

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
 Executive Board Meeting
 New Mexico State University New Library
 Las Cruces, New Mexico
 September 18, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 9:22 a.m. by President Alison Almquist. All present introduced themselves.

Members Present:

Bambi Adams	Dinah Jentgen	Marilyn Reeves
Alison Almquist	Jerry Klopfer	Virginia Seiser
John Brewster	Kay Krehbiel	Jeanette Smith
Mars Chalan	George Marr	Roger Steeb
Donnie Curtis	Gary Mayhood	Carmen Ward
Kathy Flanary	David Null	Cheryl Wilson
Karen George	Adriana Ortega	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alison Almquist announced that a quorum was not present so no votes could be taken. Alison also announced that she had polled the Board by telephone on two issues, finding a replacement for the Lindseys, and obtaining permission to give an honorarium to Joe Sabatini for printing mailing labels to be used in the meantime. Alison sent a thank-you note to the Lindseys for putting up with NMLA these many years without a contract.

OFFICER, NEWSLETTER EDITOR, AND STATE LIBRARIAN REPORTS:

Secretary: Jeanette Smith announced that stationery was available at the meeting. She entertained corrections, additions, and modifications to the minutes of the June 11 Executive Board meeting. There were none.

Treasurer: Virginia Seiser stated that last year's financial records had been delivered to the accountant to be audited. The Association's liability insurance coverage was increased to one million dollars as required by the Albuquerque Convention Center, and proof of coverage was forwarded to the Local Arrangements Chair and the First Vice President. The current Albuquerque P.O. box will be cancelled in 1994 when the rental period runs out. Please inform your correspondents of the new mailing address: New Mexico Library Association; 11200 Montgomery, N.E.; Suite 8, El Dorado Square; Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111. Two minor changes were made in the Preliminary First Quarter Report attached to the Treasurer's written report. Public Relations Committee expenditures were divided into two subtotals for Newsletter and Other. This was done at the request of committee members and officers who attended the July emergency meeting concerning the transfer from the Lindseys. The Battle of the Books was pulled out of the NMLA report and listed as a separate section. Virginia will mail the Preliminary First Quarter Report to committee, division, and round table vice-chairs as requested at the June Board meeting. NMLA income to date for FY 1993/94 is \$5,890.53. Expenditures were \$5,897.57. Expenditures in two areas were significantly under budget. \$800 was set aside to pay for increased insurance coverage, but the insurance policy only cost \$344. The ALA

Councilor's budget for the summer conference was \$1000 but his actual expenses were \$370.50. Expenditures in two areas were over budget and show a negative balance. Costs for the Special Election for Second Vice President were increased by the change from the Lindseys to Copy Post Plus, and the Nominations and Elections Committee is showing a negative balance of \$14.80. This committee still also needs to run the Spring 1994 elections. Committee Chair Drew Harrington asked Virginia to present a motion to the Board to correct this situation. The proposal is to alter the budget as approved by transferring the \$400 insurance savings from the Treasurer's budget to the Nominations and Elections Committee budget. The second area of over-expenditure is the President's budget. She submitted a request for reimbursement for 1992/93 expenses totaling \$927.45 after July 1, when the books closed. Consequently, these expenditures had to be charged against her 1993/94 budget. She spent less than she was budgeted to attend ALA, but is still showing a negative balance of \$600.90. Virginia proposed transferring the \$600 travel savings from the ALA Councilor's budget to the President's budget, and to authorize increasing the Balance Forward from 1992/93 by \$100 and assign that amount to the President's budget. Virginia will request Board approval of these transfers at the January 1994 meeting.

The NMLA Sunwest Bank checking account has a balance of \$4,581.01 as of this date. ~LA has \$10,000 in a 91 day CD at Sunwest, which matures on September 23, 1993. The Board expressed consensus that Virginia could roll over \$7,000 in a six-month CD, and transfer the balance of \$3,064.82 to the checking account. She will ask for formal Board approval of this action at the January meeting. NMLA now has \$15,000 rolled over into a three-year CD at Merrill Lynch that matures in August 1996. The balance of the funds from the old Merrill Lynch CD, \$3,340.92, has been placed in a Ready Assets account. This is an interest bearing account from which withdrawals can be made as needed. The NMLA accountant feels that it is odd to commingle the assets of the Battle of the Books with those of NMLA, and recommends that a separate checking account be set up for the Battle of the Books. During discussion it was pointed out that the Battle of the Books is in the work program of the Public Libraries and Services for Youth & School Libraries divisions and is run by the State Library. Virginia will consult further with the accountant and report back to the Board on this matter in January. The Marion Dorroh Scholarship Fund is healthy, with over \$9,000 residing in the Bank of New Mexico in Hobbs. NMLA members are contributing to this fund with their membership renewals. Members are also donating to the New Mexico Library Foundation.

Virginia recommended revising the wording of Planning Retreat recommendation number 7 from "Remainder of 1 fund 1 can be used based on Board policy for NMLF, goal attainment, scholarships, restructuring; balance kept in short term (6 mo. CD or 1 yr. CD). It is o.k. to spend this balance" to "Remainder of NMLA funds, above operating budget and long term investments, can be used at the direction of the NMLA Board for NMLF, goal attainment, scholarships, and restructuring. The balance will be kept in short term investments (e.g. six month or one year certificates of deposit). It is o.k. to spend this balance." Virginia asked for Board input on these changes.

First Vice President: Barbara Billey was not present, but sent a written report on the preliminary Conference program and budget. Alison Almquist conducted a discussion of the program and budget. It was questioned whether there should be a line in the budget for bulk mailings. John Brewster suggested that the Conference budgets be consistent from year to year. Alison suggested that mailings be handled this year the way they were last year, and to implement any changes next year. Virginia Seiser pointed out that the Conference budget is higher than the amount approved in June. This matter will require Board action in January.

Alison expects that the Conference in Albuquerque will do well to break even. Alison pointed out that NMLA will save a thousand dollars a day by holding Wednesday meetings at the South Broadway Branch of the Albuquerque Public Library. A city bus goes to this branch. It was suggested that registration should open before early morning programs on Thursday and Friday. The Exhibits Grand Opening will be on Thursday at noon. This is to make the exhibitors happy, and also to save a thousand dollars since they will not be setting up on Wednesday. The SYSL breakfast and program is scheduled for Thursday morning. A Public Libraries luncheon is not scheduled at this time, although a program is scheduled for Friday. Alison said that Barbara Billey has had problems getting program planners to submit their programs, and asked that chairs discuss program plans with their vice-chairs, and get program plans to Barbara before November. Barbara is having surgery in November.

Second Vice President: Alison Almquist announced that the mini-conference would be held on October 8 at the Truth or consequences Civic Center. There will be no charge for the program site. Program changes include the inclusion of a speaker from Latvia who will speak at 9:30 a.m. This may affect the scheduling of the SYSL program. Changes will be published in the Hitchhiker. Kathy Flanary is now at the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped in Alamogordo. Her new work phone number (call her before 2:00 p.m.) is 437-3505. Please submit program changes to Kathy. Kathy's report appears later in the minutes.

ALA Councilor: No report.

Newsletter Editor: Donnie Curtis noted that it was a time of transition and she thinks that we are through the transition now. The September issue of the Newsletter was mailed in Albuquerque on September 10; not everyone has received their issue yet. Board members who had seen the Newsletter gave Donnie a round of applause. The December issue is on networking, which may be defined loosely as cooperative efforts to improve library services through sharing resources, such as collections and bibliographic records, and through sharing knowledge. Donnie is soliciting submissions. The official deadline, September 24, has been extended to October 22. Donnie would like to get black and white photos from the mini-conference. She will try to get the December Newsletter out before Christmas. She expects to get the pre-conference issue out in February. Alison Almquist asked that program planners get black and white photos of their speakers to Donnie for the pre-conference issue. Donnie would also like to see submissions of line drawings. Alison noted that this was the first time NMLA had worked with Copy-Post-Plus, and that getting the Newsletter out this time was difficult. Donnie said that if she had known what was going to happen with the Lindseys, she would not have made the proposal that she do the layout, but that she thinks things are working out all right. It was hard on a few people, but none of us knew what was going to happen.

State Librarian: John Brewster made some informal off-the-record comments about activities at the State Library.

New Mexico Library Foundation: Alison Almquist announced that the Foundation is planning a gala event for Friday evening during the Conference. Virginia Seiser noted that this event is not in the Conference budget. George Marr's report appears later in the minutes.

DIVISION REPORTS

College, University, and Special Libraries: Carmen Ward stated that she is having a difficult

time with the work program because of lack of interest. She would like to have some suggestions and ideas for programs. Jeanette Smith noted that the Documents Round Table has a sub-committee for program planning.

Public Libraries: Bambi Adams stated that she is also having trouble with her work program, and had nothing to report.

Services for Youth and School Libraries: Jerry Klopfer read the top three resolutions presented by the Seventeenth American Association of School Librarians Affiliate Assembly. The first resolution was: Resolved that AASL and ALA continue to endorse and support the reauthorization of ESEA, placing major emphasis on categorical funding for print, non-print and electronic resources to improve library media center collections. The second resolution was: Resolved that the AASL Board direct the AASL Intellectual Freedom Committee to write a statement related to the selection and use of electronic communications in K-12 schools with the purpose of protecting student access to electronic information. The third resolution was: Resolved that AASL charge the Committee on Restructuring to identify, inform and collaborate with restructuring leaders for the purpose of coming to consensus regarding the essential role of school library media specialists in restructuring educational systems. The third resolution was written by SYSL's Kathy Matter. Jerry and Kathy hope that these resolutions will be forwarded by the AASL Board to the ALA Executive Board. Jerry received from Serena Douglas the database she developed of school librarians, aides, principals and other contact people in schools in New Mexico. Jerry will forward this to the State Library for Elaine Goodman to cross reference. Jerry wants to get new schools, particularly private schools, involved. SYSL will present only one session at the mini-conference. Jerry has appointed Dinah Jentgen Chair of the SYSL Standards Committee. A meeting was held with Virginia Trujillo, President of the New Mexico Board of Education, to express concern over the lack of inclusion of school librarians in the planning process for restructuring. Trujillo's emphasis was on outcomes and community libraries. Jerry sensed that she did not understand the difference between school libraries and public libraries, and he plans to write a letter to her. Alison Almquist noted that Jerry and Kathy Matter were delegates to the AASL Affiliate Assembly, and the fact that they got a resolution in the top three to be acted on at the national level is quite an accomplishment. Jerry commented that in the Northeast restructuring has been a positive process in which librarians were involved. States in the South and West are excluding librarians from the process and using it as a way to eliminate school librarians.

Alison Almquist asked Kathy Flanary to report on the mini-conference. Kathy announced that the pre-registration forms were mailed. To date, four registrations have been received. The Head of Foreign Relations of the Latvian National Library will be speaking, at the request of Charles Townley. It was suggested that the SYSL program be moved to the afternoon. Schedule changes will be published in the Hitchhiker. Kathy is open to suggestions. It was suggested that there be an Exhibits area at the mini-conference. Kathy will explore having a small Exhibits area. George Marr suggested charging \$200 a table.

Alison Almquist asked George Marr to report on the New Mexico Library Foundation. The Foundation is accepting donations at an escalating rate, and now has \$7,400 after expenses. The Foundation has launched its Fall campaign, and will place an ad in the December issue of New Mexico Magazine. The ad will cost \$550. They are printing up 100,000 large bookmarks to be distributed to libraries. They are planning a literary evening featuring famous authors or storytellers on Friday during the Annual Conference in Albuquerque. Tickets to the event will be

sold in blocks to businesses. Kathy Flanary suggested giving complimentary tickets to legislators and the State Board of Education. The Foundation is not asking for an item in the Conference budget. Sally Ruscetti and Carol King are assisting with this event. Virginia Seiser gave George a check for \$383 for the Foundation from donations accompanying NMLA membership applications. The Foundation's goal is to make the public more aware of its existence.

ROUND TABLE REPORTS

Documents: Kay Krehbiel reported that a survey to determine program interests was distributed to round table members and those who attended the program at Conference or the state depository meeting. Response was good. The round table's informal program sub-committee is meeting primarily by Email.

Educational Technology: No report.

Library Instruction: No report.

Local and Regional History: Cheryl Wilson reported that the round table is co-sponsoring the chatauqua performance by Jean Jordan of "Sadie Orchard" at the mini-conference. Dr. Ferenc Szasz from the UNM History Department will be the speaker at the Conference program. The round table encourages librarians to take advantage of the chatauqua speakers and storytellers programs available through the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities. The maximum fee may be \$25. The program must be open to the public, and credit given to the NMEH. Information is available from the NMEH office in Albuquerque.

LUISA: No report. Claire Odenheim is in Moscow.

Native American Libraries: No report.

Online: No report.

Technical Services: Alison Almquist read Barbara Spivey's report. The Technical Services Round Table was granted official affiliation with the Council of Regional Groups of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services at the council's last board meeting June 28, 1993. Through affiliation with the ALCTS, the round table will be able to share ideas and discuss issues with similar groups from other parts of the country. The survey committee has prepared a questionnaire to gather information from the round table membership and potential members concerning the future focus of the round table and how it can be of the most benefit to technical services librarians. The survey will be distributed through the Hitchhiker this fall. Sanford Berman of Hennepin County Public Library will be the guest speaker for the round table at the annual conference in April.

Trustees and Friends: Alison Almquist read Carol King's report. The Co-chairman for this committee is Mrs. Rosalind Manson. Her address is: P.O. Box 15471, Rio Rancho, New Mexico, 87174. Her telephone number is 892-3147. Rose is a member of the Trustees and Friends for the Library for the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library and is presently a member of the board. She also volunteers at the Erna Fergusson Branch Friends Book Shop. She is pleased to be involved with NMLA. Due to outside circumstances they have not been able to meet yet to finalize plans for the program for the conference but hope to have all decisions made

in the immediate future. They are talking with A.L.T.A. 's Regional Vice-President for this region to see if she can speak to the group. Expenses would be a round trip ticket from Dallas and possibly two meals. They can probably do this in one day since there are several flights to Dallas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: No report. Alison Almquist noted that Paul Agriesti has been very helpful.

Awards: Alison Almquist read Linda Avery's report. The Awards Committee met Saturday, September 11, 1993, in Albuquerque and the following items were discussed:

Articles concerning the award criteria and the deadline for nominations will appear in the September Newsletter. A letter of information to school and community leaders will be sent to solicit nominations from those who do not receive the Newsletter. An article and nomination form will also appear in a timely issue of the Hitchhiker. The date for our next meeting is December 11th, at which time we will be going over the nominations which are due November 30th.

Bylaws & Procedures: Cheryl Wilson distributed a written report of proposed NMLA Bylaws changes prepared by the committee. At the last Board meeting the committee was given the responsibility to look at restructuring the Board to include elected officers plus at-large representatives who represent all types of libraries, and that there would be approximately ten total Board members. The committee was also asked to look at aligning committee structure through the Bylaws to reflect goals, to justify the purpose and plan to the Board, and to address special interest groups. The committee has addressed restructuring the Board and special interest groups, but has not yet addressed committees. Alison Almquist and Barbara Billey met with the committee. Joe Sabatini and Betty Reynolds, members of the committee, were present at the Planning Retreat, as were Alison and Barbara. The first of two major issues was replacing divisions with elected members-at-large who represent constituencies. The constituencies were not delineated by the committee, and the Bylaws do not presently delineate them. The second major change was changing round tables into special interest groups. The committee tried to make it easy both to form and to get rid of special interest groups without requiring a Bylaws change. The Bylaws were originally adopted in 1984 and amended almost every year thereafter. During the transition period, if the proposed changes are approved at the Conference in Albuquerque, the three Vice Chairs of the current divisions could become the members-at-large for 1994-95. With the election in the Spring of 1995, the first elected members-at-large would be elected by the membership. All members would vote for three members-at-large in three different member-at-large slots. If the Bylaws are changed, current round tables that want to continue as interest groups could prepare a petition during Conference and submit the petition at the post-conference Board meeting. Each group would also select a person to be a liaison to the Board. The liaisons would only have to attend the post-conference Board meeting to learn how to work within the structure of NMLA. Liaisons would not be considered members of the Board. The committee looked at how NMLA functions and who is responsible for what. They talked about the Annual Conference and the mini-conference and how they are planned. They felt that the elected members-at-large are responsible for taking information from the Board to their constituencies and bringing it back. We need more communication between the Board and constituency groups. The committee looked at the responsibilities of the Second Vice President. Organizing the mini-conference is a good way for that person to get to know people within the Association because when he/she becomes First Vice President he will be appointing committee

chairs at the end of that term and asking people to do things. The committee looked at the responsibilities of the First Vice President. This person is the program planner for the Annual Conference, which can be a difficult job. The committee felt that the Association needs a program planning committee chaired by the First Vice President. This would allow participation by liaisons, members-at-large, committee chairs, and other members. Then the committee looked at the responsibilities of the President. The President and Treasurer are responsible for the fiscal stability of the Association. The President is the spokesperson for the Association.

Cheryl then entertained comments on the written proposed Bylaws changes. David Null suggested that the mini-conference be acknowledged in the duties of the Second Vice President. The consensus of the Board was that there might not always be a mini-conference. There might be a roving workshop. George Marr suggested adding "and educational activities" to the duties of the Second Vice President. George Marr also suggested that the Bylaws reflect the responsibility of the Association to expend New Mexico Library Foundation funds in a specific fashion. Cheryl suggested that a section on NMLA relations with the New Mexico Library Foundation be added to the Bylaws, delineating who from the Association serves on the NMLF Board. Marilyn Reeves questioned Article IX, Section 7, that three-fifths of the voting members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum, and Article IX, Section 2, specifying the voting members of the Board. Does the President vote? If there are an even number of voting members how is a tie broken? The committee will look into it. John Brewster commented that the constituencies of members-at-large were not specified. This is a safeguard so that one group does not dominate. Jerry Klopfer asked how representatives to ALA or AASL would be appointed. This is covered in Article VII. Currently the President appoints on SYSL recommendation. David Null asked whether there would be automatic Board approval for any interest group that submitted a petition. Those who had attended the Planning Retreat stated that more Board control had been intended. It was suggested that Article XIII, Section 1, be reworded "An Interest Group may be formed by members whose common interests reflect the Goals of the Association, as determined by the Executive Board, upon the petition of 25 members of the Association. This petition is submitted to the Executive Board for verification of signatures and approval before the first Executive Board meeting following the close of the Annual Conference." It was also suggested that the "Goals of the Association" referred to would be available as a separate document. There was a suggested rewording of Article II to: "Purpose. The purpose of the Association shall be to advance library interests and librarianship in the State of New Mexico." The mission statement would also be added here. It was suggested that Article VI, Section 5, be reworded to "... The Treasurer's books will be ready to hand over to the auditor by July 1 each year. The Treasurer will suggest an independent certified auditor, and, when the Executive Board agrees to the auditor suggested, the audit will proceed." Cheryl questioned where the work program will come from. Should the Library Development Committee determine objectives, or should this be the responsibility of the Executive Board. It was suggested that interest groups be reviewed annually, and that they submit an annual report and annual objectives that relate to the goals of the Association. The interest groups are expected to be active and sponsor programs. However, if interest group liaisons are not members of the Executive Board will they attend Board meetings and report to the Board? They would have to contact the Board for financial support for programs. It was questioned whether interest groups should last for three years and whether 25 signatures should be required on a petition to form an interest group. Perhaps this should be at the discretion of the Board. Interest groups need to be on the same schedule as the budget. Perhaps the budget needs to be reconfigured into broad categories, such as education and communication, and interest groups can request money from these categories. Committees come from the Board out; interest groups come from the outside in.

Marilyn Reeves suggested that the Association's goals need to be related to line items in the budget. If there is a Conference program committee, the Board and those not involved in Conference planning are free to pursue the goals in other ways. Communication is essential in selling the Bylaws changes to the membership in April. Divisions and round tables who wish to continue as interest groups need to have petitions signed at the Conference. It was suggested that Article XIII be reworded to "Those people interested in forming an interest group petition the Board for approval. " There was the suggestion that an interest group would exist until fulfillment of purpose. There would be no set number of petition signatures required and no set length of existence for interest groups. There was a discussion of who would develop objectives, the Board, the interest groups, or a Library Development Committee. Kathy Flanary suggested that the activities of the interest groups are the work program. Alison suggested that the Library Development Committee take proposals from interest groups or committees for use of funds from the Foundation. David Null suggested that Board meetings could be more issue oriented and the Board could hold a library development meeting to set objectives and the work program. Cheryl noted that many people expressed opinions, and that she will carry these opinions back to the Bylaws Committee and make suggested changes. The committee received a round of applause. The committee will now look at the NMLA committee structure. Board approval of Bylaws changes will be submitted for Board approval at the January Board meeting.

Conference Site: David Null polled the members of the committee, and needs the advice of the Board, although official Board approval will have to wait until January. David had originally suggested to Alison Almquist that NMLA go to Santa Fe in 1995 and then somewhere south in 1996. However, assuming that Kathy Flanary is elected Second Vice President, it would be nice to have the 1995 Conference in the south. Plus by 1996 the new State Library building might be open, and it would be nice to have the Conference in Santa Fe at that time. Charles Townley, Dean of the NMSU Library, asked David whether NMLA would consider having a joint conference with the Transborder Library Forum in Las Cruces in 1995. The general feeling of the committee was that they would rather not do a joint conference for several reasons: This is fairly short notice. It would have to be done during Spring Break at NMSU, which would mean another early mid-March Conference. Early conferences on short notice are hard to do, as we discovered in Las Vegas. There would be another 250 or people who would require special facilities such as rooms with translating equipment. There would be a lot of questions about who does the arrangements. Would there be two local arrangements committees? Would NMLA end up planning two conferences? If we do not hold a joint meeting in 1995, we could possibly do so in 1997. The committee is looking at the Inn of the Mountain Gods or the Ruidoso conference center as possible sites for 1995, and Santa Fe as a possible site for 1996. During Board discussion it was commented that doing a joint conference in 1995 would not be a good idea during the time of NMLA organizational transition. In addition, renovations to the NMSU Branson Hall Library would be underway then. However, there was support for having the 1995 Conference in the south. The Inn of the Mountain Gods is expensive. However, the gaming has been moved to another building, which should eliminate a space problem encountered the last time NMLA was there. George Marr felt that Santa Fe would be a better site for exhibitors and for getting support for the Foundation. Alison conducted a straw vote. The majority voted in favor of the Inn of the Mountain Gods or Ruidoso. There was one vote for Santa Fe. David will research facilities in Ruidoso and report further in January.

Education: Gary Mayhood reported that three education scholarships have been granted to Glenda Armstrong, Roosevelt Middle School Library, Tijeras, who is studying at the University of Arizona in Tucson; Tim Blevins, New Mexico State University Library, Las Cruces, who is

studying at the University of Texas at Austin extension program in El Paso; and Carol Frick, Kirtland Central High School Library, Kirtland, who is studying at the Emporia State University program in Albuquerque. In addition, one education grant is pending final approval. There have been two inquiries concerning professional development grants, and one inquiry concerning the Marion Dorroh Scholarship, but no applications have been made. Alison Almquist has appointed John Bishop from Jal to fill a vacant position on the committee. Gary thanked Alison for her swift appointment and welcomed John.

Legislation & Intellectual Freedom: Marilyn Reeves reported that the committee has met with the NMLA lobbyist Tom Horan to discuss the "Collections and Connections" legislative program, and has found a sponsor for the \$6 million proposal to be presented to the state legislature. There is an article in the September Newsletter on this program. The requested funds would be for collections, equipment and books, a CD listing the holdings of the mid-sized libraries using BiblioFile, telecommunications, and document delivery. The committee will meet on September 24 at Rio Rancho, and has invited Representative Hawk from Albuquerque. They will also meet with Raymond Sanchez and Ben Altamirano who have expressed an interest in co-sponsoring the bill. After this meeting the committee plans to go the Legislative Council Service in Santa Fe to get the bill drafted. Marilyn encourages the library community to lobby for passage of this bill. Tom thinks that it will not be funded by the legislature, and will come out as a G.O. bond issue.

Library Development: Alison Almquist read Betty Long's report. Work has started on the 1994-95 NMLA Work Program. In an effort to help the division and round table vice chairs with the Board recommendation that work programs fall under and work toward the six goals established at the June Board meeting, a form was developed and mailed on July 13 with a deadline of August 17. On August 13 the form was mailed to chairs of the Education, Legislative and Intellectual Freedom, Membership, and Public Relations Committees with a deadline of September 12. To date, 3 responses have been received from vice-chairs of round tables, 1 response from a division vice-chair, and 1 response from a committee chair. Although a reminder to division and round table vice-chairs was mailed August 23, no additional responses have been received. Betty has also experimented with presenting the work program in a different manner and attached samples to her written report. Please let her know if you like the new way, or would prefer her to go back to the previous style of listing each division or round table work program as a whole unit rather than under a specific goal.

Local Arrangements: Alison Almquist read Cherrill Whitlow's report. The Conference Arrangements Committee has met three times since the last Board meeting. In July the CAC held an organizational meeting, and the permanent meeting time was set as the second Tuesday of each month. It was noted that Albuquerque Public Schools will probably be on a two-day vacation during the Conference; we will do publicity for Exhibits through the schools as well as the usual publicity. CAC books were handed out. During the August meeting, the Exhibits Committee reported on their visit to the Convention Center. Information was gained concerning the use of part of the Exhibit hall for non-profit (e.g., library organization) table use. Also, tables for the Silent Auction, a snack bar, and extra tables and chairs for NMLA convention attendees enjoyment refreshment were discussed. Carpet for the Exhibit hall is suggested. Suggestions for entertainment include so far: a group from the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, a group from the public schools, and mariachis. At the September meeting, the Meals Committee reported on their tour of the Convention Center. The new caterer has not yet been hired, so meal prices cannot be obtained. The large ballroom was scheduled for the banquet, with option to use the small

ballroom if it becomes available. The Exhibits Committee reported that contract letters have been mailed. Bolack's Travel Agency will handle room arrangements at the Doubletree Hotel, and also will obtain buses for tours. At this point, tour suggestions include: Parish Library, LBJ and Petroglyph Elementary Schools on the west side, the South Valley Public Library, Explora Museum, Isleta/Bingo. Input from the Board? Our meeting schedule for the next few months is as follows: October 14, November 18, January 13, February 10, March 10, April 7. There was a question from the Board as to who the members of this committee were. Alison said that they have had trouble finding some chairs, and suggested that Cherrill Whitlow and Robert Martinez be the contacts for people who need to talk to the committee.

Membership: No report.

Nominations and Elections: Alison Almquist read Drew Harrington's report. The special election ballot for 2nd Vice President was mailed and the deadline for receipt of ballots is October 10, 1993. The name of Kathy Flanary is the only name appearing on the ballot - no other nominations were received. On October 11, the Nominations and Elections Committee will meet to open and count the ballots. Toni Beatty, Andy Howe and Drew, as the Committee, met on June 22nd, and selected a pool of possible officer candidates for the NMLA. At this time, the slate for Secretary is complete with the following individuals agreeing to serve if elected: Secretary (Two Year Term) Kay Krehbiel, New Mexico Tech Library, Socorro; Marilyn Reeves, Espanola Public Library, Espanola. The slate for the 2nd Vice Presidential Progression has not been completed at this time, but hopefully soon will be. Dates mandated by the Association Bylaws will not coincide with Newsletter publication, so notification of the selected slate of nominees will require a special mailing. The mailing will go out no later than November 1, 1993, and will include the candidate slate, biographical information, and a petition form for anyone wishing to nominate a candidate. Thirty signatures must accompany a nomination. The Nominations and Elections Committee will exceed its budget this year due to the unexpected resignation of Ellanie Sampson, necessitating a special election. Two more bulk mailings will be done than were anticipated. There was a round of applause for Secretary candidates Kay and Marilyn.

Public Relations: John Brewster reported that Daryl Black is trying to get the video finished. When the Lindseys decided to part company with NMLA everybody pitched in and tried to find solutions. John thanked Alison Almquist, Virginia Seiser, and all the members of the committee and other people that worked with him. They looked at needs such as printing and mailing lists, looked at companies in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, and narrowed it down to three companies in Albuquerque. John, Alison, and Joe Sabatini visited the three companies and got bids. They decided on Copy-Post- Plus in Albuquerque, which really wanted our business and was convenient. So far John has been pleased with their cooperation and the results. Donnie Curtis has been able to work with them fairly well. Alison has worked on getting the postal permit straightened out, which was a mess. NMLA had been using the secondary permit in Santa Fe illegally for the past three or four years. The main permit in Albuquerque was cancelled for lack of use. NMLA now has a new permit, for which we had to pay \$75, and another \$75 for the imprint. John stated that NMLA did one mailing using the Copy- Post- Plus permit. Our contractor will be maintaining the mailing list. Please send changes to John, and he will forward them. John redid the mailing forms. Please also send these forms to John. Copy-Post-Plus did not require that a contract be signed. George Marr expressed interest in having Copy-Post-Plus also do work for the Foundation. The owner of Copy- Post-plus was a master printer. If necessary, they could put out the Newsletter. Franklin Press did one bulk mailing for the Legislation &

Intellectual Freedom Committee. Joe Sabatini is maintaining the non-member database. John wants to talk to him about having it switched over to Copy-Post- Plus. John announced that extra back issues of the Newsletter for 1992-1993 are needed for claims, exchange, and ads. Cheryl Wilson suggested that a plea go out in the Hitchhiker. Donnie Curtis announced that she should be contacted for back issues or large print or Braille formats of the Newsletter. She will have an overage printed of each issue of the Newsletter.

OTHER REPORTS

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

Liaison to the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy: No report. Susie Sonflieth was reported to be in Washington, D.C.

OLD BUSINESS

Kathy Flanary brought up the need to address the lack of interest issue. John Brewster stated that the idea of interest groups came about to enhance discussion of issues without worrying about chairs and vice-chairs. People can get burned out at meetings. Maybe some of the things NMLA is doing now will address the problem. Cheryl Wilson thought that focusing on specific issues for Board meetings might make a difference, such as the post-conference meeting focusing on organization, the summer focusing on money, the fall focusing on the Conference and educational activities, and the winter/spring focusing on communication or some broad topic. Maybe meetings can become more than just a regurgitation of what has happened in the past. We need to discuss where we want to go rather than where we have been. Changes in the Bylaws and major changes in the way the Board functions will cause interest to increase again. The change in the Newsletter will make a real difference - it is no longer a regurgitation of reports. George Marr stated that we have to market the Association during this exciting time. Cheryl noted that almost everyone in the room today spoke out and seemed to feel more comfortable expressing their ideas than at the June Board meeting. Alison commented that it will not be an easy transition to a more active issues oriented Association. Cheryl noted that if the Association accepts major Bylaws changes and major restructuring changes, compared to information on other state organizations she has received from ALA, NMLA will be on the cutting edge. She suggested that NMLA members going to ALA get together and present a poster session demonstrating these changes and how they were implemented. Kathy commented that the idea of being on the cutting edge, being issue oriented, and being ahead of the times, would be a marvelous way to market the changes to our members - if people think that they are on the cutting edge they are more likely to accept the changes.

NEW BUSINESS

Jerry Klopfer drew the Board's attention to two bills currently before Congress. The Elementary and Secondary Library Media Act, co-sponsored by Jeff Bingaman, will reauthorize the ESEA Act. Bingaman has also proposed the Technologies for Education Act of 1993. Support is needed. Jerry plans to do a bulk mailing.

Alison Almquist announced that the next Board meeting will be held at Los Lunas Middle School in January. She hopes that Board members will plan to have dinner at the Luna Mansion after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Smith
Secretary