

**New Mexico Library Association
Annual Business Meeting
March 31, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m.

President's Report: President Heather Gallegos-Rex opened the meeting with a report that the New Mexico Library Association is thriving. The Board demonstrated commitment and dedication and considered the welfare of the organization in all that they did.

Accomplishments this year include:

- A new Strategic Plan with an outward focus. This plan may be reviewed on the NMLA website.
- Special Interest Groups are thriving.
- Thanks to Linda O'Connell's efforts, NMLA now can take credit card payments and we have a new ISP with broader capabilities.
- Lorie Christian is our new Administrator.
- NMLA was represented well at Legislative Day. Elizabeth Haskett did an excellent job of coordinating this event and Joe Sabatini kept us all informed.

Secretary's Report: Julia Clarke, Secretary, presented the minutes of the 2004 Business Meeting, ably prepared by Susan Magee, Secretary, 2002-2004. Joe Sabatini moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Alison Almquist seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Albrecht, Treasurer, reported that our budget now is over \$100,000. Joe Becker, the incoming Treasurer, was introduced. The Marion Dorroh scholarship currently is subsidized by the Association and the \$25,000 scholarship fund is in certificates of deposit. The organizational goal of setting aside \$3000 each year is being met. All NMLA units are asked to submit budget requests by May 15.

Vice-President's Report: Kathy Matter, Vice-President, extended a hand of welcome to our 82nd conference. This year's theme is "Libraries Lend a Hand." Conference organizers received unprecedented support from the business community. Our Conference speakers are nationally known and will both inspire and inform conference participants. NMLA partnered with various organizations and the Albuquerque Museum to bring the "Goodnight Moon to Art Dog" exhibit to Albuquerque.

The Committee chairs for the upcoming year are:

Awards Committee: Dinah Jentgen

Bylaws Committee: Betty Long

Conference Site Committee: Valerie Nye and Cassandra Osterloh, Co-Chairs

Education Committee: Louise Bolton
Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee: Omar Durant and Elizabeth Haskett, Co-Chairs
Local Arrangement Committee: Karen McPheeters
Membership Committee: Aaron Winslow
Nominations and Elections: Heather Gallegos-Rex
Program Committee: Cassandra Osterloh
Public Relations Committee: Linda Morgan Davis

Members of the Finance Committee will be announced.

Attendees were encouraged to use the blue form in their conference notebook to sign up to serve on a committee.

The Local Arrangements Committee and the Conference Committee were thanked for their outstanding work.

NMLA Board Members at Large were recognized: Omar Durant, Carol Sarath, Leslie Chamberlin. They reported that the Roswell mini-conference was well attended and that the support from the City of Roswell helped us come in within budget. The next mini-conference will be on October 28 in Tucumcari.

Committee Chairs in attendance were introduced. Their reports may be found in the Board Meeting minutes on the website.

Eileen Longworth, Chair of the **Nominations and Elections** committee, introduced committee members Betty Long and Leslie Chamberlin. 211 NMLA members voted and elected the following slate:

Anne Lefkofsky – Vice-President, President – elect
Joe Becker – Treasurer
Julie Miller – Member at Large
Barbara VanDongen – Member at Large

Two amendments to the Bylaws passed: one enables the NMLA President to be a voting member of the New Mexico Library Foundation and the other updates the bylaws to reflect our current practice of submitting committee reports.

Mary Alice Tsosie, Chair of the Native American Libraries SIG, and Peter Ives, chair of the Local and Regional History SIG, provided updates on activities of their Special Interest Groups.

Neither Old Business nor New Business was brought to the attention of the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m. Heather Gallegos-Rex passed the gavel to Kathy Matter.

