ALA Legislative Day
May 7, 2002

Sarah Henderson, NMLA Delegate, Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee.

For the last 28 years the Washington Office of The American Library Association has sponsored Library Legislation Day for delegates from each state to visit their legislators to personally ask for support on issues that would benefit all libraries in the state.

NMLA in a cooperative effort with the State Library sends a delegate to this Day. This year, State Librarian Ben Wakashige and I visited Senators Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman, and Representatives Joe Skeen, Heather Wilson, and Tom Udall. Our focus was on two areas. The first was to request that the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries be funded at least over $100 million to ensure the program is administered through each state. The President’s budget currently funds the Literacy Through School Libraries line item at $12.5 million. The other area involved requesting LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) reauthorization. The current authorization ends in 2002 so the library community is asking for $500 million to be authorized. We asked our House members for support of HR 3784 and asked the Senators to co-sponsor the LSTA legislation now being developed in the Senate. We happened to be in Senator Domenici’s office on his birthday and were chosen to be photographed with him.

The legislator’s staff are given detailed papers on all the topics of importance for libraries with emphasis on the ones mentioned. The meetings are only 15 minutes long so we attempt to educate as much as possible in that time. ALA is responsible for the helpful, informative packets we leave with the legislators and they are always available to answer further questions.

I feel that these visits are an effective way of bringing the importance of libraries in today’s society to the attention of our legislators.

GO Bond Effort Moving Forward

Lori Grumet, Co-Chair, Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee

Recently Toni Beatty, Co-Chair of the Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee met with Ben Wakashige, State Librarian, David Giltrow from the New Mexico Library Foundation and the public relations firm representatives that will be designing much of the GO bond public appeal. They goal was to designate areas of responsibility so that a maximized effort will be pursued in trying to pass the Bond in November.
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This is a wonderful time to be working in the field of librarianship and information technology. Knowledge and related educational technologies change at a rapid rate, almost too fast to keep up. Web-based instruction, cyber-library media centers and cutting edge information systems continue to challenge even the most competent librarian. More than ever, New Mexico Library Association can be a great “support system” to all who work in libraries and information services.

While attending the ALA Annual Conference in Atlanta, three major issues became very clear to me on what makes a healthy, vibrant state library association. First is financial management. A state association must have the funds to properly meet its goals and programs. A strong financial statement will support various activities within the organization. Second, membership growth must occur. If you are not growing in members, it is very difficult to meet the needs and goals of the organization. The “health” of the association is in direct proportion to its growth. Third, you need to have good conferences. There needs to be consistency in location, program offerings and good vendor support. This will provide conference participants with interaction with other librarians and knowledge outside their working environment.

The NMLA Board of Directors are working hard on behalf of the organization by bringing in and supporting activities that will inspire and attract new members, planning annual and mini-conferences, offering scholarships, and being active in legislative issues affecting members in a positive way. Our association is financially solvent and our membership is growing. Soon the opportunity to attend the mini-conference on November 1st in Ruidoso will be made. Please set time aside to attend and participate in this worthwhile event.

Recently, I was given a copy of the Las Cruces Annual Conference evaluation summary. The following are some of the comments that were made: “Presenter was prepared and gave an excellent presentation; The handouts were helpful and useful; Fabulous! Hands-on, practical information given...I am ready to roll; It was good, excellent information and ideas, very helpful”; etc.

Several areas of improving the conference were given. Overall, the conference was rated as a success, both financially and programmatically.

There are several issues that affect our libraries. There is a shortage of people entering the field of librarianship. Economic considerations are keeping young women and men from entering and staying in the library profession. Legislative support and funding for libraries are critical issues in this state. Intellectual freedom, information access and privacy continue to challenge our 1st amendment rights. Digital society, electronic information environments and library advocacy will continue to be issues. I encourage our membership to get involved by helping to support library bond issues, being an advocate for all libraries in your community and enjoying your chosen profession.

I want to personally thank you for your continued support of your association. Please let me know how we can better serve you. I welcome suggestions and would like to encourage you to submit news articles to share your ideas and research with others.
Library Leadership Institute Winners
Charlene Greenwood, MPLA Representative from NMLA

Congratulations to the winning applicants from New Mexico. They are Stephanie Gerding and Susan Pinkerton. They have been selected from among nine who applied. There were two librarians selected from each of the 12 states comprising the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA). This means that these two librarians will attend the MPLA Leadership Institute @ Ghost Ranch November 10-14. This program’s goal is to prime librarians into a great career.

Stephanie Gerding is the Continuing Education Director at the NM State Library in Santa Fe. She also has worked for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Federal Express Corporation, SIRSI Corporation, and The University of Tennessee.

Susan Pinkerton is the Program Coordinator, Library Technology at NM State University (NMSU) – Dona Ana Branch Community College in Las Cruces. She previously worked at the NMSU as a Supervisor in Current Periodicals and as a Media Specialist; and she has worked for Kinko’s as a Store Manager and Alphagraphics as a Regional Manager.

We know that this will be a great experience for both of them. Maybe they will write about it in a future newsletter.

Library Humor Wanted
Jeanette Smith, NMSU Library

Do you have library-related cartoons taped to your desk or posted on your bulletin board? Is there a favorite library humor web page that you monitor regularly - or favorite humorous books or articles? Jeanette Smith of the New Mexico State University Library is collecting library humor for a research project. She would appreciate it if you would send her your favorite pieces of library humor from inside or outside the profession, from the popular or professional literature. She may be contacted by email at jcsmith@lib.nmsu.edu, or mail material to P.O. Box 3352, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003.

News from NMSU Library
Jeanette Smith, NMSU Library

Lesley Mackay has joined the New Mexico State University staff as a Development Officer. The appointment is half time in the University Library and half time in the Graduate School. Ms. Mackay brings to her position over ten years of experience as a development professional and communications specialist. She was trained in development at Johns Hopkins University and has done fundraising work for Rollins College and Embry-Riddle University in Florida. She has also worked as a publicist for United Nations International Women’s Day, the Andean Information Network and Amnesty International. Ms. Mackay holds a B.A. in English from the College of William and Mary and an M.A. in English from Indiana University, Bloomington. Ms. Mackay may be contacted at the NMSU Library at 646-3642.
Painting Commemorating Sept. 11 at NMSU Library
Jeanette Smith, NMSU Library

Most Americans were profoundly affected by the events of September 11. Las Cruces artist Joan Zuhl is no exception. After watching CNN nonstop for a few days, she was inspired to express her strong emotions through her art. The result is a striking contemporary painting, acrylic on canvas, entitled “9/11.” The painting is on permanent display on the 3rd floor of Zuhl Library on the New Mexico State University campus.

Zuhl, whose professional name is Joan Talty, worked continuously on the painting until it was finished. Her largest piece of artwork to date, the three panels express her initial pain and anger at the attacks, the eventual resolution of her feelings into hope and faith, and her belief in the energy and resilience of the American people.

With her husband, Herbert Zuhl, Joan moved from New York City to Las Cruces in 1991. Manhattan, where the Zuhls ran a gallery for six years, has a special place in her heart. The Zuhls returned to New York a month after the attacks, keeping a previously made appointment for October 12.

Taught music as a child by her mother, Zuhl originally aspired to a career as a pianist, and she studied music at Sarah Lawrence College. When she returned home from college, bedridden from an illness, she began to draw in bed. She credits her recovery to her drawing and says that throughout her life, art has made her well.

At the suggestion of both an uncle and a Sarah Lawrence sculpture instructor, Zuhl studied at the prestigious Art Students League of New York, whose alumni includes such noted contemporary artists as Georgia O’Keeffe, Mark Rothko and Jackson Pollack. Founded by and for artists, the Art Students League provided an intensive course of instruction that nurtured Zuhl’s creativity.

Zuhl has some advice for aspiring artists. Work hard, believe in yourself and don’t be discouraged. She says, “Don’t give up before the miracle.” It is also important to attend a good school and have good rapport with your instructors.

In addition to Zuhl’s large painting “9/11,” which is displayed in a public space, additional paintings by Zuhl are hung in offices in Zuhl Library and the NMSU Advancement Office. In March 2000, Joan and Herbert Zuhl pledged a donation of $3 million to NMSU as a naming gift for what was then called the New Library.

Zuhl Library also houses and showcases the Zuhl Geological Collection, consisting of more than one thousand pieces of petrified wood, fossils and minerals. Zuhl is appreciative of the artistic qualities of the collection, describing them as God’s art and nature’s sculptures.

The painting “9/11” and the Zuhl Geological Collection are available for public viewing on a walk-in basis at Zuhl Library. For more information, call the Library’s Administrative Office at 505-646-1508.
NMLA 2003 Annual Conference

Eileen Longsworth, NMLA Vice-President

The Future is Now! That is the theme of the 2003 Annual Conference, scheduled to be held April 23-25 in the Sheraton Old Town in Albuquerque. The Program Committee, chaired by Anne Letkofsky and Dora Trudell, is working very hard to plan a wonderful conference that will have something for everyone. All NMLA members are encouraged to submit program proposals and share their expertise at the conference. It is our future and now is the time to plan and prepare for it! Program proposal forms are available on the NMLA web site and are due by October 1.

The Conference will begin with a reception in the exhibit area on Wednesday night. On Thursday, we will welcome our Keynote Speaker, Steve Coffman, LSSI, Inc—whose articles and speeches have generated thoughtful controversy over the future of reference and library services. This year, the Award winners will be honored at a luncheon on Thursday. Friday will feature a youth service luncheon and a “Mysterious Southwest” author dinner that night. Preconferences and programs will be announced later this year.

Library Supporters Celebrate

Charlene Greenwood, NMLF, Chair

The New Mexico Library Foundation is celebrating its 10th anniversary and will hold an open reception at the Hubbard Museum of the American West at Ruidoso Downs, on Thursday the 31st of October in the evening between 7 and 9 PM. It will be the first of an annual recognition of Friends event and all conference attendees are invited. There will be hors d’oeuvres, a no-host bar and raffle tickets on sale at the reception. Everyone is welcome to come and have a good time with other library supporters.

The Foundation will hold a raffle for airline tickets and an Indian pot at the Mini-Conference Friday November 1. The drawing for the airline tickets and the pot will be at the luncheon on the day of the mini-conference immediately after the keynote speaker.

NMLA Call For Programs

Dora Trudell

Participate as a program presenter at the 2003 New Mexico Library Association Conference on April 23-25, 2003 at the Sheraton Old Town in Albuquerque, N. M.

“The Future Is Now” will be featured as the conference theme. Presentation proposals are sought that address the impact of 21st century change on libraries—both current and future issues and trends. Programs for public, academic or school library issues are welcome, with most sessions scheduled for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

For information on obtaining and submitting a program proposal form, contact Dora Trudell, phone: 505-848-8893, FAX: 505-848-8890, trudell@aps.edu or Anne Lefkosky, phone: 505-768-5153, FAX: 505-768-5191, alefkosky@cabq.gov.

The program proposal form is also available on the NMLA homepage: http://www.nmla.org/conference.html

APRIL 23-25
SHERATION OLD TOWN
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
NMLA Awards Nominations Sought

To nominate a colleague please fill out the online form located at:
http://www.nmla.org/awardsform.html

Nominations and supporting letters are to be mailed no later than Friday, November 15, 2002. They can be sent to:

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Categories are:

NEW! Award for Outstanding School Libraries
NMLA Advocacy for School Libraries Special Interest Group would like to recognize outstanding NM school libraries. This is open to all schools in NM. The basis for this form is the Standards for New Mexico School Libraries developed by the New Mexico Task Force for School Libraries, January 2001. The standards may be found at www.nmla.org and www.stlib.state.nm.us.

By using the checklist, the positive side of school libraries will be showcased. It is a simple checklist that should not take much time to complete. For more information or clarification, refer to the Standards mentioned above. Please make colleagues aware of this opportunity. Nominations form available at: http://www.nmla.org/libraryaward.html

Honorary Life Membership
NMLA's highest award given to individuals for outstanding contributions to the purposes of NMLA, for constructive accomplishment rather than longevity, not limited to librarians, may be given to anyone helping NMLA and/or libraries in New Mexico. Criteria: Significant contribution to NMLA and its activities throughout the library career. Scope of activity beyond own work location; achievements and contributions to NMLA growth are known within the library community, as well as being recognized by other persons or entities in New Mexico.

New Mexico Library Leadership
Awards made to librarians who have rendered outstanding service beyond the local community. Criteria: Notable contribution to the advancement of libraries within the state, known and recognized in more than one community; Contributions of a nature that bring recognition and/or enhance the image of libraries in general within New Mexico; Activities and efforts that have helped other librarians to improve their service capabilities.

Legislator of the Year
Award given to a New Mexico state legislator who has demonstrated leadership in the advancement of libraries throughout the state.
Criteria: Notable legislative contribution to library funding, the issues of intellectual freedom, and/or access to library services.

Community Achievement
Award for librarians (those certified or with a degree) for outstanding library service or achievement at the local level. Also may be given as NMLA's recognition of an award from another source that has enhanced the library and to the entire library community; thus to a local, school, or academic librarian who has received a community, regional, or national honor.

New Mexico Library Amigo
Award made to an individual (friend, volunteer, trustee, board member, other citizen, or other non-certified personnel) whose work on behalf of the local library has resulted in significant progress and/or achievement for that library; or in recognition of work in the promotion of library service within the state.
Interested in a Library Support Group for New Mexico?

Leslie Monsalve-Jones

As you know several years ago, Teddie Payne contacted New Mexico Library Association members about organizing a paraprofessional support group. In April, at the NMLA conference in Las Cruces, I was asked if I would be interested in resurrecting the idea of organizing a SIG for paraprofessionals in New Mexico.

Paraprofessionals are essential to libraries. What is a paraprofessional? A paraprofessional is a person who works in a library but doesn’t have a degree in library science. The paraprofessional is a person who carries out the necessary duties needed to run a library on a day-to-day basis. Their work supports the managerial/administration role of the library profession.

The main object of this request is to determine the level of interest in a professional organization for library support staff and for others interested in the issues of importance to library support staff in New Mexico. This group is not a union, and therefore cannot arbitrate any disputes, nor can it guarantee any salary increases. This support staff organization can, however, provide individuals with professional growth and learning opportunities and would focus on the concerns and needs specific to paraprofessional in New Mexico.

According to the National Directory for Paraprofessional there are many states active in paraprofessional groups, some which are connected with their state library associations, others that are independent.

If you are a library support staff, library assistant, non degree librarian or “front line librarian” and would like to “connect” and start a special interest group with other library support staff in New Mexico, please contact Leslie Monsalve-Jones, 505-476-9718 or email at leslie@stlib.state.nm.us or Monica Villaire-Garcia, (505) 476-9736 or email monica@stlib.state.nm.us

Thank you in advance for your consideration and input. Finding a method of communication across this big state is a priority and we welcome any suggestions, ideas, and sources of information.

Please respond if you are interested. We hope to receive your input soon and would welcome hearing from paraprofessional as well as professionals in the library field. Please “spread the word” to your co-workers and let’s see if we have an interest in becoming a professional organization.
Steps that they identified include regional coordination (All you regional coordinators out there, heads up!)

- Assisting in the effort by identifying information being produced by the PR firm and facilitating access to that information for local efforts.

- Creation of a task list and time line for action. This list will be sent to the regional coordinators.

Advising librarians on strategy and legal issues relating to the bond. As a sideline, any librarians attending the Municipal League meeting in Deming on August 28th will be able to hear a presentation by Patti Watson, Vice President of Cooney & Watson on “Project Bond issue 2002.”

More information on the formulas that will be applied for the distribution of Bond funds will be available as we move closer to the November election.

Estimates indicate that the bond will cost approximately $1.95 per $100,000.00 valuation of property. When I bought a paperback for my son last night I spent $6.95 so the bond looks like a really good deal to me. I would have used the library collection but he needs to be able to highlight passages for his English class. Not a practice we encourage at my library.

The GO Bond is a wonderful opportunity for librarians and ordinary folk to really enhance the information opportunities for all New Mexicans. The infusion of $15,980,000.00 into libraries across our state will go a very long way to help all of us fulfill our mission of providing top quality library service to our constituent groups. I encourage all of you to get on the bandwagon and help get out the vote for the NM Library General Obligation (GO) Bond.
Vice-president’s report: Earl Phillips complimented the program committee and Tracie Antonuk for the variety of offerings, and Lori Grument for Mark Pendleton and his committee for local arrangements. Hilton Hotel and Corbett Center people have been easy to work with. He reiterated the support from vendors and underwriters that is so important to the success of the conference. He talked about features planned for the conference including vendor reception, LCPS buses for people to go from Corbett to the Hilton for the Youth Services luncheon. Tracie Antonuk’s report told of the many presenters, book signings, and information about the Keynote speaker, the ACLU’s Nadine Strossen.

Committee, SIG, and other reports

AASL: No report at this time.

ALA Councilor: Thaddeus Bejnar presented NMLA’s resolution in support of ALA’s legal action against CIPA (Children’s Internet Protection Act) and NCIPA (Neighborhood Children’s Internet Protection Act). He said a decision from the Supreme Court is expected in about one month. He also discussed the plan (to be aired in more detail at the ALA Conference in Atlanta) regarding the certification of librarians for advanced learning in various aspects of librarianship. Check the ALA website for more information.

Awards: Toni Beatty said that our Legislator of the Year, Ben Altamirano, is unable to attend the conference due to a previous commitment. Marilyn Belcher will take over the committee next. Toni also said that while we may consider giving an award in the same category to more than one person as had been done in the past, it could dilute the honor. She asked for board comments on this issue. Suggestions included an honorable mention and re-nomination the following year. She felt that nominations need to be made earlier. Discussion of this issue followed and it was decided that November before Thanksgiving rather than December would be a better time to get NMLA members to nominate colleagues.

Bylaws: Alison Almquist passed out a list of the bylaw changes and the pages they replace in the Grey Book. Betty Long will take over responsibility for bylaws next.

Conference site: Eileen Longworth, incoming Vice President will chair the arrangements for the 2003 conference in Albuquerque.

Education: Cindy Watkins thanked committee members and reiterated the education grants awarded. Continuing education grant – Vaunda Nelson, College scholarship to Cynthia Calderon, Marion Dorroh to Linda Heckes. The committee is currently working with Lorie Mitchell to add a list of Library Schools to the NMLA website.

Legislation and Intellectual Freedom: Beverly McFarland reported on the successes this year and thanked the many people who contributed. H.B. 89 passed and the governor signed the GO Bond for $16,080,000. H.B. 88 included 59 library projects, many of which survived the governor’s veto. David Giltrow outlined some of the ideas for promoting the GO Bond. The committee organized to support the Bond is a PAC 501C12 non-advocacy (Library Bond Education Committee) registered with the State, which makes contributions to it ineligible for tax deductions. Lorie Mitchell has designed a logo, stationary will be available, a banner will be displayed, and a website for press releases and handouts that can be downloaded. State Library to contract an ad agency to promote its activities and the committee will coordinate with it. Monies are being solicited from members; Joe Sabatini donated a total of $1,000. David Cargo (former governor) is chairman and write an article for the Albuquerque Journal. People throughout the state will be asked to help. Finally he promised 200 yard signs for distribution at the mini-conference that will say “Vote Yes for Library Bonds!” $1.95 to be the average cost to taxpayers for the passage of the Bond.

Liaison to State Department of Education: Kathy Matter reported no response from the state.

Members-at-Large and SIGs: Kathy Matter talked about the next mini-conference planned for November 1st at Ruidoso. The advocacy theme will be stressed in conjunction with the GO Bond campaign. Three strands will feature programs for school, public, and academic libraries. She asked people to email her ideas concerning advocacy and to look at the ALA website for ideas. SIG reports were incomplete; none for Northern NM Youth Services or Public Libraries in New Mexico Foundering

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NM Youth Services or Public Libraries in New Mexico Foundering SIGs including Paraprofessionals and Youth Services. NM Preservation Alliance and the Local and Regional History SIGs put their reports on the NMLA website. A problem has arisen in that both Land of Enchantment and Battle of the Books funding must be funneled through one of these groups and it was suggested that the Advocacy for School Libraries assume this role until Youth Services can be resurrected. Ben Wakashige talked about the ripple effects of advocating with even a small number of people, especially legislators.

Membership: Rogers Barde reported membership now stands at 577 (4/15) and is expected to go up at conference. She sent a letter to public library directors encouraging them to support membership for their staff. The NMLA website has a membership form that at this point must be printed out and sent in. SIGs will receive lists of the members who wish to affiliate.

MPLA: Charlene Greenwood reported on the upcoming Mountain Plains Library Association Leadership Institute to be held at Ghost Ranch November 10-14, 2002. It is a wonderful opportunity for younger librarians to develop skills and networks. Candidates must be a member of their state organization, but don't have to be a member of MPLA to be selected. Two selections will be made from each of the member states. The noted national facilitator, Maureen Sullivan will lead the Institute. Our Linda O'Connell is the manager. NMLA funding for this would fill the goal in our long-range plan of providing leadership training.

New Mexico Library Foundation: Is having its 10th anniversary this year. It has been an active and very successful endeavor. This year it supported programs and the vendor reception at the conference as well as awarding grants to Western NM State University and the Advocacy for School Libraries SIG for specific projects to promote libraries and support programs. The 1st prize in this year's raffle is 2 Southwest Airline tickets.

Nominations: Will be working on this during the year.

Publicity: Jeanette Smith said the committee publicized the conference statewide through print and broadcast media and the website. A news conference with Nadine Strossen is planned for the 18th. Publicity for NMLA Award winners will be released after the conference.

School Libraries Task Force: Ben Wakashige announced a meeting this evening in the Quay Room. All interested are invited to attend. The focus is now on the passage of the GO Bond. Stephanie Eagle did a great job chairing a committee to coordinate statewide efforts to garner support from legislators. Omar Durant is the current chair of the Task Force.

State Library: Ben Wakashige commended Beverly McFarland and the NM Bonds for Libraries Task Force chaired by Betty Long for their efforts to get the GO Bonds through the legislature, and all librarians who helped. Kay asked Ben to save his longer report for the general membership at the Annual Business meeting on the 18th.

New Business: Thaddeus discussed the meaning and interpretation of ALAs Library Privacy Bill of Rights developed from the 1939 Code of Ethics. An ALA committee worked on an interpretation, available as a .pdf file on the ALA website which also answers some of the FAQs regarding the Bill of Rights and its policies. He also mentioned behavior standards for libraries in a “what should librarians do when...” The Bill of Rights doesn't mention automation systems, confidentiality issues, and third party access to information about patrons as challenged since 9/11 and the Patriot Act.

SIG problems were discussed with regard to funding since the SIG must be of record in order to receive budgeted money. Thaddeus moved to require SIGs to request existence by the 1st board meeting after the election in to receive a budget since the budget is largely determined at the annual budget meeting in May or June. Seconded by Kathy A. & passed.

Earl Phillips suggested that new committee chairs should think about revising their membership. He also mentioned that a calendar review would be needed as for example, a board meeting on July 5th should be rescheduled for a later date and July 12th was chosen after some discussion. Budget requests need to be in by May 10th. His three major goals for NMLA will be to 1) Increase mem-

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Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the Membership meeting of April 19, 2001 was made, seconded, and passed.

Treasurer’s report: Kay relayed to the general membership information from the report of 4/17 assurances that NMLA is sound fiscally.

Vice-President’s report: Earl Phillips asked people to remember to use the evaluation forms for programs and the conference as a whole. He thanked everyone for coming and the committees and presenters for their efforts.

New Mexico State Library: Ben Wakashige described the many activities the library engages in and supports. Among them: sharing a booth with NMLA SIG/ASL at various statewide conferences – part of the expense was covered by the NMLF grant to the SIG. One of the

Email Actions: Linda O’Connell received a request from Sheri Hozier of UNM Press for the NMLA membership list so she could send a mailing about a video that encourages young people to stay in school. She was informed that it would require board permission. Kay sent the request to board members. Olivia Newfield made a motion to give Sheri the list. Thaddeus responded with reasons to deny the request. Lacking a second to the motion, the issue died and the list was not sent.

President Kay Krehbiel adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Odenheim, past Secretary

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promotional activities was a poster to be shown at conferences reporting on the 23 programs sponsored by the State Library. The annual report on the Library’s website provides details. Continuing education for librarians is one important program, the Library Technical Institute on June 26-28, to be funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. $5 to $500 awards will be offered for warm & fuzzy stories about “what libraries have done for me.” By the end of May every public library will receive a collection of books and videos, etc. for breast cancer awareness.

Legislation and Intellectual Freedom: The committee represented by David Giltrow and Eileen Longsworth thanked everyone for their efforts to get the $16,080,000 GO Bond through the Legislature. See additional information below.

New Mexico Library Foundation: Charlene Greenwood reported that out-going trustees, Thaddeus Bejnar and Alison Almquist served their terms in office and will be missed. She outlined the Mission Statement of the Foundation: to promote learning and libraries, provide additional income for special purposes and more. She mentioned that NMLF sponsored together with the NM Endowment for the Humanities the traveling exhibit “Library Legacy” based on Linda Harris’s book “One book at a time.” It has been seen in 30 sites including educational and other conferences, but has not yet been seen in the southern part of the state. In 2001 6 grants were made to public libraries and Western NM University and Advocacy for School Libraries SIG. She then reminded people that tickets were still available for the drawing – Southwest Airline tickets.

Mountain Plains Library Association: Charlene described the benefits of membership and the upcoming Leadership Institute. Two more NMLA members, Alison Almquist and Jennifer Marquardt won MPLA membership in a drawing. More names will be drawn at the Youth Services Luncheon on Friday.

Task Force for School Libraries: Omar Durant, incoming chair outlined the T.F. priorities for the year: 1) Support the GO Bond and GO Bond Task Force, 2) Continue to develop school library program standards, 3) Introduce (again) a Memorial in the State Legislature to have library materials funded from the same line in the state education budget as textbooks. It was introduced this year, but never reached a vote as the session ended. The goal is one book per student.

ALA Councillor: Thaddeus had to leave and left this message: Check out the ALA website, wwwALA.org for advocacy and privacy issues and for information on CIPA and NCIPA.

Members-at-Large: Kathy Matter reported on the mini-conference planned for November 1st in Ruidoso. It will be at the Conference Center and the Hawthorne Suites, titled “Raising Voices in Support of Libraries” with a focus on legislation. A discussion followed on problems with some of the SIGs – and it was decided that Land of Enchantment and Battle of the Books funds would be channeled through Advocacy for School Libraries this year.

Committee Reports

Awards: Toni Beatty mentioned that tickets for the banquet were still available. She will inform this year’s members who were unable to attend the conference of their nominations by mail after the conference.

Bylaws: Alison said that 19 sections of the bylaws were revised.

Conference Program: No new information. It has been well attended with varied and interesting programs.

Conference Site Arrangements: Linda O’Connell said arrangements were set for 2003 at the Sheraton Hotel in Albuquerque.

Education: Cindy Watkins went over the winners of education grants and scholarships: Marion Dorroh to Linda Heckes, College Scholarship to Cynthia Calderon, Continuing Education Grant to Vaunda Nelson.

Membership: Rogers Barde reported 577 members. She reminded people that they could printout an application form from the NMLA website and mail it in.

Public Relations: Jeanette Smith said a press conference held today with KFOX, The El Paso Times, and the Las Cruces Sun News interviewed Nadine Strossen, the Keynote Speaker.

SIG Reports

Advocacy for School Libraries: Rogers reported on joint meetings in June and January with the NM Task Force for School Libraries. Joint committees are working on program standards, curriculum, facilities, staffing, management, and collections. The management committee put together a presentation at the mini-conference in Farmington. Program standards was responsible for the development of the newest NMLA award to exemplary school libraries. A NMLF grant of $650 was used to produce a brochure, slide show, and Power Point presentation to promote school libraries to school boards, administrators, and teachers. ASL shared booth space with the State Library at numerous education conferences around the state with the aim of promoting school libraries. Stephanie Eagle coordinated the GO Bond effort for school libraries with a campaign to have every school librarian contact their local legislator. Judy Hulsey has been actively promoting and adding school librarians to the e-list, which she set up.

Youth Services: Leo McCormick sent a report in which he resigned as chair of the group stating a lack of communications and purpose.

Northern New Mexico Youth Services: No report

Public Libraries in New Mexico: No report

WHICLIS: No written report, inactive.

Local and Regional History: “Padre on the Rio Grande: the Life & Times of a Priest Extraordinaire,” a talk by Evan Davies on the life of Rev. Hunter Lewis, who proselytized along the Rio Grande from 1905 to 1948 was well received. Mr. Davies is an historian who heads the Institute for Historical Research in Las Cruces. Peter Ives remains leader of the SIG.

Native American Libraries: Mary Alice Tsosie, chair and Barbara Rosen, board liaison reported on the group’s activities: a Holiday Feast and meeting on December 7th, and tribal library’s participation in programs funded by the State Library such as READiculous Leer el ridículo and mini-marketing plans to promote libraries. A non-profit organization has been established, New Mexico Friends of the Tribal Librarians to provide money for tribal libraries. NALSIG also put together a program for the mini-conference on Navajo humor featuring Jean Whitehorse and Bahe Billy. A program at this conference featured Apache/Hopi/Tewa author, illustrator, storyteller Michael Lacapa.

New Mexico Preservation Alliance: Ann Massman is passing the title to Joanne Martinez. The Alliance is planning on an active year revitalizing the SIG with meetings, training on preservation topics, and updating the membership list. They are also reviving the NM disaster Recovery & Assistance Team to help libraries, offices with collections, and archives that have problems with fires or other disasters.

Paraprofessionals SIG: No report.

REFORMA: No report. Former chair Gwen Gregory chair moved out of state. Leslie Chamberlin said it is an active, growing group with activities planned and many interested librarians.

Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee: Beverly McFarland and David Giltrow continued the committee report outlining the 2002 Library Bond Education Committee (LIBEC) plans and doings. David Giltrow gave a spirited talk on what is needed to get the GO Bond passed in the November 5th election. He asked for contributions to the Committee stating that Joe Sabatini made a challenge contribution of $1,000. He outlined 10 humorous points on what to say and do in order to succeed including joining the “Library Party” by putting a sign in your front yard promoting the GO Bond. Especially important is support from local legislators wherever they are because this is a statewide vote. David Cargo is chairing the Committee and will get some good publicity out with his connections and reputation. Yard signs will be

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available at the mini-conference. He urged a Coca Cola campaign – i.e. be everywhere and speak with leaders. Lorie Mitchell is creating a handout on the NMLA website – it can be downloaded and copied where it is needed thereby saving mailing costs. He said $30,000 needed for publicity - $5,000 increments for an ad agency to create library awareness campaigns – radio (Eng & Span), newspaper, endorsements, etc. The average taxpayer will see an extra $1.95 on the tax bill with larger properties paying a bit more for covering administrative costs of the bond.

Kay reminded committee and SIG chairpersons to submit budget requests to Kathy Albrecht by May 10th. She adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Odenheim, Secretary

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