

New Mexico Library Association  
Business Meeting 2004

1. Eileen Longworth, 2003-2004 NMA President, called the meeting to order and welcomed all the members to the 2004 conference and business meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of last year's business meeting (as was distributed by email on 4/20/04.) No objections were made and the minutes were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report – Kathy Albrecht

NMLA has enjoyed a fine year financially. We had a conservative annual budget and we are meeting our budget projections for the fiscal year. This conference looks like it will exceed expectations just as the mini-conference did in October. The mini-conference for the last two years has actually added to the Association's coffers rather than just paying for itself.

The Association has employed a new accountant this year that has produced accurate and timely compilation reports while saving us significant sums of money. This was good because our insurance bond costs shot up (as they did nationwide).

Overall, we are in much more robust fiscal shape than we were last year or the year before. This year the officers approved conserving a little next egg to which we hope to add each fiscal year. The plan is to put aside \$3,000 each year out of the general funds to be invested in a Merrill Lynch investment fund for five years.

For the first time in many years, the donations to the Marion Dorroh Scholarship Fund have exceeded the budget projections. Please consider making a contribution to the fund when renewing your membership.

May 7<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for getting budget requests from SIGs and committees in to me. I have request forms with me if you need them. I also have copies of the quarterly budget reports if anyone would like a copy or to see all the good work you and the Association accomplished with your institutions.

If you have a line item within the current budget and, for some reason cannot get your receipts in to me before June 30, please make sure you use the budget adjustment request forms that will create an encumbrance so you can get reimbursed in July from the current budget.

3. Earl Phillips, Past President gave the Nominations and Elections Committee Report:

Earl Phillips, Chair, contacted Kay Krehbiel and Barbara Van Dongen for their permission to have Molly McGetrick (a local and current board member) assist in the vote count. Both Kay and Barbara agreed to this proposal.

On March 8, 2004, Molly and I met to count the ballots for election of Officers and Members at Large. Of the 168 ballots received, one ballot was disqualified because it was postmarked after the due date of March 1, 2004.

The results of the election are:

Vice-President/President Elect  
Secretary  
Member at Large  
Member at Large

Kathy Matter of Albuquerque  
Julia Clarke of Albuquerque  
Lori Grumet of Las Cruces  
Leslie Chamerlin of Albuquerque

ALA Councilor

Thaddeus Bejnar of Santa Fe

The ballots were mailed to Eleanor Bernau, NMLA Archivist.

The Nominating and Elections Committee Members are Barbara VanDogen, Kay Krehbiel, and Earl Phillips.

Thanks to all who ran for office this year and all who voted.

#### 4. Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee Report – Elizabeth Haskett, Chair

The GO Bond did get through the Legislature and was signed by the Governor. Our committee worked with the GO Bond Task Force, a group of public, public school and academic librarians. As well as the bond passing, one million dollars was dedicated for funding materials for school libraries.

The L&IF Committee coordinated Library Legislative Day which was a huge success this year. We gave out books and posters and we had librarians who were acknowledged in both the House and Senate. We also gave a lifetime achievement award to Representative J. Paul Taylor. That was very moving as not only a lot of representatives were there but a lot of his fellow Representatives attended as well.

The Committee also put together a webpage for the NMLA website about the USAPATRIOT Act. We hope that has been helpful to people.

After Elizabeth's report, Eileen mentioned that both the House adjourned during the award ceremony so the House leadership could attend and also honor J. Paul Taylor, who is retiring. She commended the committee for working so hard to make the event so memorable.

She also mentioned that Rick Miera, a Representative from Albuquerque, and the chair of the Legislative Education Study Committee came to a library board meeting a few weeks ago. He spoke with the APL/Bernalillo County Board members about the success of the NMLA and the School Libraries Task Force. He commended them for "doing it just right", going to committees and making individual contacts to encourage people to consider our issues. We've made a compelling case that we'd handled really well. The Legislative Education Study Committee was asked by the School Libraries Task Force members to change words in the Education Reform Act so that NM school librarians, who are in fact certified teachers with an endorsement, are treated as teachers under NM law. This was a huge achievement.

#### 5. Committee Reports/Announcements

American Association of School Libraries - Alison Almquist, NMLA Liaison

AASL will sponsor a fall forum from October 1 - 3 in Dallas, Texas. The fall forum will be on "Collaboration and Reading to Learn @ your library®," at the Omni Mandalay Hotel, Dallas, Texas. If you attend you will receive instruction and strategies for collaborating with classroom teachers, reading and literacy specialists and others who play a critical role in promoting reading for understanding. Presenters will include leading researchers in the reading, school library media and collaboration fields. Detailed information and registration materials will be sent to all AASL members. The Fall Forum is a multi-day national institute held during non-AASL National Conference years. The Fall Forum is new and it is AASL's version of a mini-conference. Albuquerque was not selected by AASL to host the next national conference.

Frances Roscello, President of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), will be speaking at NMLA. Her program is Every Student Succeeds @your Library: An AASL Advocacy campaign. This program will explore the role of an advocacy plan in promoting your school library media program for student success.

Mountain Plains Library Association – Charlene Greenwood, NMLA Representative to MPLA

Leadership Institute: One of the highlights for this year has been the MPLA Leadership Institute that has been held for the second year at Ghost Ranch in NM. The first institute was held in November 2002 at Ghost Ranch near Abiquiu, New Mexico with nationally recognized consultant and trainer Maureen Sullivan as facilitator. The institute this year was held November 9th through the 14th at Ghost Ranch and again had Maureen Sullivan as the facilitator and presenter. The location is one where participants can truly get away from the pressures of ordinary library responsibilities and concentrate on self-discovery, networking, and planning for their future contributions to our libraries. Leadership training has been part of NMLA's strategic plan and this helps to fulfill that goal. It will be held at Ghost Ranch again this year as part of this three year pilot project. Leadership Institute – NM attendees for 2003 were:

- Valerie Nye, New Mexico State Library
- Cassandra Osterloh, University of New Mexico
- Olivia Li, Los Alamos Public County Library System

Conference: The annual conference was held jointly with the Nevada Library Association in Lake Tahoe, NV. It was extremely successful and should be considered as a model for NMLA to follow when we jointly sponsor the conference in Albuquerque in 2007.

Membership: New Mexico has approximately 30-35 members in MPLA. Each year the MPLA Representative picks a "Board's Choice Award" and this year it went to Leslie Chamberlin of the University of New Mexico. At the annual conference there are 10 free memberships given away through drawings.

Memberclicks: Essentially, Memberclicks allows e-mail to be sent to sections, committees or groups in MPLA. Memberclicks has lots of bells and whistles. It should allow us to do surveys or have bulletin boards, or ask a question and have whoever chooses to look at it. Sections may want to run polls on topics for conference. It might allow us to have another avenue of communication. Membership information can be edited online. Members can also renew online. This may be something that NMLA may want to pursue in the future.

NM Representative: New Mexico is the newest member of MPLA and is the only state that doesn't elect a representative. New Mexico has decided not to change their bylaws at this time to include a State MPLA Representative election or as a voting member of their board. The position remains appointed by the New Mexico Library Association President. MPLA President, Carol Hammond, has spoken with Heather Gallegos-Rex concerning this position.

New Representation: I have enjoyed representing NMLA to this organization since 1999. Thank you for this opportunity. It is a vibrant organization that represents states similar to NM. There will be a new person appointed starting April 2004.

New Mexico Library Foundation - Charlene Greenwood, Chair

Trustees: The new Trustees installed were Neil Goldberg and Linda Avery as well as Richard Akeroyd, the new State Librarian. Heather Gallegos-Rex will be replacing Eileen Longworth as the president of NMLA. Remaining on the board are Charlene Greenwood (Chair), Barbara Van Dongen (Vice-chair), Jeff Bantly (Secretary-Treasurer), David Giltrow, Danice Picraux, Eddie Richardson, and Earl Phillips.

Grants: NMLF's mission is to support libraries through giving grants. This year they were awarded to:

- Rio Vista Middle School, Bloomfield
- Advocacy for School Libraries Special Interest Group, NMLA

Fundraising: The Foundation was honored to have Ben Wakashige in "Ben's Run" earn over \$2,000. He ran in the Portland Marathon for 26 miles. Fundraising also included two drawings – one at the annual NMLA conference in Albuquerque and one at the mini-conference in Gallup. The winners were:

- April NMLA Conference:
  - 2 Southwest Airline tickets: Trish Murphey, Farmington
  - Petroglyph clock: Margaret Brady, Albuquerque
  - Dried flower arrangement: Donald Dresp, Las Cruces
- October NMLA Mini-conference:
  - Hyatt Regency overnight: Susan Sheldon

Library Legacy Exhibit: After "traveling" around the state for four years, the Exhibit is now residing at the NM State Library where it is on display. Plans are being made to redesign it and then have it "travel" again.

Mission statement: The Foundation held a mini-retreat and has developed a new strategic plan involving its mission, long-term goals and objectives, fund raising, methodologies and visibility. From this has come a new mission statement: "We will support identified needs of NM libraries. We will do this by helping libraries build and maintain their collections, update information access technology and enhance library programs."

Program: The Foundation sponsored a program for the 2003 NMLA conference on planned giving presented by Jeff Bantly and Thaddeus Bejnar. From this an effort is being made to write a book and prepare documents for the Foundation to pursue fund raising in this area.

Receptions: At the 2003 annual conference of the NM Library association the Foundation sponsored a reception in honor of NMLF's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a farewell to our State Librarian, Ben Wakashige. It was held at the Albuquerque Museum on April 24, 2003. It was jointly held with the Native American Libraries Special Interest Group (NALSIG) who was also honoring their founding members from 1979 and a farewell for Alison Freese who had been the Director of the Tribal Library Program at the NM State Library. It was well attended (approximately 150) and there was a ceremonial drumming for all the honorees.

Representation: Charlene as chair attended the committee meetings concerning the 2004 GO Bonds.

Website: We are currently working on having our own website.

Paraprofessional SIG – Leslie Monsalve-Jones made a short report on the status of this SIG.

Conference Committee – Heather Gallegos-Rex

Heather gave a brief report on the Conference, thanking the over 50 volunteers including the Program, Local Arrangements and Registration Committees, the program designer and Linda O'Connell, the NMLA Administrator and Kathy Albrecht, the NMLA Treasurer.

Next year's meeting is in Albuquerque from March 30 – April 2.

## 6. Other Association Business

Leslie Monsalve-Jones asked that SIG programs be given special consideration in the program planning process. SIG programs are meant to address the needs of their members and should be included in the program regardless of the Program Committee's determination of broader appeal. The Paraprofessional SIG's program this year didn't make the initial final cut in the programming and, although they were eventually given a slot it was after they had already cancelled the speaker.

Eileen referred the comments on to Kathy Matter, new V.P./President-Elect and Conference Chair for next year.

Eileen referred to the GO Bond process and the related workshop later in the conference. She asked for information about how the 2002 Bond is being spent. She will be issuing a call for this information later. She urged everyone to consider contributing to the GO Bond PAC financially and through other personal support. Contributions should go to David Giltrow, PAC treasurer.

Joe Sabatini spoke about the need to get the contributions early so the PAC can proceed with their work. He issued a challenge to conference attendees in which he would match the first five hundred dollars in contributions that David Giltrow received by the end of the conference on Friday.

Eileen recognized the Board officers and committee chairs for their contributions during the past year.

7. Eileen then passed the gavel to Heather Gallegos-Rex. Heather thanked Eileen for her work for the Association and as Chair of the GO Bond Steering Committee and presented her with a gift from the Association.

8. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. No objections were made and the meeting was adjourned.