the budgetary future of my city looks even bleaker for the upcoming years, it will be in the best interest of the Association that I resign now. In the meantime, plans for the mini-conference have progressed. There are seven programs set up and the T or C Civic Center has been secured at no charge. The meeting room at the library is also available. I can probably get promotional materials from the local Chamber of Commerce to include in mailings. I have not been in touch with the Lindseys about any printing and mailing as yet. Jerry Klopfer suggested that the mailing be done in August to reach the school librarians. He has or can get a set of mailing labels for all elementary school principals and suggests that we target the aides and librarians certified through the state test as well as the regular NMLA member/nonmember mailing list. If the Board chooses to continue with the mini-conference as scheduled for October 8 in T or c, I could probably put together a short article for the Hitchhiker. I chatted with Elaine Goodman, who served on the Nominating Committee, and she suggested that perhaps one of the other two persons on the ballot for 2nd Vice President might be willing to step in; otherwise, if it is not too late to hold a special election by mail for a new 2nd Vice President. I have passed this information on to Alison. Without a doubt, this is one of the most difficult reports I have ever had to write. Please accept my apologies."

Ellanie forwarded a copy of the mini-conference schedule to Alison. Alison was advised by the Bylaws Committee that this situation should go back to the Nominations and Elections Committee, chaired by Drew Harrington. At this time Drew gave the report of the Nominations and Elections Committee. In light of the resignation of Second Vice President Ellanie Sampson, the Nominations Committee places the name of Kathy Flanary in nomination for Second Vice President of NMLA. Kathy has agreed to be a candidate for the office. A special mailing announcing her nomination and asking for any further nominations from the membership has been prepared, and will be sent to the Lindseys pending Board approval of this course of action. The Board discussed the process of appointing a Second Vice President and holding a special election for Second Vice President, or waiting until the regular election to elect a First Vice President. Jerry Klopfer moved and Jeanette Smith seconded the motion that Kathy Flanary be appointed Second Vice President. The motion carried. After discussion of whether a special election should be held, Jerry Klopfer moved and Cheryl Wilson seconded the motion that a special election be held for the election of a Second Vice President as soon as possible. The motion carried.

ALA Councilor: No report. Alison Almquist announced that Ben Wakashige has reserved Room 2742, the Winston Churchill Suite (the ALA Council Suite), at the Hilton in New Orleans for an NMLA get-together on Saturday during ALA from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please bring something to eat.

Newsletter Editor: Donnie Curtis distributed a written proposal concerning expansion of the duties of the Newsletter Editor. She announced that the last Newsletter was mailed on May 12. The next issue will focus on the planning retreat, and the one after that will be on networking.

She requested that articles be submitted by Email. The deadline for the next issue has been set for June 18, but might be changed, depending on the outcome of the proposal. Donnie proposed that her duties as editor be expanded to include most of the functions presently assigned to the Lindseys. She has a background in layout, and the equipment in her library to do it. Advantages would include cost savings, access to state-of-the-art equipment and software, flexibility in layout, and a shorter turn-around time. She estimated that she could coordinate inputting, labeling, and mailing for about \$182 per issue, compared to \$1111 for inputting, labeling, and mailing per issue produced by the Lindseys. During discussion, the high quality of the last Newsletter, the reasonable nature of Donnie's estimates, the need for a bulk mailing permit located in Las Cruces, and the status of the contract with the Lindseys were discussed. Donnie will take suggestions about the desired quality of printing, photos, and graphics, and passed around an issue of the NMSU Library Newsletter as an example. Jerry Klopfer moved and Carmen Ward seconded the motion that pending the termination of the Lindsey contract and its terms, Donnie's proposal be accepted for the rest of this calendar year. The motion carried. John Brewster will check the contract with the Lindseys and Donnie will proceed from there.

State Librarian: Karen Watkins reported that the budget for the State Library starting July 1 looks very good, with a 20% increase in the general fund. The budget will allow a small increase in state aid to public libraries, from \$200,000 to \$250,000. There will also be an increase in the amount spent for adult literacy programs, from \$300,000 to \$350,000. A new bookmobile will be purchased to serve the nine-county area in the northwestern part of the state. Dynix's Marquis has been selected to be the State Library's online system, and is being installed. Partly as a result of interest from NMLA, the State Library is planning a 1993-1994 effort to initiate discussions about statewide networking and to develop a plan which better defines the State Library's role in networking. This will begin after July 1, and NMLA will be invited to participate. As part of the federal government's economic stimulus package, funding for three library programs already appropriated for this fiscal year would be eliminated. The three programs are HEA II-A (college library technology), HEA II-B (research and demonstration), and LSCA VI (library literacy). Several New Mexico libraries have already prepared applications for these grant programs. The U.S. House has passed this reduced budget plan, and it now goes to the Senate. If the Senate agrees with it, the funds for these three programs will be eliminated. The President's budget request for the next fiscal year, 1993-1994, would increase LSCA Title I (public library services) from \$83 million to \$95 million. It would leave Title III (interlibrary cooperation) at its present \$20 million level. It would zero out Titles II (construction), V (foreign language materials), and VI (literacy). All Higher Education Act (HEA) programs would be eliminated. The budget is still being debated by Congress. Two bills that would provide funding for elementary and secondary school library media collections, technology enhancement, training, and improvement are before the Congress. Senate Bill s. 266 is co-sponsored by Senator Bingaman. A companion bill is H.R. 1151 in the House. The bills are still being debated. Throughout New Mexico there has been good newspaper coverage of the Battle of the Books, which always gives NMLA credit and is good P.R.

DIVISION REPORTS

College, University, and Special Libraries: Carmen Ward reported CUS is planning a workshop for paraprofessionals co-sponsored with the Technical Services Round Table. The topic has not yet been chosen. The workshop will be held in the fall.

Public Libraries: Bambi Adams reported that she asked Cynthia Wolf, previously an instructor at

UNM teaching a course in public relations, to be the speaker at the division's program at the mini-conference, and she has accepted. The title will be Public Relations for Libraries. To fulfill the goal in the work program of acquainting New Mexico librarians with various forms of resource sharing, Bambi has decided to produce several short newsletters to let people know what is going on in libraries and other venues. She has received permission from the editor of the Hitchhiker to include these newsletters in its mailings. They will be less expensive and reach more people than a program. Alison noted that the mini-conference is still on as long as Ellanie is willing to do it.

Services for Youth and School Libraries: Jerry Klopfer reported that he has had telephone calls from parents in Albuquerque concerning school library standards. Political action will be necessary in order to implement standards. Serena Douglas has resigned as Chair of the SYSL Standards Committee, and will return to the science classroom. Judy Crocker has been recommended as the new Chair of the Standards Committee. A mini-conference program on motivating techniques for children and youth is planned. Kathy Matter and Jerry will be representatives to the AASL Affiliate Assembly at ALA, and are working on resolutions. Mailing of the brochure authorized by the Board in March has been delayed until the beginning of the next school year. At the suggestion of Anita Estrella, Jerry would like to produce an additional brochure promoting membership in SYSL. Jerry Klopfer moved and Richard Bell seconded the motion that the division be allowed to put out a brochure encouraging membership in SYSL. The motion carried.

Alison Almquist announced that the NMLA budget had not been approved. Virginia Seiser suggested that another \$350 be added for additional bulk mailings and an additional bulk mailing permit. Jerry Klopfer moved and Claire Odenheim seconded the motion that the budget be accepted as amended. The motion carried.

ROUND TABLE REPORTS

Documents: Kay Krehbiel reported that the round table now has a planning committee. She sent out a questionnaire asking for responses from round table members, those who attended the program in Las Vegas, and those who attended the May 7 state documents meeting in Santa Fe. The survey covered concerns of federal and state documents librarians and will be used to plan the Conference program.

Educational Technology: Richard Bell reported that the round table is planning a Conference program and planning to conduct a survey.

Library Instruction: Kris Wycisk reported that she thought it would be a good idea to conduct a survey. Local and Regional History: Cheryl Wilson reported that 141 copies of New Mexico Local and County Histories were mailed to junior and senior high school libraries. Several thank you notes were received. The remaining copies will be mailed to community, pueblo, and reservation libraries.

LUISA: Claire Odenheim reported that at the LUISA business meeting in Las Vegas members were urged to write articles and book reviews and to share ideas via the NMLA Newsletter. A proposed LUISA newsletter did not come into being because of the lack of submissions. Each member was also encouraged to bring in one new member to NMLA and/or LUISA. Claire introduced Adriana Ortega, the LUISA Vice Chair. The LUISA Conference program presented

by poet Joseph Somoza was well attended. Alison added that write-ups and photos for planned mini-conference programs should be submitted for the next Newsletter. The Newsletter deadline has been extended to two weeks after June 11. Please inform Donnie Curtis if articles are coming.

Native American Libraries: Lee Platero reported that the round table is connecting with the New Mexico Native American studies program at UNM. He noted that mini-conference programs are a valuable way for members of his round table to share their ideas and speakers, such as the Quincentennial program, and for people to see their area of the state. Lee would like to increase membership in the round table.

Online: Roger Steeb reported that past Chair Valerie Horton had two articles published in the June Newsletter entitled "NREN: The Harbinger of the Future," and "Online Round Table Changes Its Bylaws."

Technical Services: Barbara Spivey reported that the round table decided at their meeting in Las Vegas that they wanted to affiliate with the ALA Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) . A letter was written to the chair of the Council of Regional Groups in April. The ALCTS Board will act on the request at their next meeting in New Orleans. Barbara will then represent the round table to the Council. One benefit of affiliation is that they will provide a list of speakers who will provide programs for expenses only. Judy Murphy, conservator from the University of New Mexico's Special Collections, will present a workshop on preservation at the mini-conference targeted to small libraries. A survey committee is being formed to gather information from the round table members and potential members. Barbara, Mary Grathwol, and one other person will work on that committee.

Trustees and Friends: Carol King reported that there has been no confirmation from the person asked to be Vice-Chair. She has two other people in mind, and hopes to have a Vice-Chair by mid-July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: No report.

Awards: No report.

Bylaws & Procedures: Cheryl Wilson reported that she was distributing an updated NMLA Executive Board directory and a revised page 10 of the NMLA Bylaws to replace pages in the Procedural Handbook. Cheryl asked that Board members read through the section for their office, division, round table, or committee in their Blue Books and forward any changes or additions to herself, Joe Sabatini or Betty Reynolds so that the Blue Book can be a useful tool for the Association.

Conference Site: Alison Almquist read David Null's report. David has not done much so far this year because most of his time has been spent trying to wrap up his term as Treasurer. At the moment David expects that we will decide to go to Santa Fe in 1995 and then back to the southern part of the state in 1996. Most likely that conference would be in Las Cruces, the Inn of the Mountain Gods, or Ruidoso, which as David understands, is building a new conference center. Charles Townley, Dean at NMSU, has asked the committee to consider co-sponsoring a

conference with the Transborder Library Forum in 1995. If we did that it would be another early conference, probably during NMSU's Spring Break in March. David doesn't know if we are ready to try cosponsoring a conference with another group which would be another 300 or so people and would have some special requirements, such as translation facilities. If we do not want to co-sponsor the conference in 1995, it would still be a possibility for 1997. David hopes to have more concrete recommendations for both the 1995 and 1996 conferences at the Board meeting in September.

Education: Jeanette Smith read Gary Mayhood's report. A budget was prepared based on last year's allocations for grant/scholarship monies and was submitted to the Treasurer. The following grant/scholarship monies were requested: Enrichment grants \$1,200.00, student scholarships \$600.00, Marion Dorroh Scholarship \$1,500.00. At present we have had one inquiry about application for the Marion Dorroh Scholarship. Information was sent, but as of yet we have had no response from the individual. Three people who are currently working on masters programs in Library Science have applied for education grants. Since current policy only allows for two education grants to be given in any half year period, we have had informal discussions about changing the policy to allow for more flexibility in administration of grants and to come up with new, specific, yet streamlined, guidelines. One proposal is to combine the enrichment grants and the student scholarship money into one grant fund which would then be used for the purpose of job enrichment whether it be applied toward specific course work, conferences and workshops, or professional development projects. We had hoped to make a specific proposal to the Board at this meeting, but after several questions were raised about guidelines it was felt that it would be better to wait and submit a proposal at the September meeting instead. In the interim we will count two of the education grants as being part of the January-June term and the third as part of the July-December term. A letter of resignation from Deborah Willis was received. She will be moving to Oklahoma. A subcommittee was formed to explore the feasibility of implementing poster sessions at the NMLA annual conferences and to set up the necessary guidelines. The following members have been appointed: Jeanette Smith, Karen Stabler, Dora Trudell, and Gary Mayhood. Legislation & Intellectual Freedom: Joe Sabatini reported that the committee met on June 4. Karen Watkins reviewed the legislative proposals which evolved from the Legislative Discussion Group which met in April and May. NMLA lobbyist Tom Horan spoke to his role as lobbyist. We have an active legislative program, and it is to our advantage to have a legislative advocate. The committee recommends the retention of Tom as lobbyist. Tom described the elements needed for a successful legislative effort and strategies for promoting a new proposal. The current work program was reviewed. There was concern about goal #3, tax exemptions for donations to libraries, which seems to be a low priority. The committee may have a presentation at the mini-conference. The committee will meet again, probably on July 16. A report from our Federal Relations Coordinator Susie Sonflieth was read. Susie and Karen Watkins attended the ALA Legislative Day in Washington on April 20th. Joe requested that the Board endorse a program for the 1994 Legislature including the following: 1) A six million dollar general obligation bond issue, to fund "Collections and Connections," with allocations for public, academic, and school libraries. It would fund library materials, equipment to enable libraries to participate in statewide resource sharing, support for retrospective conversion and creation of a union data base of Bibliofile holdings, funding for participation in a statewide telecommunications network, and support for experiments in document delivery. Libraries would meet minimum standards to be eligible to participate. 2) Support for increased state aid to public libraries. 3) Support for full funding of the Commission on Higher Education formula for academic library collections. 4) Support for full funding for adult literacy programs. Jerry Klopfer moved and Barbara Billey seconded the motion that the

Board endorse the legislative program. The motion carried.

Library Development: No report.

Local Arrangements: Robert Martinez reported that the Co-Chairs of the committee have met three times. The first meeting consisted of reviewing the red notebooks from past conferences and to list names of people to be asked to serve on committees. Most sub-committee chairs have been named. At the second meeting, the Co-Chairs met with Barbara Billey and Ruben Aragon. At the third meeting Joe Sabatini shared his expertise. A general committee meeting is planned for July 8. More volunteers are needed. Cherrill Whitlow expressed her philosophy of vision, commitment of Board members, and the future of information technology.

Membership: Clara Rey reported that there are 542 personal members and 25 institutional members as of June 7, 1993, for a total of 567. Clara distributed copies of the new brochure. The logo has been changed, and features the word "connect" in English, Spanish, Navajo, and Pueblo. The form attempts to clarify where members wish to receive NMLA mail, and to clarify institutional/commercial memberships. Clara recommends that each division and round table prepare a publicity sheet similar to that previously presented by SYSL. The membership directory was printed and everybody should have received a copy. The committee plans to hold a meeting in late July to develop some recruitment plans. Clara distributed printouts of division and round table membership to each chair. Alison noted that members of the Executive Board need to keep up their NMLA membership. Donnie Curtis suggested that there be a box on the membership form to designate if a person does not want to receive a membership directory .

Nominations and Elections: See report under Second Vice President.

Public Relations: John Brewster suggested that the new logo on the membership brochure be printed on NMLA stationery when it is time for more to be printed. The committee was very pleased with the last Newsletter. They felt that the writing, photographs, and layout were a significant improvement, and commended Donnie Curtis on a job well done. They are going ahead with the video. John talked with Daryl Black early this week and hopes to have a progress report shortly. They . elected not to do press releases on the Planning Retreat until the Board has taken action. They are planning a committee meeting during late June or early July to review their plans for the year and take a closer look at how they work with the Lindseys.

OTHER REPORTS

Special Committee on an Executive Director: John Brewster reported that this committee has been inactive pending board action on the recommendations of the Planning Retreat.

Special Committee on the Funding Roles of NMLA/NMLF: No report .

NMLA Representative to the White House Conference Task Force: No report.

Liaison to the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy: Karen Watkins read Susie Sonflieth' s report. The Sixth Annual Meeting for the NMCL will be held in Socorro at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology on June 18th. The theme for the day-long meeting is "Literacy and Workforce Quality." Speakers will represent the Small Business Administration, the National Alliance for Business, the Arkansas Statewide Workforce Literacy Initiative, Project Step Ahead

(NMSU's National Workplace Project) and a variety of other programs dealing with workplace literacy. The Outstanding Young Program Award will be given to the Clayton Literacy Council which is a three-year-old library based program out of the Albert Thompson Public Library. The 1993-1994 Community Literacy Grant applications are now available. The grant application submission deadline is July 15, 1993. Please call and request an application if you did not already receive one and are interested in applying for funds. The 1993 Survey of Literacy Programs is now available. This report provides demographic data on adult learners, tutors, and program description. The first phase of the 1992 LSCA Title VI grant "Libraries in the Center of the Literacy Program" has concluded. Four regional training conferences were held at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Farmington Public Library, Carlsbad Public Library, and the Octavia Fellin Public Library in Gallup. Approximately 175 people participated in the day-long training. Each host library was given a 200+ Core Literacy Collection, and a bibliography was produced listing this collection. Phase 2 will consist of follow-up training through September. This program was co-sponsored by the Coalition and the State Library.

Liaison to the New Mexico Library Foundation: George Marr reported that the Foundation met this morning at Albuquerque Academy. George announced that NMLA Board members who also serve on the Foundation Board of Trustees include Alison Almquist, Linda Avery (Treasurer), Drew Harrington, Kathy Flanary, and Karen Watkins (Secretary). The Foundation is still working on obtaining 501 (c) (3) status with the I.R.S. The Foundation is going ahead with preparations for its marketing program while it is waiting for 501(c)(3) status. As a result of the ad in the Newsletter the Foundation is getting a lot of renewals. The Foundation is designing a special bookmark to be passed out in bundles to libraries and institutions across the state to tell more about the Foundations and what its purpose is. In response to a question from Mary Grathwol, George explained that money from the Foundation can go to NMLA earmarked for specific requests, and the general interest is turned over to the Association. The NMLA Special Committee on Funding Roles of NMLA/NMLF is developing areas for grants. The Foundation's rising role in the activities of the Association was discussed at the Planning Retreat.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Cheryl Wilson stated that Lowell Duhrsen died on May 14. Alison Almquist stated that as NMLA President she had sent a bereavement card to Nova Duhrsen, and that Lowell's death was mentioned at the Planning Retreat. Alison noted that Lowell had served as NMLA Treasurer and as ALA Councilor, and had served on several committees. Cheryl mentioned that Lowell had not been able to attend an NMLA Conference since he received the Librarian of the Year Award. He will be missed; he brought joy, sunshine, and laughter to the NMSU Library and to the Executive Board members who served with him. Alison stated that she had also sent a bereavement card to Kathryn Lopez, the Chair of the Education Committee last year, whose son died in April. Alison led a discussion of the recommendations made by the participants in the NMLA Planning Retreat held at Glorieta May 14-16, 1993, facilitated by Tommie Thomas. All attendees of the retreat signed a statement of consensus supporting all recommendations brought to the Board. The mission, six goals, and seven recommendations were distributed in writing. Alison read the old and new mission statements. Joe Sabatini noted that the new mission statement is in harmony with the Bylaws. Jerry Klopfer moved and Barbara Billey seconded the motion that the Board

accept the revised mission statement. The motion carried.

It was noted that the six goals were not in priority order. The sample activities were meant to be suggestions, not limitations. The retreat focused on getting NMLA's house in order; when NMLA is structurally sound, this will enhance relations with other library organizations in the state. In addition, NMLA can provide leadership to initiate legislative action when individuals may not be able to do so. NMLA wants to be proactive, not reactive. The goals will give focus to NMLA activities and how we spend our money. The goals focus on the Association, not on the needs of libraries. Alison read recommended Goal 1) Provide leadership to initiate and maintain library legislation, and act on political issues affecting library interests. Richard Bell moved and Barbara Billey seconded the motion that Goal 1 be adopted. Cheryl Wilson noted that legislation has been an Association goal historically, and read an example from 1972-1973. Jerry Klopfer suggested that the word "maintain" be changed to "enhance." George Marr suggested that "initiate and maintain" be changed to "initiate, maintain, and promote." Joe Sabatini moved and Cheryl Wilson seconded the motion to amend the original motion by Richard Bell and seconded by Barbara Billey by inserting the word "enhance" so that Goal 1 read "initiate, maintain, and enhance." The motion carried. Jerry Klopfer called the question on accepting the original motion as amended. The motion carried, and Goal 1 as adopted reads: Provide leadership to initiate, maintain, and enhance library legislation and act on political issues affecting library interests. Alison read recommended Goal 2) To foster an awareness of and support the activities of the New Mexico Library Foundation. Cheryl Wilson moved and Barbara Billey seconded the motion to accept Goal 2. The motion carried. Alison read recommended Goal 3) Provide and support educational opportunities for library personnel. Jerry Klopfer moved and Richard Bell seconded the motion that Goal 3 be accepted. The motion carried. Alison read recommended Goal 4) Promote and communicate the role and value of libraries and librarians. When the relationship of this goal to the activities of divisions and round tables was questioned, comments indicated that the goal was pertinent to these activities. It was suggested that this was the goal with the highest priority. Jerry Klopfer moved and Jeanette Smith seconded the motion that Goal 4 be accepted. The motion carried. Alison read recommended Goal 5) Plan, direct, and evaluate the growth and effectiveness of the association. This is a housekeeping goal, to monitor the effectiveness and efficiency of the Association. When it was questioned when the goals would be prioritized, responses indicated that perhaps they did not need to be prioritized. Cheryl Wilson moved and Richard Bell seconded the motion that Goal 5 be accepted. The motion carried. Alison read Goal 6) Support and assist planning efforts for networking in New Mexico. Jerry Klopfer moved and Roger Steeb seconded the motion that Goal 6 be accepted. Barbara Spivey moved and Richard Bell seconded the motion that the original motion by Jerry Klopfer and seconded by Roger Steeb be amended to delete the word "planning efforts for" in the wording of the goal. After further discussion of the wording, Jerry Klopfer called the question on the motion to amend. The motion carried. The group then voted on the original motion as amended. The motion carried, and Goal 6 as adopted reads: Support and assist networking in New Mexico. Alison Almquist then turned the discussion to the seven other recommendations for Board consideration distributed in writing. Marilyn Reeves suggested that Recommendation 6 be turned over to the Treasurer for consideration. Joe Sabatini suggested that since the recommendations proposed a major restructuring, the discussion should be postponed to the next Board meeting or a special Board meeting. Cheryl Wilson suggested that division and round table chairs discuss Recommendation 3 with their members and formulate questions to bring back to the Board. There was Board consensus that Recommendation 5 be turned over to the Membership Committee for consideration. Cheryl Wilson stated that the Bylaws Committee will take on Recommendations 1 and 2 for consideration. In response to Bambi Adams' question about

special interest groups mentioned in Recommendation 3 and NMLA structure, it was suggested that the elected officers and ALA Councilor positions would be continued, and that at-large Board members elected by the membership as a whole would represent all types of libraries, such as public, academic, special, and school libraries. Special interest groups arising from membership needs would replace divisions and round tables. There needs to be a period of transition. Cheryl Wilson will obtain bylaws from other library organizations. Recommendation 4 was discussed. Carol King suggested that "executive director" be changed to "executive secretary." Richard Bell moved and Jerry Klopfer seconded the motion that Recommendation 4 be adopted. The motion carried. The Public Relations Committee will begin to look at possibilities for contracting for specific duties as outline in Recommendation 4. Recommendations 6 and 7 will be given to outgoing Treasurer David Null and incoming Treasurer Virginia Seiser to look at and come back with guidance for the Board. Alison stated that Recommendation 3 will be discussed by the Board after feedback from the Bylaws group. Richard Bell moved and Jerry Klopfer seconded the motion that Recommendation 6 be adopted. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:16p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary