

150: January 27, 2006

**NMLA Board Meeting  
January 27, 2006  
Cherry Hills Library  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Members Present: Kathy Matter, Julia Clarke, Lori Christian, Heather Gallegos-Rex, Thaddeus Bejnar, Linda Morgan Davis, Cassandra Osterloh, Valerie Nye, Anne Lefkofsky, Joe Becker, Barbara VanDongen, Dinah Jentgen, Allison Almquist, Charlene Greenwood, Richard Akeroyd, Louise Bolton, and Omar Durant. Guest: Jonathan Duran.

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

**Secretary's report:**

Approval of the minutes of the October 27, 2005 Board Meeting was moved, seconded and passed.

The motion to accept the following electronic votes occurring between November 2005 and January 2006 was seconded and passed:

- 1) That NMLA become a sponsor of the Advocacy Institute at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio, on Friday January 20, 2006, and that NMLA provide a copy of our mailing list to ALA for the sole purpose providing our members information about the Institute. This motion was seconded and passed on November 15, 2005.
- 2) It was moved and seconded that the 2006 Conference fees as proposed by the Conference committee be adopted. The proposed fees are:

Pre-conference Fees (Wednesday, 4/19)  
Member - \$30  
Non-member - \$40

Post-conference Fees (Saturday 4/22)  
Member - \$30  
Non-member - \$40

Full Conference Fees (4/20-4/21)  
Prepayment by April 5 - \$75 member / \$90 non-member  
Payment after April 5 - \$100 member / \$115 non-member

Retirees and students - \$45

Daily Fees (4/20-4/21)  
Prepayment by April 5 - \$50 member / \$60 non-member  
Payment after April 5 - \$60 member / \$70 non-member  
Retirees and students - \$25

Special Events  
Awards Dinner (Thursday, 4/20) - \$30  
Kid Lit Luncheon (Friday, 4/21) - \$20

The motion passed December 28, 2006.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter financial report shows the operating fund/checking account balance at \$22,520.86. Income for July-December 2005 is \$22,280.77 and expenses are \$14,800.06.

A very positive aspect of this report is the net income realized by the Tucumcari Mini-Conference, in the amount of \$1502.76. Although registration income was lower than projected, expenses were much lower than projected, which allowed for this substantial net income.

Lorie Christian and I have begun a project to compile relevant data from budget and conference information into a central file. Lorie has bravely gone forth to the NMLA Archives, to discover data there. We hope to develop a file that can be used for future analysis of conferences and other budget needs.

Respectfully submitted: Joe Becker, NMLA Treasurer

## **Annual Conference 2006 Report**

Word on the Farmington conference is getting out! See the attached articles – currently appearing in the **NMLA Newsletter**, and on **WebJunction NM**.

### **1. LETTER OF AGREEMENT / NOVEMBER MEETING:**

Karen McPheeters issued a letter of agreement between Farmington PL (City of Farmington) and NMLA following the 10/28/05 Board meeting. As a follow-up per the Board's directive, Kathy Matter, Anne Lefkofsky and Lorie Christian visited Farmington on 11/17/05. After a morning meeting with Karen, we were joined in the afternoon by Louise Bolton – plus key members of the Farmington conference team: Mary Lee Smith, Heather Erlandson, Jim Carpenter, and Jenny Lee Bingmann. All points in the agreement letter were clarified and confirmed, and additional planning was discussed.

**Venues:** As outlined in the letter of agreement drawn up by Karen (*see attached*), the following are booked for conference programs and events, at no charge to NMLA (except for food, decorations or related consumables / incidentals):

**San Juan College** -- 9000 series rooms

**Farmington Civic Center** -- theatre, ballroom/exhibits area, break out rooms

**Totah Theatre** – full seating area and stage

- ▶ AV / Internet costs will be taken care of at all sites, at no charge to NMLA
- ▶ Exhibit area set up -- tables, dressing, electrical and data connections, and security service at the Civic Center will be comped, at no charge to NMLA

**Costs:** Karen confirmed that all profits realized from registration, exhibitors, pre-conference and post-conference programs will go to NMLA. While Farmington PL has arranged for the comping of venues, is paying for a variety of speakers and is covering a number of other costs -- they are asking for no remuneration or cut of the conference profits.

**2. BUDGET:** Attached is the current budget, updated by Lorie Christian in accordance with the Farmington letter of agreement. As we get closer to conference time, it's likely that line items will be adjusted as plans are finalized, and registrations come in.

**3. EXHIBIT AREA:** Exhibit space at the Civic Center will be prioritized for vendors. Free tables for non-profits, and any poster sessions, will be featured at San Juan College from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on 4/20, prior to the Awards Dinner. Louise Bolton will check on availability of tables and possible locations. We expect to make 25 tables available.

In addition to NMLA's exhibitor mailing, Farmington PL has sent out follow-up invitations to vendors on the NMLA list, plus a variety of other library-friendly companies. It was re-iterated that all exhibitors wishing to participate at the conference must go through Lorie Christian, and follow NMLA's contracting process. Along with Farmington PL, Louise Bolton is also "courting" sponsorships – primarily from ProQuest, 3M and Thomson Gale.

As of 1/25/06:

- Exhibit booths – 15 spaces sold
- Exhibit tables – 4 spaces sold
- Exhibit sponsors – 3
- Program ad w/o exhibitor attending:
  - ¼ page – 1
  - full page – 1

Lorie has recently sent out an additional 50 invitations to exhibitors – bringing the total issued to 296.

**4. EVENTS:** Current slate of activities includes --

- **NMLA Board Meeting** – afternoon of 4/19 – location TBA.
- **New Members & NM Library Foundation Reception** -- 4/19 evening at Gateway Museum (venue comped courtesy of FPL; beverages and light appetizers -- NMLA pays for catering and incidentals). This will be a joint venture with NMLF, with NMLF taking the lead in suggesting plans for arrangements.
- **Awards Dinner** -- 4/21 at or San Juan College (venue comped courtesy of SJC; NMLA pays for catering and incidentals).
- **Youth Literature Luncheon** -- 4/22 at Totah Theatre (venue comped courtesy of FPL; NMLA pays for catering and incidentals). Marian Royal is the coordinator.
- **All Conference Reception / Storytelling Evening** -- 4/22 at Sandstone / Lions Wilderness Park Amphitheater (venue comped courtesy of FPL; NMLA pays for catering and incidentals). Farmington PL is hosting the storytelling event – which will feature Joe Hayes among other noteworthy performers.
- **"A Taste of Libraries" -- Library Tours:** Heather Erlandson will work with local libraries on offering walk-in tours during the conference. Sites will include a mix of four libraries -- such as Farmington PL, Aztec PL, and San Juan County middle and elementary schools. The goal is to showcase new and interesting buildings, and to provide conference goers with a "busman's holiday" option between sessions.
- **Petroglyph and Trading Post Tours** – organized by the Farmington PL team, for 4/22.

**Catering and Beverage Service:** Anne will be working with Heather Erlandson, Louise, Lorie and Charlene Greenwood (NMLF event) on food service arrangements at the various NMLA-sponsored social and networking events. Karen will look into permitting for wine service and beer service at Gateway and Sandstone. Our plan is to scale back offerings at the Civic Center to all day beverage -- and afternoon snack service – on 4/20 and 4/21. Box lunches will be available at the Civic Center on 4/20 and 4/21 at full price to any attendees wishing to pre-order such. Food service is available at San Juan College through the campus concessions. Reception fare will be light – to encourage people to take advantage of dining opportunities throughout the Farmington area.

**5. REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE PACKETS:** Preliminary program and registration information will be mailed out to the NMLA membership upon approval of the conference program.

Farmington PL will design and print the conference program, at no cost to NMLA. Format will be twofold, to include: a pocket-size At-A-Glance, plus a larger booklet that will include full program and event lists, plus ad space. Jim Carpenter is in the process of creating examples.

Farmington PL will also supply registration bags, and generate name tags for vendors and attendees. Lorie Christian will provide a file containing registration and exhibitor names prior to the conference. (See *sample name badges*)

## **6. PROGRAMMING:**

**Keynote Speaker / Pre and Post Conference Sessions:** Karen McPheeters has been in negotiations to book author Sherman Alexie for a number of months. Karen recently learned that Mr. Alexie was unable to accept her invitation to appear at the conference. Karen did a steadfast job of pursuing this, and is now working on other options. A likely speaker is now futurist Lowell Catlett, of NMSU. Farmington PL will pay the speaker's fees and expenses.

Farmington PL is also underwriting and planning a variety of appealing and exciting pre- and post-conference sessions. Pre-conferences will focus on youth services, while the post-conference sessions will tie in with the theme "Library as Place".

**Daily Programming for 4/20 and 4/21:** The Program Committee has been meeting regularly since mid-November. The group has made its selections for programming to be offered on 4/20 and 4/21 – with notifications going out in early January. At this juncture, Anne will be forming a sub-group of the committee to mediate scheduling issues, review additional program proposals for inclusion – and coordinate arrangements and final planning at the venues.

It was moved and seconded that the conference program presented by the committee be accepted. The motion passed.

### **NMLA Awards Committee Report**

After the December 9 deadline the committee read and voted on nominations for the five awards. The winners are:

Community Achievement – Marilyn Fifield  
Legislator of the Year – Carroll Leavell  
NM Library Amigo – Bernice Boyle  
NM Library Leadership – Kathy Barco

The members also heartily endorsed the special award for Tom Udall. We failed, however, to come up with a snappy title for the award. Perhaps "NMLA Special Award"?

Respectfully submitted: Dinah Lea Jentgen, Committee Chair

It was moved and seconded that the slate of nominees presented by the Awards Committee be accepted. The motion passed. The Committee was asked to determine the name of the award for Representative Tom Udall.

### **Administrative Contractor Expenses:**

It was agreed that all conference related expenses for the Administrative Contractor are paid by NMLA and come out of the conference budget. Board members confirmed that this has been the practice in the past.

### **2007 Conference Taskforce Report**

Taskforce Members: Valerie Nye (chair), Wayne Hanway (MPLA vice-president), Anne Lefkofsky (arrangements), Cassandra Osterloh (program), Linda Morgan Davis (publicity), Joe Becker (treasurer), and Lorie Christian (administrator)

Space is currently reserved at the Albuquerque Convention Center (ACC) for the 2007 conference. The same room space NMLA reserved in 2005 is reserved for 2007 for March 13-16. The contract for the ACC will be available for signature in March of 2006. The *Albuquerque Journal* ran a story on January 4 about an 18 month remodeling project at the ACC. Small changes and upgrades are planned in order to give the space a more southwest flavor. Carol Chavez at the ACC was contacted regarding the project and assured us that the remodeling will not have an impact on our conference in 2007.

80 sleeping rooms are tentatively reserved for March 14 and 15 at the Doubletree (\$89 per night, per double) and Embassy Suites (\$125 per night, per double). The Hyatt will contact us in February regarding availability of sleeping rooms on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The Hyatt has two tentative conferences scheduled in this timeslot, but rooms may become available if contracts are not signed in February of this year.

Joe Becker and Lorie Christian have worked together to create a tentative budget for the 2007 Conference.

Erin Kinney, President of the Wyoming Library Association, contacted us with information about the 2005 MPLA/WLA Joint Conference. Her comments about the joint conference include:

- Working with MPLA's new Electronic Communities (formerly Sections) may be challenging since the roles of the Electronic Communities are still being defined by MPLA.
- She had a good working relationship with the MPLA Vice-President which made communication and planning easy.
- Attendance at the 2005 joint conference: MPLA only 155 ; WLA only 177 ; Joint/Neither 163 = 495. WLA in non-joint conference years usually gets anywhere from 175 (in a corner town) to 225 (in a central location), so having MPLA certainly pulled in some extra people from within the state.
- Vendors were charged \$475 per table with the following additional fees each day:  
Electricity -- \$75.00  
Internet Access DSL Line -- \$200  
Wireless was available at no charge, however we did not guarantee service or quality.
- People made the usual complaints about walking & stairs, and too small/hot/cold rooms.

At Wayne Hanway's recommendation, all MPLA State Representatives have been contacted and asked if they have seen outstanding keynote addresses and/or sessions at their local conferences in recent years.

The Taskforce will meet on the morning of January 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss the following items: the conference schedule, budget, theme ideas, special venues, and marketing. After brainstorming ideas for the conference, we will be putting forth our ideas to the NMLA board and NMLA membership for greater comment.

Respectfully Submitted: Valerie Nye, Committee Chair

At the meeting, Valerie Nye reported that an opening reception at the Balloon Museum is being considered. Efforts to partner with the City of Albuquerque for transportation, etc. will be pursued. Mr. Hanaway will attend the April conference in Farmington.

The Site Selection Committee is working assiduously to assemble options for the Conference Chair, who assumes the responsibility in April of this year. One of the items that will be included in the April Business Meeting is to revert the role of this Task Force to its traditional role.

### **Membership Task Force**

The Committee met on January 16, 2006. This was the first meeting since the October, 2005 Board meeting. A DRAFT of a recruitment brochure will be presented at the January Board meeting. This brochure includes a proposed fee structure

#### **Working On:**

- Informational updates to Membership via Discussion List on an irregular basis
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- Membership Taskforce and creation of a brochure
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Respectfully submitted: Linda Morgan Davis, Chair

Kathy Matter reported that NMLA has gained 80 new members during the "50% off dues" membership drive. The Task Force would like to continue this practice.

Inviting new members to the New Member Reception at the annual conference was discussed. Nametags will have a "new member designation."

55 members did not renew. Many of these moved out of state.

The committee will review other ideas presented at the meeting. The proposed categories for a revised dues structure were rejected by the Board. The Task Force members may choose to communicate with members via the Listserv so that a vote could be taken in April. The prototype of the brochure was well received.

Board members pointed out that it costs NMLA \$25 in administrative costs per member. It is possible that a future Board will consider no longer printing and mailing the newsletter.

### **Nominations and Elections Committee Report**

The Nominations and Elections Committee under the leadership of Heather Gallegos-Rex proposed the following slate of candidates for 2006:

Vice-President / President Elect: Louise Bolton, San Juan College, Farmington

Secretary: Dinah Jentgen, Southern NM Correctional Facility, Las Cruces  
Phyllis Reed, Ruidoso Public Library

Members at Large: Nancy Dennis, UNM General Libraries, Albuquerque

Patricia Hewitt, NM State Library, Santa Fe  
Valerie Nye, College of Santa Fe  
Mark Pendleton, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library  
(Las Cruces)

It was moved and seconded that the slate of candidates be accepted. The motion passed.

The committee revisited the nomination and election process and declined to make the changes discussed at the previous meeting. The Board approved the ballot format and these will be mailed to members by February 1, 2006.

It was moved and seconded that the committee should send the proposed format for a "Petition for Candidacy" to the Bylaws Committee for review. The motion passed.

All Nominations and Elections Committee members are to be present for the counting of the ballots.

#### **Administrative Services Changes:**

Lorie Christian reported that for \$99 a year, Fatcow.com could host the NMLA website. This move will address bouncing e-mails and our more easily accepting credit cards for conference fees. All in attendance concurred. Lorie will proceed to make this change.

#### **WebJunction Announcements:**

Jonathan Duran addressed the Board about the opportunity for NMLA to create a virtual community for the membership using WebJunction New Mexico.

This is not meant to replace the NMLA website, but rather to expand the reach of NMLA in the state's library community. The ability to create discussion forums, attach files, etc. is there. It is believed that this will expand NMLA's marketing efforts. There will be no editorial control on the part of WebJunction.

It was moved and seconded that the President be authorized to negotiate a collaborative arrangement with WebJunction. The motion passed.

#### **State Librarian's Report:**

Richard Akeroyd reviewed current events and activities at the State Library.

The 2012 New Mexico Centennial Celebration is in the initial planning stages. Mr. Akeroyd would like libraries to be a part of this event and to enter the planning process as soon as possible.

The posters provided annually by the State Library are late this year. Libraries will be able to request copies to be sent to Legislators and others.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Bylaws Committee**

The Bylaws Committee prepared and submitted information to the newsletter editor concerning the proposed bylaws changes so that this information could be included in the newsletter in accordance with the timeline for proposing Bylaws changes.

Handbook changes approved at the last meeting were made and updated pages are on the website.

Three suggestions/ questions for the handbook were brought up at the last board meeting. The Bylaws Committee action on these suggestions is outlined below:

- 1) Board Calendar to be updated to reflect new newsletter deadlines- done and distributed online
- 2) Revise the newsletter information in the Handbook—It has been determined to leave the newsletter as a sub-committee of the Public Relations Committee and to delay updating pages pertaining to the newsletter until the year of trial editorship by the Administrative Contractor is concluded and an evaluation is conducted.
- 3) Questions from the Nominations and Elections Committee concerning self-nominations and the petition form – no action has been taken on this awaiting the results of Board discussion at this upcoming Board Meeting. The committee did determine that there is no form on file (who knows where it went), but that it would be simple matter to create one if the Board wishes to continue in that direction. The committee did receive a suggestion for completely revamping the procedures for the Nominations and Elections Committee and the Committee forwarded that to the current chair of Nominations and Elections for input.

#### **Education Committee:**

Louise Bolton reported that the Education Committee met on January 25 2006 to select scholarship recipients. The winners will be announced by the Publicity Committee. It was suggested that a press release be sent to the newspapers in the hometown of those receiving scholarships.

#### **Library Legislative Day**

The Committee and President Kathy Matter have been responsible for publicity for Library Legislative Day, to the membership.

#### **LIF Report**

Our 53.5 million dollar 2006 GO Bond is being sponsored by Representative Miera and Senator Nava.

We had a great turn out for Library Legislative Day. Over librarians and Library Board members went to the legislative workshop at the State Library and this number does not include any academic librarians as they had their own workshop and then joined public school and public librarians at the Roundhouse. Librarians were recognized in the House and in the Senate. NMLA gave out water bottles to Senators and Representatives. We held a press conference that was well attended. Children from Santa Fe were present and gave inspiring testimonials.

Geri Hutchins continues to send out ALA updates and other intellectual freedom and legislative information.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth Haskett

#### **Public Relations Committee Report**

*Library Legislative Day*



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Respectfully submitted: Linda Morgan Davis, Chair

### **Representative and Councilor Reports**

#### **NEW MEXICO LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT**

The newest Trustee to the Board is Caroline Beckner of Santa Fe. She is a retired school librarian who is from Roswell, served as a librarian in the Albuquerque Public Schools for a number of years, and also in Virginia. She recently returned to Santa Fe to retire with her husband.

In our most recent cycle of competitive bidding for the NMLF grants we had 13 applications.

Those awarded grants were:

1. New Mexico Farm and Ranch Museum – Claire Odenheim - The First Annual Children’s Book Festival held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Twelve publishers and eight nationally known authors participated in the book fair. They sold their books and presented readings and workshops on writing and illustrating books for children.
2. Piedra Vista High School – Kathy Neely - The grant was given to support the proposal: “A Multi-sensory Approach to Reading” that would make books on tape accessible to high school students at a wide range of reading levels.
3. Santa Fe Public Library – Patricia Hodap - The grant money was received. The project title is Spanish Language Outreach and it is to be used for the purpose of developing Spanish language signage and to put library publications in Spanish particularly at the new South Side Library.
4. Moriarty Community Library – Tina J. Cates-Ortega - The title of the project is “Two Worlds.” The money is to be used to provide support to the Spanish-speaking members of the community when using the library.

The Foundation will be co-hosting a reception at the NMLA Conference in Farmington. It will be on Wednesday evening, April 19 at the Gateway Museum. There will also be our drawing to raise funds for grants. Two of the items offered are a beautiful Two Grey Hills rug and a silver Storyteller necklace and ring. The drawing will be Friday night at the reception.

Respectfully Submitted by: Charlene Greenwood, Chair

#### **MPLA Representative Report**

The MPLA website has a new easy to remember web address: <http://www.mpla.us>

MPLA will no longer be distributing job announcements via email. All job postings sent to MPLA are now posted online at: <http://www.mpla.us/jobline/index.html>

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual MPLA Leadership Institute was another success. The institute was held October 23-28, 2005 in Ghost Ranch, NM. New Mexico participants were Dexter Katzman (Director of the Sunland Park Community Library), Jenifer Brown (Librarian at Navajo Middle School), and Lizzie Eastwood (Library Specialist I at Mesa Public Library). MPLA Leadership Institute Coordinator, Mary Bushing, is currently contacting all of the people who have attended the Leadership Institute in the last 4 years in an effort to collect information that will gauge the Institute's effectiveness.

The next deadline for the MPLA Professional Development Grant is February 2, 2006. MPLA sponsors a professional development grants program to improve library services in the Mountain Plains region by supporting continuing education and research experiences for individuals employed in the library or related professions. The program is administered by the Professional Development Grants Committee. Information about the grant and an application can be found online at: <http://www.mpla.us/committees/profdev/grants.html>

The MPLA Board will be holding its first distance board meeting via conference call on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted, Valerie Nye

It was announced at the Board meeting that the incoming MPLA President will attend the NMLA Annual Conference in Farmington. He will be introduced at the Business meeting and will attend the Awards Banquet.

#### ALA COUNCILOR'S REPORT TO NMLA

##### Gerald Hodges dies

The ALA Staff and many of the Members of Council were shocked and saddened by the unexpected death on January 10 of ALA Director of Communications and Marketing, Gerald Hodges. Gerald had been a familiar, cheerful, helpful and efficient presence in the ALA Office. We missed him as we conducted our Council and Committee business.

##### Awards of note

As our President noted, Vaunda Nelson, teen librarian at the Rio Rancho (NM) Public Library, won the YALSA Sagebrush Award for her Lights! Camera! Books! 2005 Teen Summer Reading Program.

##### ALA Executive Board

Elected to the ALA Executive Board were Mario Gonzalez from Greenwich Public Library, CT, Terri G. Kirk, from Reidland High School, Paducah, KY, and Roberta Stevens from the Library of Congress.

##### Certified Public Library Administrators Program (CPLA)

The CPLA program is up and running, providing coursework leading to ALA certification for public library administrators who already have an ALA accredited master's degree and at least 3 years of supervisory experience. Providers of the required courses were approved at this conference. More information will be available on the ALA web site soon.

##### ALA web site

The ALA staff are continuing to work on the ALA web site and new prototypes are being tested. The Executive Director Keith Fiels expressed his understanding of members' concern about the manifold programs with the current web site.

#### Leslie Burger's Presidential Initiatives

Leslie Burger, ALA president-elect chose as next year's theme: Libraries Transform Communities - focusing on leadership and policy development, salaries and education, and expansion of the library advocacy network.

Google defies DOJ demand for search records The Department of Justice sought a court order January 18 demanding that Google comply with its August 2005 subpoena for millions of randomly selected online search records. ALA has not yet finished considering whether to file an amicus in the suit, as the questions about user privacy are mixed in with business protection issues.

Inexpensive Computer & Business Courses ALA has contracted with the Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN) to make more than 1,500 e-learning courses available to members. Element K was picked as the provider of computer and business courses for librarians at affordable prices.

#### Forum on Library Education

Friday's half-day forum on education for librarianship was a disappointment. The three white papers were well considered, but the responders and others did not use the opportunity to move the issues forward. Shoddy research was exemplified by lots of comments such as, "I did a quick search on Google and it showed ..." The session ran from 1 to 5:30 PM and drew a huge audience of 450. The avowed purpose was to begin the process of dialogue between the educators of librarians and those of us in the field who may be in a position to assess the effectiveness of "the product". Unfortunately, it appeared that practitioners could not hear the educators and visa-a-versa.

#### Resolution on the Instructional Classification of School Librarians

There is a movement around the country for state legislatures to pass a law under the general title of "65% solution." which says that 65% of each education dollar should go to classroom activities.

Background on this issue can be found at:

[http://www.schoolmatters.com/pdf/65\\_paper\\_schoolmatters.pdf](http://www.schoolmatters.com/pdf/65_paper_schoolmatters.pdf)

A Google search "65 percent solution" pulls up some very interesting articles. School libraries are not officially defined as classrooms by the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES), which is the official federal agency that defines educational activities for statistical purposes. [Several people noted that athletic activities are included in the definition of "classroom."]

ALA passed a resolution attempting to deal with this problem. The full text of the resolution will be on the ALA website next week. Here is a summary of the resolves: ALA shall communicate regularly with state Governors about the "critical need for them to demonstrate their commitment to quality education for every child by including school libraries in all state education priorities and rejecting publicly any policy that would dismantle school libraries and reduce or eliminate the staffing of those libraries by state-certified school librarians. ALA shall inform state legislators that school libraries should be included in any definition of classroom. ALA will work with NCES to change the definition so that "libraries as classroom" are not excluded.

#### Dues increase

It has been 10 years since the last dues ALA dues increase. The proposed dues increase passed by Council, which will be voted upon by members this spring, raises dues much less than the inflation that

has occurred since 1995. ALA budgets have been flat for 5 years and ALA has now reached its financial limit. For example there are almost no reserves, less than .01%. ALA cannot be all we need it to be and want it to be without stepping up to the plate and contributing more via our dues. Regular member dues will go up \$10.00 per year for each of three years.

See the ALA web site FAQ:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/governingdocs/aheadto2010/qaduesincrease.htm>

The proposed dues table will appear there shortly.

#### Committee on Legislation (COL)

COL brought several resolutions to Council. Full text will be available next week. All of the following passed.

The resolution on the USA PATRIOT Act reauthorization asks Congress to amend USA PATRIOT Act in a manner that (1) "safeguards the privacy rights and constitutionally protected civil liberties of all library users, library employees, and U.S. persons"; (2) requires that law enforcement officials be specific about who they are investigating and have sufficient evidence that an investigation is warranted (i.e. no fishing expeditions); (3) requires the FISA Court to make a finding that there are sufficient facts to warrant an investigation; (4) allows a recipient of a FISA records search order to consult with an attorney, to challenge the search and gag order; (5) asks that Section 215 have a sunset date of no more than four years; (6) urges Congress to "intensify its oversight of the use of the USA PATRIOT Act as well as other government surveillance and investigation" programs; and (7) reasserts ALA's "commitment to the rights of inquiry and free expression" of everyone.

The resolution on OMB's guidance to agencies pertaining to the implementation of section 207(d) of the E-Government Act of 2002 (1) asks for timely hearings to be held on this Act with librarians as witnesses instead of just posting on the web and asking for comments; and (2) asks that Congress provide for oversight so that the recommendations of the Categorization of Government Information Working Group will be implemented (basically that government documents be cataloged [metadataed] in a way that the public can actually find them).

The resolution on protecting the Toxics Release Inventory Program (1) opposes the Environmental Protection Act's proposal to reduce the frequency and threshold requirements for Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) reporting; (2) urges Congress to stay with the original intent to "make information, including off-site consequence analysis information, publicly available on a timely basis"; and (3) urges Congress to "direct the EPA to maintain the current TRI reporting thresholds and frequency."

The resolution on the changes to the IRS Tax Forms Outlet Program asks that ALA work with the IRS to "reconfigure the Tax Forms Outlet Program to meet the needs of the participating libraries and the public they serve." Basically, the IRS isn't sending enough forms because it wants to save money by having librarians to help people get the forms online. Some libraries and people would like to actually get the forms. Many libraries have not received any of the 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ forms fro 2005 taxes.

The resolution affirming equity of access through universal service, e-rate, and advanced broadband services (1) asks Congress "assess and review the impact of regulatory changes on the public interest, including libraries, educational institutions, and state and local governments"; (2) asks for "open access and interoperability as well as for prohibitions against control of access by only a few"; and (3) asks for the continuation of the E-rate or a similar program.

Opposition to Judge Samuel Alito as U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Council passed the resolution to oppose the confirmation of Judge Samuel Alito as associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and communicate this opposition to the U.S. Senate. The discussion centered more on whether this type of resolution was appropriate for ALA, as opposed to a discussion of the merits of the resolution.

## Intellectual Freedom Report

The seventh edition of the Intellectual Freedom Manual has been published and is available from ALA Editions for \$46.80 to ALA members. Professional Travel by Librarians Council passed the International Relations Committee (IRC) resolution that asserted the right of librarians and library workers to travel from the U.S. to other countries and from other countries to the U.S. in order to “to participate in conferences, to purchase books and other library materials, to meet and develop working relationships with librarians, to develop gift and exchange programs, to pursue and establish ties with library and other professional associations and libraries, and to conduct educational and other professional library-related activities.” The resolution added that travel to the U.S. should not be prohibited or impeded by U.S. government policies.

## Resolution on Academic Freedom

Council passed a resolution addressing the so-called Academic Bill of Right that is being pushed in some state legislatures. The resolution affirms the academic freedom espoused in the 1940 University Professor’s statement on academic freedom.

Respectfully submitted: Thaddeus P. Bejnar, ALA Chapter Councilor

## **AASL Report**

The major concern is the 65% Funding Formula and the definition of school librarians. The new funding formula was proposed by First Class Education a nonprofit group. It requests that all 50 states require school districts to spend at least 65% of their budgets on direct classroom instruction. The U.S. Department of Education’s NCES definition of what a school library media specialist does is the job description being utilized. Using the NCES definition School Library Media Specialist are considered outside of the 65% funding formula. Texas is phasing in the 65 % classroom funding formula. Other states in our region that are considering the funding formula are Arizona, Colorado, Kansas and Missouri.

Here is the URL for the NCES definition. You have to scroll down to see the one for library media.  
[http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2004/h2r2/ch\\_6\\_4.asp](http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2004/h2r2/ch_6_4.asp)

There is further information in the January 2006 issue of American Libraries, pp. 19– 20.  
There is a resolution that will be presented to ALA Council regarding the 65% Funding Formula.

Alison Almquist  
AASL Region VI Director

## **SIG Reports**

### **ASL-SIG Report**

Public Relations: The ASL-SIG has produced a new brochure to use to attract new members. A letter, including the brochure, was mailed to all school libraries Oct. 20th that updated everyone on developments in our area.

The ASL-SIG instigated a petition to get Jennifer Brown on the member-at-large list of nominations.

Professional Development: A workshop was held Dec. 3rd in Silver City on "Librarian-Teacher Competencies". Ten attendees were present from Las Cruces, Lordsburg, Reserve, Tularosa, and Silver

City. It was decided that certificates will be given to individuals who attend workshops to use as evidence for their dossiers.

Awards: The award committee met and chose the winners of the Outstanding School Library Award at the Elementary and Secondary levels.

Annual Conference: Two ASL-SIG members, Pam Rishel and Marian Royal, have attended all the programming meetings and are looking forward to a conference that will be very beneficial to librarian-teachers.

Legislative: ASL-SIG along with the NM Task Force continue to work with the LESC to assure continued funding for library materials

Respectfully submitted: Pam Rishel, ASL-SIG Chair

### **Battle of the Books SIG Report January 2006**

The steering committee members have been hard at work preparing for the 2006 Battle of the Books on April 29.

The web site has been revised, and will continue to be updated as more information is available. Practice questions and competition questions are being written. The 2007 book lists are being prepared. The Watermelon Jug Band has been confirmed.

Information regarding the Battle has been published in the *NMLA Newsletter* and *The Hitchhiker*.

We are working with a promotional products company in Clovis who would like to provide our participants with T shirts. Contact information is posted on web site but the prices will depend on the number of shirts ordered. The vendor will ship and also provide a pick up location in Albuquerque.

We are working with Page 1 Book Store to conduct a book sale the day of the statewide battle. They have agreed to do the sale. We are working out the final details.

Submitted by: Sarah Geiger, Chair

President Kathy Matter confirmed the following Member at Large SIG responsibilities:

Barbara VanDongen: Battle of the Books and Advocacy for School Libraries,  
Leslie Chamberlain: Interlibrary Loans/Document Delivery Resource Sharing and Native American Libraries  
Lori Grumet: Local and Regional History and Reforma  
Naomi Miles: New Mexico Paraprofessionals and the New Mexico Preservation Alliance

Board Liaisons are responsible for reporting on SIG activities at Board meetings. SIG chairs are responsible for submitting an annual report to the Secretary by the close of the annual conference. Each year SIG chairs also have the responsibility of confirming budget approval from the Treasurer.

### **Old Business**

The procedures for editing the electronic newsletter are being codified.

### **New Business**

Vaunda Nelson will be recognized at the Youth Luncheon at the annual conference.

Louise Bolton announced that Thompson Gale will provide \$2500 towards the cost of the Awards Dinner.

At 4:45 it was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed.