Hello New Mexico Librarians,

I just came back from Washington D.C. attending the ALA sponsored Library Legislative Day. Karen McPheeters, Farmington Public Library Director, and Joy Poole, Deputy State Librarian, were also there representing New Mexico librarians.

We were met graciously by the staff of our state representatives. We reviewed with them a few main issues, including the importance of continuing to fund the LSTA grants and supporting several internet issues. House Bill 278 and Senate Bill 609 would permanently exempt all universal service funds, including the E-rate telecommunications discounts, from the Anti-Deficiency Act accounting rules that caused the E-rate to be frozen for several months. We highlighted the importance in the No Child Left Behind legislation to include a highly qualified school library media specialist as critical to help children meet success in school.

We also mentioned the importance of having an open Congressional Research Service (CRS). Current policy allows for lobbyists and those who can pay to obtain the records, but leaves most ordinary Americans unable to take advantage of an important source of government information.

If you go to the ALA web site,(http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/nlld/nlld2007.cfm) you can get complete reports of other issues and concerns that were discussed. There is a Washington office that works on our behalf on a daily basis. Over 200 librarians were in D.C. for this special Legislative event.

This month the NMLA Legislative Committee will be meeting in Albuquerque to discuss how we can effectively work on directly funding NM libraries. If you would be interested in serving on this committee or any other NMLA committee please send me an email.

Coming together for conferences is always exciting and energizing. But now as we go back to the day-to-day tasks that face all of us who work in libraries it is sometimes difficult to feel that energy. I am hoping that a video clip of some of the many things that happen in a library can be placed on our NMLA web site and that we could then play it for ourselves when we need to feel that energy. Seeing a child getting excited about a book, helping a student find the source to emphasize a point on his paper, assisting an elderly citizen locate information from an old newspaper and just having a place for folks young and old to come in and read a book, the latest magazine or today’s newspaper is all part of what makes libraries such a special and unique place.

Libraries and community are linked together. And by all libraries and librarians working together we can be the very best library and organization for all of our varied communities.

Happy springtime ….

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New Mexico Library Foundation

WE WANT TO GIVE YOU MONEY FOR BOOKS!

Is your library a public library, or a school library that serves as the community public library?

Do you serve a population of 10,000 people or less?

Is your library rural?
(Over 30 miles from Albuquerque, Farmington, Las Cruces, Rio Rancho, Roswell, or Santa Fe)

Does your library have a budget less than $150,000 annually?

Is your library interested in purchasing up to $1050 in children's books?

If your answer to these questions is “YES”, you may be eligible for a Libri Grant in partnership with the New Mexico Library Foundation. Here’s how to apply:

Step 1: Fill out the Libri Grant – a fairly simple grant application. Visit this website for more information: http://www.librifoundation.org/apps.html

The online application is found here: http://www.librifoundation.org/LibriForm1.html

Step 2: In section VI of the application, fill out the form stating the New Mexico Library Foundation will be your local sponsor and will contribute $350.

Step 3: Send the grant and wait for notification from the Libri Foundation.

Step 4: Contact Valerie Nye at vnye@csf.edu or 505-473-6575 and request a New Mexico Library Foundation application.

Step 5: If you receive notification from the Libri Foundation, immediately send the New Mexico Library Foundation a grant application form indicating that you have received the Libri grant.

$350 grants will be awarded to libraries on a first come, first serve basis. The New Mexico Library Foundation is committed to sponsoring 10 Libri Grants in 2007. The next deadline for this grant cycle is August 15, 2007.

Questions? Contact Valerie Nye at vnye@csf.edu or 505-473-6575.

Since 1992 the New Mexico Library Foundation has been a tax deductible foundation serving the libraries and library organizations of the state by providing grants and services. Your donations are welcome in your name or to honor another person. Make checks payable to “NMLF.” For grant information, visit www.nm-lf.org.
A Warm Welcome to our New Members!

Vicki Chavez
Heather Kline
Janice Langdale, Cuba Independent Schools
Denine Parker, Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System

James Quinn
Sean Stewart
Bridget Urmacher

These members give extra each year because they believe in NMLA. Thank you, sustaining members! Your confidence is contagious!

A Special Thanks to Our Sustaining Members!

Alison Almquist
Susan Daves
Nancy Dennis
Elizabeth Rhine Egelhoff
Martha Harris
Clyde Henderson
Jan Pfaff

Michael Puelle
Kathleen Puffer
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Barbara Van Dongen

Looking for Leaders in New Mexico!

The Mountain Plains Library Association, with gracious support from EBSCO, is hosting the Leadership Institute in Ghost Ranch, New Mexico from October 28-November 1, 2007.

What are people saying about the Institute?

“Ghost Ranch is where I saw modeled the kind of librarian I want to be when I grow up. It is where I heard intelligence, passion, and experience speak. Ghost Ranch is where I began to speak with my own voice, encouraged by new friends and mentors.”
– From a 2006 attendee

Applications for this year's MPLA Leadership Institute are now being accepted. Applicants for this institute must:

♦ Have an MLS or equivalent master's degree relevant to the library field
♦ Have 2 to 12 years post-master's work in a library related job
♦ Be employed in a library organization in MPLA’s 12 state region
♦ Have a current membership in NMLA (you can join any time between now and June 16). Lacking this requirement has disqualified many applicants – please join NMLA so we can send you to the Institute!
♦ Have a record of experience (including non-library) that demonstrates leadership potential.

Applications must be submitted by June 16, 2007.

To apply and for more information visit:
http://www.mpla.us/leadership/index.html

If you have questions concerning the MPLA Leadership Institute, please contact Mary Bushing, Institute Coordinator at marying@msn.com.
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NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Annual Business Meeting
March 16, 2007, 8:00 – 9:15 am
Albuquerque Convention Center – Albuquerque, NM

President Anne Lefkofsky called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM

Outgoing President Anne Lefkofsky gave the State of the Association Report: President Lefkofsky reported a year of maintenance and steady growth. Membership is currently 669. There were several successes reported:

- New legislative page on the NMLA website
- Legislative Handbook
- Legislative Day in Santa Fe
- GO Bond Task force represented all groups of librarians
- Dynamic conferences
- Professional development opportunities to enhance community

President Lefkofsky stated that the "success of the organization is a reflection of the membership".

Secretary Phyllis Reed presented the 2006 NMLA Business Meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2006 NMLA Business Meeting.

Treasurer Joe Becker reported that the association is in better condition financially than the association has been in a number of years with $104,704.10 in assets. This is the result of the success of the Farmington Conference and a strong membership. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurers’ Report.

Vice-President Louise Hoffmann reported that the conference registration is over 700 at this time. Over 75 programs are offered. 30 programs were turned away. Continuous work on membership and good conferencing is important. Vice President Hoffmann apologized for not getting the names of SIG groups. Membership is involved through SIGS and names are important. She stated that she previously thought academic emphasis was important, but will now emphasize paraprofessional involvement.

It was stated by Charlie Kalogeros-Chattan that there is a desire to dissolve the Legislation/Intellectual Freedom Committee and to create an Intellectual Freedom Committee. More awareness is needed among the members concerning intellectual freedom, so a task force was created. New Mexico is one of only 2 states who do not have an individual Intellectual Freedom Committee.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to dissolve the Legislative/Intellectual Freedom Committee and to create an Intellectual Freedom Committee as a stand alone committee and a Legislative Committee as a stand alone committee. Article XVII of the Bylaws to be changed as follows. Bracketed text will be omitted:

Section 6. The Intellectual Freedom Committee.
A. The Intellectual Freedom Committee shall raise awareness of and provide access to resources on Intellectual Freedom for the New Mexico Library Community.

A. The Legislation [and Intellectual Freedom Committee] shall keep the membership and public informed about state and national library legislation.; and encourage the enactment of beneficial library legislation; support and protect the freedom to read; investigate cases of censorship in New Mexico libraries; and help protect the rights of individual librarians and library users when threatened by censorship actions.]

The Nominations and Elections Committee announced the following:
Vice President Elect Cassandra Osterloh
Secretary Phyllis Reed
Treasurer Joe Becker
Members at Large: Laurie Treat and Paulita Aguilar

The Site Selection Committee Reported that the Mini-Conference will be at New Mexico Highlands University in October. The annual conference will be at the Corbett Center in Las Cruces on April 9-10-11 of 2008 and the conference hotel will be the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn

The legislative summary of the past year included the passage of the GO Bond. The creation of a separate Legislative Committee and thanks went out to Joe Sabatini for playing a vital role in keeping us informed legislatively. Library Legislative Day went smoothly.

President Lefkofsky thanked all committees and chairs for their hard work this year. She cited each chair for their contributions. She also acknowledged and cited the SIG chairs for the past year.

The ALA Councilor, AASL Representative, and MPLA Representative reported a successful year.

The New Mexico Library Foundation reported that it has refocused and is initiating a grant partnership with the Libri Foundation. NMLF will be the local sponsor providing $350 and the Libri Foundation will match this 2 to 1. Second focus is to add trustees to the board. Third focus is the second annual donor event at the Allan Hauser sculpture garden on July 14, 2008.

The presidential gavel was passed from Anne Lefkofsky to incoming president Louise Hoffman

The meeting was adjourned.
Library News

NM, OK LIBRARIES WIN NATIONAL NETWORK OF LIBRARIES OF MEDICINE AWARDS

Carol Meine

Bernadine Goldman, Assistant Library Manager for the Los Alamos County Public Library System, served as one of the three regional reviewers for applications for the South Central Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine's Access to Electronic Consumer Health Information award. The invitation to review applications came about as a result of the Los Alamos County Public Library's successful implementation of the Express Consumer Health Outreach Award in 2005/06.

The purpose of the $25,000 AECHI award is to improve access to electronic consumer health information for groups and organizations such as the underserved and minorities, public health workers, public libraries, and community-based organizations. Four voluminous applications were received from groups in Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico, each of them detailing how they would fulfill a very pressing public health need.

Goldman reflected on the experience of reviewing and selecting the successful proposals:

“The applications were all excellent and compelling. They included very creative ideas for expanding access to quality health care information in our region, and all the applicants had done their homework in providing thorough documentation. I was very impressed at the professionalism of the applications, clearly the result of months of hard work, community coordination, and planning for the very best use of the funds.”

Two awards were announced on April 19:

Congratulations to the U.S. Public Health Service Santa Fe Indian Hospital, in Santa Fe, NM, who will address access to Internet-based consumer health information for American Indian populations and awareness of evidence-based literature for paraprofessionals working with rural and urban American Indian populations. The principal investigators will provide practical training sessions through mobile laptop technology and Treo SmartPhones to health care paraprofessionals and urban American Indian consumers. Linda Morgan Davis, of Albuquerque/Bernalillo county Public Library, is one of the Principal Investigators for this project. Goldman notes, “The innovative use of mobile technology, laptops and phones, by health care paraprofessionals to bring health information to the client at home or even on the street, rather than requiring a clinic visit, is very appealing.”

Kudos also go to the award-winning Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, OK. They plan to place computers with Internet access to MedlinePlus, PubMed, and other National Libraries of Medicine products in the waiting room of clinics, and to train the clinic staff to assist patients wanting to use the computer to search for health

People News

MARTHA A. BEDARD APPOINTED DEAN OF UNM LIBRARIES

Patricia Campbell

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Reed Dasenbrock has appointed Martha A. Bedard as the new dean of University Libraries, effective August 1, 2007. Bedard is currently associate dean for Information and Collection Services at Texas A & M University Libraries, where she is responsible for collection development and serves as a Dean's cabinet member creating strategic plans and establishing priorities for library services.

"We are very pleased to welcome Martha Bedard, said Dasenbrock. "Her background in technology, student services and collection development will be real assets to our library system. She is ready to lead University Libraries in the changing environment for libraries and scholarly information."

Bedard has a Master's degree in Library Science from Simmons Graduate School of Library Science in Boston. She has worked in a wide range of library environments including the University of North Carolina's Health Sciences Library where she served as the associate director for Library Services, Wake Medical Center where she served as the director of the Medical Library and Education Support Services, the Medical Center of Central Massachusetts, Lowell General Hospital, and Harvard Medical School.

She has just completed a research library leadership fellowship for the Association of Research Libraries and is a distinguished member of the Medical Library Association Academy of Health Information Professionals.
NMLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

NEW MEXICO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting
March 14, 2007, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Albuquerque Convention Center – Albuquerque, NM

I. Call to order: President Lefkofsky called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.
President Lefkofsky expressed her enjoyment of this phase of her presidency, and reflected upon the past year. Introductions were made and a thank you announcement was individually given to each board member by President Lefkofsky. President Lefkofsky accepted a gift certificate in appreciation of her service.

A. Approval of Agenda: Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the agenda

B. Secretary's report: Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the 1/12/07 meeting minutes.
Electronic votes / activity:
Motion was made, seconded and passed (1-25-2007) “to support and endorse the NMLA support in the U. of A. School of Information and Library Science Certificate in Digital Information Management and Scholarship Program”.
Motion was made, seconded and passed (01-31-2007) that NMLA form a Legislation Committee with the mission of keeping the membership and public informed about state and national library legislation and encourage the enactment of beneficial library legislation.
Motion was made, seconded and passed (02-19-2007) to approve the contract with NMSU – Corbett Center for the 2008 Annual Conference.

C. Treasurer's report: As posted to the NMLA website
For FY2007, the 3rd Quarter (as of Mar.1) financial report shows the operating fund/checking account balance at $62,176.92.
We have established a distinct checking account to operate the Joint Conference, and that current balance is $60,556.95.

The current operating budget, including the joint conference budget, shows income to date of $151,495.45, and expenses of $111,415.67.

The statement of financial position shows total assets of $168,690.35, including Dorroh investment of $27,048.31, and Reserve fund investment of $15,568.87.

I have included a separate conference budget projection, an amount that is in line with our typical conference incomes.

II. Conference Planning Updates:

A. 2007 Mini-Conference update: The Mini-Conference will be in Las Vegas and information will be out before June of this year.

B. NMLA/MPLA Joint Conference Report: Program
Louise Hoffman thanked everyone for their hard work and mentioned that the conference will have over 70 programs.

Electronic Report: As of now, all 8 pre-conference programs are being given as listed in the Conference Booklet for Wednesday.

On Thursday, in addition to the SIG meetings, there are 36 special programs on the agenda being offered to conference attendees. In addition, there is the special Rudolfo Anaya luncheon to a sold out crowd of 90 guests and the Awards Banquet with guest speaker Michael Wallis. With having to move to the Convention Center for the Anaya luncheon, there may be extra costs with giving the guests a copy of Albuquerque (the book). UNM Press gave us a 50% discount, the costs was built into the luncheon cost of $32. With the CC costing more for lunch, we are counting on selling enough of his other titles to offset this expense.

Various luncheons and one special author breakfast.

NMLA is presenting 53 of the 70 programs on Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you to everyone who submitted a program.

All authors have generously given their time to the conference. As the committee asked Mr. Anaya and Ms. Lindskold to speak and as they are both from Albuquerque we are giving them a local restaurant gift card as a special thank you.

All program presenters will be given the new conference logo mug, along with a certificate with their name and program name on it. Program committee members, board members, and other NMLA members have generously offered to help welcome guests to the various programs and introduce the speaker. Evaluations forms will be handed out for each program. Surveys for the entire program will be available at the registration table and after the conference will be available online.

I need to give a special thank you to my staff at San Juan College Library for helping me sort through these many details. Thank you to Cindy Williams, who worked tirelessly with me on layout and design and also did the bookmarks. Thank you also to Chris Schipper for the Youth Services Luncheon program and the Awards booklet. Barbra George did the room signage and Margie Sartin designed the...
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Certificates. All the staff pitched in and helped as needed. Some printing was done in-house at SJC. The program was printed by Accent Printing up in Farmington. Costs estimate is just under $3,000. for 750 copies of the 48 page program. SirsiDynix gave NMLA $2,000. to help cover these costs.

Electronic Report from Dinah Jentgen: The Nambé for awards are purchased, engraved, and ready for presentation. Louise and her Local Arrangements Committee seem to have the banquet well planned.

Local Arrangements Committee – Linda Davis, Cindy Burns: Linda thanked everyone and encouraged everyone to let the LAC know if they need anything during the conference.

Electronic Report: Quick change of venue for 2 Luncheons scheduled for the Albuquerque Petroleum Club. The Club closed their doors as of Saturday Feb.17. We have rescheduled the Luncheons at the Convention Center. The $400 NMLA deposit will be returned.

Many hands make light the work…thanks to all Committee members for their invaluable help: Joe Becker (New Mexico State University); Louise Bolton (San Juan College); Lorie Christian (NMLA Administrative Coordinator); Wayne Hanway (Southeastern Oklahoma Library System); Maryhelen Jones (Kirtland Air Force Base); Dorie Kalinich (Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System); Pam Mackellar (Corrales Public Library); Sarah Morley (University of New Mexico Health Science Informatics Center Library); Riann Powell (Albuquerque/ Bernalillo County Library System); Marian Royal (Socorro High School Library).

All tasks/responsibilities are on schedule for a great Conference!

C. Site Selection Committee update: Marian We have a signed contract for the 2008 Annual Conference. Marion will be looking at facilities for the 2009 Conference and the 2008 Mini-Conference.

Electronic Report: The committee chair has received and forwarded to the Board the contract with NMSU’s Corbett Center for our 2008 Annual Conference. The Board voted to approve the contract. We are currently in the process of getting that contract signed by Anne Lefkofsky along with a representative from the NMSU library.

During this quarter, we were also able to schedule tentative dates for our miniconference at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas. Currently, we are scheduled to hold a 1 ½ day conference on October 11 and 12, 2007. Local arrangements contacts at NMHU have asked us to wait until they have their Fall calendar in place to confirm the date and develop a contract. This should be done by late May.

During the upcoming conference in Albuquerque, members of the selection committee will be visiting the Embassy Suites in downtown Albuquerque to discuss the possibility of holding our 2009 Annual Conference there. This location was suggested by members of the current Local Arrangements committee after they visited the site to secure rooms for this year’s conference.

III. Discussions / Board Action

A. Editorial Guidelines Task Force Report: Linda A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the adoption of the Editorial Guidelines as presented.

B. Annual Business Meeting Plans: Anne went over the agenda with discussion of Legislation/Intellectual Freedom Committee dissolving being a part of the agenda. Caroline Beckner will give the report for the NMLF.

C. Report on outcome of 2007 NMLA officers election: Kathy Matter reported that the committee followed the procedural manual to the letter of the law. Nominations were announced as listed below in the electronic report.

Electronic Report: NMLA Board Meeting/March 14, 2007 Nominations and Elections Committee Report: The Nominations and Elections Committee met on March 7 to validate, count and record the votes from the ballots cast in the 2007 NMLA Election. All three committee members were present. A total of 241 ballots were returned by the March 1 postmark deadline. Three ballots were deemed invalid because the envelopes lacked signatures. The valid ballots were separated from the signed envelopes. Seven ballots were ruled void for incorrect voting. One electronic ballot was accepted from a member who never received a ballot through the mail. On February 24 Barbara Lah, candidate for Member-at-Large, sent an e-mail to the Committee requesting that her name be withdrawn from the ballot. The votes were tallied twice for accuracy.

Results of the election:

Pending Board approval the election results will be announced at the Annual Conference Business Meeting on Friday, March 16. The results will also be published in the post-Conference newsletter.

Kathy Matter, Chair; Nancy Dennis; Cynthia Shetter, Nominations and Elections Committee

D. Follow-up on 1/12/07 Retreat topics: Jennifer

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reported that from the retreat came the desire to move forward with alleviating the heavy load on the President Elect, with the conference being a daunting task for this office and there is no time to focus on being a leader on the NMLA Board, better contract possibilities, and a change in the SIGS and Members at Large, how they hold a seat on the board and vote.

E. National Library Legislative Day: The State Librarian was unable to attend this meeting. President Lefkofsky reported that National Library Legislative Day will be in early May. The State Librarian will be representing the state library. Karen McPheeters will represent the public library sector and Louise Hoffman will represent academic libraries. We are looking for a school library representative.

IV. Committee / SIG Reports

A. AASL Representative:
Alison Almquist reported that she will not be at the conference in the morning.

B. ALA Representative:
Thaddeus Bejnar reported that he had mailed out information on uniform access. Former ALA Representative, Thaddeus Bejnar, and current representative, Betty Long, will both be attending ALA this summer for transition from the old counselor to the new counselor.

C. NM Library Foundation: Caroline
There will be a table in the exhibit hall during the conference. NMLF has refocused and is initiating a grant partnership with the Libri Foundation. NMLF will be the local sponsor providing $350 and the Libri Foundation will match this 2 to 1. Second focus is to add trustees to the board. Third focus is the second annual donor event at the Allan Houser sculpture garden in Santa Fe during the month of August. We are planning an evening under the stars with wine, hors d’oeuvres, and lots of friends. Also, we hope to have three authors present. Anyone who donates to NMLF will receive an invitation.

D. MPLA Representative: The following electronic report stands. Electronic Report: The MPLA Board met via conference call on January 17, 2007. A taskforce has been put into place to investigate how the electronic communities might be more effective. Enough interest has been shown in the Ireland trip in July 2008. Plans for this trip will move forward. As of the January board report, the MPLA Leadership Institute was still seeking a corporate sponsor for the Institute. The MPLA Board will meet via in person at the NMLA/MPLA joint conference on March 14th at 1pm. As of January 12, 2007 MPLA had 10 personal memberships and 2 institutional memberships in New Mexico. This is down 3 personal memberships from February 2006.

E. The State Librarian was not in attendance. No Electronic Report submitted.

F. Archivist: Electronic Report: Archives has had no activity since the last report in January. I will not be able to attend the upcoming board meeting as our head librarian is going to the conference, and I have to stay here to run the library.
NMLA Newsletter back issues were received for archives from Dan Kammer, NMSU-A, on 3/7/07.
[Please see the electronic version of these minutes at http://www.nmla.org/membership/minutes/minutes.html to see which issues were received.]
Dan also sent a copy of proposed bylaws changes dated 1/24/84 and the 2000-2001 NMLA membership and executive board directory.

G. Bylaws
Electronic Report: The Bylaws Committee has been working with incoming President Louise Hoffmann on the Board Calendar for 2007-08 and the Board Directory. We worked on distributing the proposed Bylaws change to the membership in accordance with the Bylaws. The membership will vote on these proposed changes at the membership meeting at annual conference. Thanks to committee members Mark Adams and Alison Almquist for all of their hard work this year.

H. Education
Electronic Report: The Education Committee selected the following persons to receive scholarships.

Marion Dorroh Memorial Scholarship of $2500
-- Adrienne Warner, Albuquerque
College Scholarship of $1000
-- Lydia Kelley, Las Cruces

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College Scholarship of $500
-- Elsie Tapia, Las Vegas
Continuing Education Grant of $200
-- Reginald Allen, Albuquerque

We were pleased with the quality of the applicants though we hope to increase the number who apply next year. Adrienne Warner and Lydia Kelley will be introduced at the Awards Banquet. Elsie Tapia was invited, but is unable to attend. The awards booklet will contain biographical on Warner, Kelley and Tapia.

I. Membership: Plans are for the committee to get together and concentrate on the mentoring and welcoming of new members.

Electronic Report: The membership committee has not met since the meeting in June of 2006 but consists of Dotty Pfeifer who recently took over as chair, Cristine Adams, Dorie Kalinich, Barbara Lah, and Alice Robledo. We hope to reorganize during the annual conference and start implementing some of the goals produced in the June conference. Foremost of these will be the welcoming and mentoring of new members.

SurveyMonkey: No surveys this quarter.
2007 Conference LAC Co-Chair of Committee Separate report to the Board
Working On: SurveyMonkey coordinator; Affiliate memberships with web vendors for website income generation; Irregular email updates to membership on topics of interest, meeting and workshop announcements

K. Legislation
**The motion was made to adjust the agenda for Omar Durant to report on legislation. There are a large number of capital outlay allocations that are up this year. Immediately after the session we must regroup with the GO Bond committee. It is important that we find someone who would be capable of doing the GO Bond packet. Names were discussed and it was suggested that this be brought up at the next meeting.

L. SIGs: Members-at-Large
Advocacy for School Libraries has been active working on involving school librarians in the SIGs. Professional development provided regionally has been important. Professional licensure is changing for school librarians and training has become important.

V. Closing
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