

NMLA Membership Meeting
Minutes
April 23, 2009
Albuquerque Convention Center, Aztec Room

Welcome-

President Cassandra Osterloh called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m.

Secretary's report

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve minutes of the 2008 Annual Membership meeting.

President's report

Outgoing President Cassandra Osterloh thanked the members, saying that she learned a lot and appreciated being able to represent the association around the state. She announced that the University of NM press and NMLA are jointly working on book festival statewide.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Tracey Thompson gave a yearly update.

Vice-President's report

Vice President Dan Kammer gave an update on 2009 Annual Conference stating that the conference had 485 attendees, slightly less than normal. The Youth Services Luncheon had sold out and the Awards dinner was sold out. He reported that the new website was posted in January with blogging capabilities. He encouraged everyone to contribute and mentioned that it would be a good venue for SIGS to share information.

Members-at-Large:

Cassandra Osterloh introduced the members-at-large, Paulita Aguilar, Pam Rishel, Laurie Treat, and Gary Harris

2008 Mini-Conference update-

The members-at-large reported that the mini conference at Socorro was very popular with 124 registrations. The consensus was that the food was great. Cassandra thanked Paulita and Laurie who are cycling off board.

SIG Group and Chair recognitions

AASL

Advocacy for School Libraries SIG: Annual Report
2008-2009
(Submitted April 13, 2009)

Objective 1: Provide leadership to initiate, maintain, and enhance library legislation and act on political issues affecting school library interests.

Legislature: November, 2008 Library GO Bond B was passed by New Mexico voters. .
A number of school librarians attended the annual Library Legislation Day on January 30, 2009. Gemma Morris, librarian at Eldorado High School was honored in the New Mexico Senate.

Objective 2: Provide and support educational opportunities for school library personnel

- The 6th Annual School Librarian Fall Workshop was held on September 13, 2008, at Volcano Vista High School in Albuquerque. Topics included Reading Incentive Programs That Work, (panel of 6 school librarians), Advocacy, the Dossier Process, Legislative and ASL-SIG Updates. Fifty-one school librarians from all over the state of New Mexico were in attendance.
- NMLA Mini-Conference, October 11 & 12 in Socorro, New Mexico, had a general ASL-SIG meeting and four programs sponsored by the SIG.
- NMLA 2009 Conference, April 22-24, 2009. The SIG is sponsoring programs for school librarians plus a general meeting on Thursday. The AASL incoming president, Cassandra Barnett will give a conference session titled: School Libraries, Are We Ready for the 21st Century.
- Elise Orell, chair of the dossier committee continues to work with librarians who are preparing their dossiers. (see report below)

Objective 3: Communicate the role and value of school libraries and librarian-teachers.

- **Representatives of the New Mexico Task Force for School Libraries and the ASL-SIG** met with Dr. Veronica Garcia to ask her support for 3 school library needs. 1. Certified library personnel at all schools. 2. The adoption of student library benchmarks and performance standards at the state level. 3. A qualified school library representative at the Public Education Department.
Talks are ongoing with PED concerning the Library Standards.
- **Outstanding School Library Awards:** The winner of this year's New Mexico Elementary School Library of the Year is Patti Lyon of Mission Elementary in Albuquerque. The winner of the New Mexico Secondary School Library of the Year is Tina Glatz at Zia Middle School in Las Cruces, NM.
Follett Library Resources provides a \$500.00 prize to each librarian.
- **NM Coalition of School Administrators**, July 24-25, 2008. The ASL-SIG sponsored a school library information booth in the exhibits area. Literature was distributed to school administrators about the value of school libraries.

Objective 4: Support and improve networking among school librarians in New Mexico.

- The SIG will have a table in the exhibits area at the 2009 NMLA conference
- The ASL-SIG listserv continues to serve as a venue for questions and information for school librarians.
- Letters from the SIG chair were sent out to all school librarians in New Mexico in May, 2008 and February, 2009.

Objective 5: Support and promote literacy initiatives for youth, including, but not limited to, the Land of Enchantment.

- The ASL-SIG in conjunction with the Land of Enchantment committee is sponsoring the **Youth Literature Luncheon**.
- The SIG in cooperation with the NMLF is sponsoring the **Nancy Ebeling Memorial**. Linda Avery, Chair. This project is to honor Nancy Ebeling, a founding member of the LOE book awards program and a state library leader for many years. Funds are being collected and are being used to purchase the LOE book award winners for each of the New Mexico universities which offer children's literature classes toward the fulfillment of a teaching degree/licensure. (see Linda Avery's report below)
- **New Mexico Reads** is a project supported by the ASL-SIG. Created by Laurie Treat, librarian at Aztec High School, this project will provide free promotional reading and literacy material for libraries across the state to enhance local reading programs in their communities.
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Thanks to the dedicated volunteer contributions of many New Mexico school librarian/teachers who have contributed to the success of the Advocacy for School Libraries SIG in the past seven years

2008-2009 ASL-SIG Steering Committee members

- Chair---Dora Trudell
- Secretary—Terri Rieb
- NMLA Executive board Liaison---Laurie Treat
- Successor Chair---Susan Bontly
- Land of Enchantment Liaison---Margo Lamb
- E-Group Manager---Judy Ramsey
- Task Force Liaison---Omar Durant
- Legislative---Stephanie Eagle
- AASL Liaison---Alison Almquist
- School Library Awards---Linda Keulen
- Membership Secretary---Heather Dahl
- Conferences---Marian Royal, Pam Rishel
- Professional Development---Susan Bontly
- PR/Advocacy---Barbara VanDongen, Laurie Treat
- NBPTS/Dossiers---Elise Orell
- Nancy Ebeling Memorial Chair—Linda Avery

Submitted by Dora Trudell, ASL-SIG Chair
April 13, 2009

NBPTS-Dossier support report 08-09

Submitted by Elise Orell

At the September workshop, we held a PDD101 session after the main meeting for about nine librarians. In October, we provided a panel discussion on the PDD Process at the mini conference. We also maintain a listserv for people working on their dossiers to ask questions. There are currently twenty-five members on the list, ten are new this year. Of the total 75 postings, ten were posted in the fall and 26 were posted during the February submission window.

We also worked with two National Board Candidates by reading entries and answering questions as requested online.



Margo Lamb delivers to Mardi Mahaffy the last LOE Memorial Book Award Collection at Zuhl Library, NMSU

Land of Enchantment Memorial Book Award Project Summary Report

The Nancy J. Ebeling Land of Enchantment Book Award Project Task Force was established to create a memorial for one of the Land of Enchantment Children's Book Award Founding Committee Members. Nancy J. Ebeling was an elementary school librarian and teacher in Albuquerque Public Schools for over 30 years. She was an active member of NMLA, serving as Secretary, Chair of the, then, School Libraries, Children's, Young Adult Services Division, NMLA Site Committee, Membership Committee, and on a number of other committees. This service to NMLA earned her the Honorary Lifetime Membership Award.

Because Nancy was one of the founding committee members of the Land of Enchantment Children's Book Award, we felt it appropriate that a memorial involving the LOE Book Award winning books be established. On a visit to Western NM University, I noticed the collections of children's award books prominently displayed in the J. Cloyd Miller Library, and each collection was accompanied by its current poster of winners. The award collections included several nationally well known ones, The John Newbery Medal, The Caldecott Medal, The Coretta Scott King Award; and one I was not familiar with, at the time, The Pura Belpre Award. I looked around for The Land of Enchantment Book Award Winner Collection, and, upon asking, found there was no collection of books voted on by the school children of NM annually for their favorite author.

Shazam! That was it!

What better remembrance of Nancy than to set up a Land Of Enchantment Book Award Collection at WNMU in her name.

Becky Young, the librarian on duty at that time, enthusiastically supported the idea, and so we pursued it.

As these things tend to go and donations were sought, the project expanded to include other NM academic libraries that met the criteria that had been established for the recipients of the collections. So, here is our summary of where the project took us:

The New Mexico Library Foundation accepted donations made to the Nancy J. Ebeling Land of Enchantment Book Award Memorial Fund and set up a task force under the auspices of NMLA, ASL-SIG to handle the Program. Linda Avery was appointed Chair. Kelly Shatz, Perma-Bound Books Representative, was able to supply most of the titles in the Land Of Enchantment Book Award Collection and offered the posters as well. Letters sent to Academic Libraries in New Mexico brought six positive responses.

Western New Mexico University, J. Cloyd Miller Library Silver City, New Mexico
University of New Mexico, College of Education, Tireman Library,* Albuquerque, New Mexico
Eastern New Mexico University, Golden Library* Portales, New Mexico
New Mexico Highlands University, Thomas C. Donnelly Library, Las Vegas, New Mexico
San Juan College Library, Farmington New Mexico
New Mexico State University, Zuhl Library, Las Cruces, New Mexico

*Dedications held at these two libraries for friends and Nancy Ebeling's family from Plainview, Texas.

Carol Sue Purcell, Nancy's sister, approached Rocky J. Stone, Superintendent of Cotton Center Independent School District, to donate a Land of Enchantment Book Award Collection in Nancy's memory for her 50th high school reunion from Cotton Center High School. Carol Sue learned then that Cotton Center had again been named as one of America's Best High Schools by U.S. News and World Report.

Each Nancy J. Ebeling Land of Enchantment Book Award Memorial Collection included Memorial book plates, LOE decals, a folder with extra book plates, decals, a list of the LOE winners, and the history of the Land Of Enchantment Children's Book Award, a picture of Nancy, and a letter of acceptance for the collection by the librarian responsible for the collection at that time. A Land Of Enchantment Book Award poster of the current year's nominations is also included. A poster of all of the annual winners will be supplied soon.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Avery, Chair

Nancy J. Ebeling Memorial Land of Enchantment Book Award Project Task Force.

Battle of the Books Report

State Battle of the Books Committee Meeting October 1, 2008

Attendees: Nancy Syner, Diana Youngren, Dr. Earl Phillips, Margo Lamb, Pat Clark, Linda Trujillo, Barbara Brunette, Terry Morales, Sara Allen, Jana Strnadova, Bonnie Peterson, Bernadette Gonzales, Veronica Bicknell, Judy Lenz, Ann Gomez, Ruth Wallis, Cathy Boeker, Betsy Fuller, Tina Glatz, Jackie Dean.

Items Discussed:

- State Battle at Onate High School on May 2nd. Dr. Phillips and Jackie are checking to make sure the school is reserved. After the date was changed, we do not have paperwork in hand that says we have the school reserved.
- Website: Tina is working to see if we can get the website back up without having to pay the \$100 hosting fee. It may be possible to get it off the LCPS/Zia website. The only drawback to that is that when Las Cruces no longer hosts the state battle the website would have to be moved. Dr. Phillips will also check with Lorie Christian at NMLA about hosting the website.
- T-Shirt Vendor: The vendor on the website was Sir Logo out of Clovis, NM. Pat will check to see if he had a contract to be the vendor. If not, then Nancy will check with JM Tees in Las Cruces to see if he would like to be our vendor. JM Tees also might like to set up a vendor table at the state battle. It was also mentioned that those working might like to have special shirts.
- Pins and/or Patches: Last year Nancy checked with Trophy Country about the possibility of having pins and/or patches to sell at the Battle. Cost was based on ordering 1000: 3 in. patches - \$1.25; 1 in. pin - \$1.50; bookmark clip - \$1.10. Nancy said that everyone likes some kind of souvenir when they attend something. We could advertise that these would be available for sale at the State Battle.
- Certificates: Last year Staples printed the certificates. Nancy thinks that if we can get a donation letter out that maybe we can get those donated by Staples this year.
- Host Hotel: Discussion was held about asking for a host hotel with special rates. Pat suggested the Fairfield Inn on Telshor.
- District Battles: Since the date for the state battle was changed to May, it was decided to change the district battle to April 4th. It was also decided that both elementary and middle school would be together. This will be a good test run for the state battle. Highland Elementary School will be the host for the district battle. Sara Allen will take care of reserving the school. Betsy will do the middle school questions for the District Battle.
- Registration deadline: State Battle registration deadline will be April 15th. Diana will take all registrations.
- Snack Bags: Jackie and Tina volunteered to take care of the snack bags again. They would like to get some little prizes to put in the bags. Margo said she would talk to her contact at Wells Fargo and see what they might be willing to donate.
- Donations: We need to contact vendors early to get donations. Those vendors wanting to donate sets of books should give a certificate for the set rather than having the set of books available at the battle. We also need a donation letter to give to possible vendors. Dr. Phillips has a list of vendors from NMLA that we can ask for donations. After the meeting, Jackie Dean, said she would work on a letter for donations.
- Book Vendor: Barnes and Noble will again be the book vendor. Cheryl Graves has said she will be more prepared for the huge crowd. Also, if the Las Cruces schools will simply turn in their PO then Cheryl will get the Las Cruces books together after the State Battle and get them delivered.

- Entertainment: Changing entertainment for this years battle was discussed. Jamie O'Hara charged \$350.00 last year. Nancy has a quote from Indiana Bones, a storyteller, for \$672.00 Names also mentioned were Dan Crow, Joe Hayes and Terry Alvarez. Berna will check on the price for Dan Crow.
- Concessions: Comments at the state battle were that the concession line was too long. Discussion was held about possibly having several more concession areas available.
- Money: Diana reported that our current balance is \$5,230.79.
- Committees: Nancy will get out a list of committees and their duties so that people can sign up for those soon. Please watch for that in your email.
- THANKS TO ALL THOSE THAT ATTENDED!

Laurie Treat, MLIS Librarian
Aztec High School

Local and Regional History

No written report was received. It was reported that the committee chose Carl Lumbach to be a program speaker on case studies from southern NM. Bill Dunmire will present a program at Annual Conference on "Our Gifts from Spain". Kathy Holbrecht has volunteered to be the new liaison to NMLA.

Native American Libraries

3rd Quarter Report

NALSIG has been very active this past quarter in the following areas:

- Finalized House Memorial Bill 59 (Tribal Libraries Assessment) with Indian Affairs Department.
- Preparing Action items for memorial bill.
- Members sending letters of support to unfreeze Tribal Libraries Program Coordinator (NMSL) position to Governor B. Richardson.
- Members also sending letters to Representative/Senators to increase state-aid to public libraries.
- Planning second annual tribal library fundraiser event.

4th Quarter Report

- NALSIG has been very active this past quarter in the following areas:
- Revising Final Report of House Memorial Bill 59 (Tribal Libraries Assessment) with Indian Affairs Department.
- Planning and preparing Second annual tribal library fundraiser event.
- Economic Stimulus Package, what funds are available to Public/Tribal Libraries.

Archivist

Barbara Edwards reported that Archives has not received anything new this quarter.

New Mexico Preservation Alliance-Joanne Kilgore.

No report received.

Northern NM Youth Services Report

Angie Manfredi reported the following by email:

Sorry for not getting you a report earlier, I think that's probably because we haven't had any major activity for the past several months. I am hoping that NMLA will get things humming again: we're going to have a booth in the exhibit hall and an open committee meeting to see who might show up/what ideas they might have/if we can recruit new members. Once that is done, I'll hopefully have some new ideas and can start scouting locations and days for the next roundtable meeting but, of course, our busiest season approaches. (summer!) I am also promising to do a better job trying to get people involved with/updating our blog. (<http://nnmyssig.wordpress.com/>) Is it possible for me to have a current member contact list (I always assume it changes as NMLA happens and more people register) and our current available budget/funding info? This would be handy for me to have at the conference.

Paraprofessionals-No written report received.

REFORMA- Lynette Schurdevin announced that she cancelled the conference session on REFORMA because she received no response to her requests to REFORMA for information. She suggested that NMLA continue to discuss whether group will continue.

Retired Librarians

Annual Report for "SIG for Retired Librarians" 2009

- This is the third year for SIG for Retired Librarians. Lorie Christian provides me with continual potential members. An email and snail mailing is sent to all members as a way of keeping in touch.
- I was unable to attend the mini conference this year and so had no input for the group. At this year's annual conference in Albuquerque we will have a SIG meeting. We have had some good suggestions for activities for this coming year. Some of the suggestions are having an online book club, mentoring program for new librarians and some type of fundraiser to benefit the New Mexico Library Foundation. We will discuss them at the annual meeting. Email seems to be the best way to stay in touch rather than trying to meet in person.

Submitted,
Barbara Moore
April 20, 2009

Rural Libraries- No written report received.

Students – No written report received.

ALA / APA Councilor report - Betty Long submitted the following report:

ALA/APA Councilor Report
April 2009

I attended the Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA and the Midwinter Conference in Denver and submitted a report of those meetings to the Board.

I continue to monitor e-mails I receive from the ALA Council and Chapter Council lists and forward items that I feel are important to the NMLA Board and sometimes to the Board and membership.

I want to remind the Board that the Bylaws need to be changed to reflect the additional responsibilities of the APA to the ALA Councilor.

I am registered to attend the Annual Conference in July. The 2009 Annual Conference is later than normal this year. This fiscal year there will only be one conference (Midwinter) and in the next fiscal year there will be three conferences—2009 Annual Conference, 2010 Midwinter Conference and 2010 Annual Conference.

Representative Reports

AASL

- The AASL's 2009 14th National Conference, "Rev Up Learning @ your library," will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, November 5 – 8. Registration is now open. Bound to Stay Bound is offering 30 travel grants to first time conference attendees. Each travel grant will be for \$750 toward travel, hotel, or registration fees. You must be a SLMS and an ALA/AASL personal member to receive the grant. Visit <http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards> for more details.
- School library media specialists were encouraged to participate in the third annual "School Libraries Count" survey. This year additional questions focused on English Language Learners. The survey was to be completed by March 12. The results of the 2008 "School Libraries Count!" Longitudinal Study is available at <http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/slcsurvey.cfm>. Close to 7,000 responses were received; double the amount from the first year. Data from the studies will be used to develop tools to assist SLMS at the local, state and national levels.
- AASL President-Elect Cassandra Barnett, from Fayetteville, Arkansas High School will be presenting at the NMLA annual conference.
- Licensed Institutes provided by AASL and available to NMLA are:
 - AASL Advocacy for School Librarians
 - Collaborative Leadership
 - Reading and the Elementary School Library Media Specialist
 - Reading and the Secondary School Library Media Specialist
- Dr. Nancy Everhart and Terry Kirk are running for the position of AASL President-Elect.
- The Learning for Life Summer Summit will be on July 9th in Chicago. Learning 4 Life (L4L) has been developed to increase an awareness and understanding of the learning standards and to create a committed group of stakeholders. L4L is available online at <http://www.ala.org/aasl/learning4life>.
- PhD Fellowships for SLMS were available from Florida State University College of Information (ci.fsu.edu). The deadline was February 1, 2009. Interested

applicants should contact Dr. Nancy Everhart (everhart@ci.fsu.edu) for more information.

MPLA

Cassandra Osterloh attended the board meeting. The next conference will be in Oklahoma. Cassandra also reported that the planned MPLA's Leadership Institute is on hold.

NMLF

New Mexico Library Foundation Report

Submitted to the NMLA Board

April, 2009

- The Friends of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System has made a \$1500 contribution this spring to the New Mexico Library Foundation. The NMLF Board greatly appreciates the Friends' gesture of support for all New Mexico libraries.
- The New Mexico Library Foundation is undertaking a new collaboration with the Nancy Ford Haworth Foundation to offer grants to public and tribal libraries serving communities with populations under 30,000. The amount provided for purchase of breast cancer library materials through this grant is \$250. Ten grants will be awarded in 2009. Grant award decisions will be made by a Nancy Floyd Haworth Foundation committee. The choice of materials will be up to the library grantees as long as they are related to breast cancer. They can include reference books, adult non-fiction, children's books, videos/DVDs, and magazines. The materials can be in Spanish, English or other languages of the community.

The Nancy Floyd Haworth Foundation was established in 1990 as a memorial to the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Vaun T. Floyd. Nancy was married and the mother of three small children. When Nancy died of breast cancer after a two-year illness, the Floyd family created the foundation in her memory to provide information about breast cancer to the public.

The deadline for this set of grants is April 24, 2009. Announcements of the grants have been posted on the NMLA listserv, NMLA website, State Library Hitchhiker and the NMLF website.

- The deadline for the regular semi-annual New Mexico Library Foundation Grant is April 30, 2009. Notification of the grants and the deadline has been sent to the NMLA listserv and to the NMLF Trustees to distribute to other library listservs.
- The NMLF is sponsoring two fund-raising activities this spring; 1) a raffle at the NMLA annual conference and 2) a raffle and a silent auction at the opening reception of 37th Annual LOEX Conference (US information literacy conference) on April 20th at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque. A special thanks goes to NALSIG for donated items for the LOEX event.
- The NMLF Board is in the process of making plans for a grand raffle event for 2009-2010 to feature a 2010 trip to Washington DC.
- Beth Crist, Director, Library Development Bureau and Acting Outreach and Community Services Coordinator for the New Mexico State Library, has been

elected as Trustee to the New Mexico Library Foundation Board for a three-year term through December 2011. All positions on the board are currently filled.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara VanDongen
Chair, Board of Trustees
New Mexico Library Foundation

Committee Chair recognitions

President Osterloh thanked all committee chairs for their work during the year.

Committee Reports

Awards

Cindy Pierard. The committee handled nominations and awards for presentation. List winners. Also honored will be 2008 award winner who is in Afghanistan again.

Bylaws - Leslie Chamberlin

No written report received.

Conference Site

Conference Site Selection Committee Report

April 2009

- At this time, we are working on securing a location for the 2009 Mini Conference. After many discussions with board members and Ben Wakashige, it was decided not to pursue a joint conference with the Colorado Library Association in Durango. Instead, I am now recommending to the NMLA Board that we hold the 2009 Mini Conference in Hobbs, with Sharon Jenkins assisting with arrangements.
- Since the 2010 annual conference will be held in Ruidoso next spring, it is my further recommendation that we approach librarians in Farmington about hosting the 2010 Mini Conference. This would allow association members in the northwest portion of the state to attend the conference without excessive travel.

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Royal-Vigil, Chair

Education

Education Committee Report

April 2009

The Education committee discussed increasing the continuing education awards to \$300 each and to increase the college scholarships to \$1,500 each – it was agreed that we would go ahead and increase both awards within the constraints of our budget.

The committee approved two applicants for receipt of the NMLA College Scholarship award at \$1,500 each. Both will be working on degrees through the Library Science program at Doña Ana Community College. Since the January report, we received three applications for Continued Education grants – these were approved at the new \$300.00 level. Finally, after a bit of “virtual” wrangling back and forth amongst the group, we finally chose one of our four highly qualified and very worthy applicants as the recipient

of the Marion Dorrah Scholarship. This person will be pursuing an MLS through the School of Information and Library Science at the University of Arizona. She has been in New Mexico for six years and is a member of NMLA.

Both the College Scholarship recipients and the Marion Dorrah award winner were notified about their eligibility to attend the banquet as a guest of NMLA. . All NMLA board members involved – Dan Kammer, Cindy Pierard, Lorie Christian and Cassandra Osterloh – were sent duplicates of the award notification letter received by these recipients.

	Adjusted Balance	YTD Expenditures	
College Scholarships	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Continuing Ed Grants	\$3,260.00	\$1,140.00	
Marion Dorroh Scholarship	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Travel to Board Meeting	\$ 500.00	\$ 128.58	
\$10,000.00 (Beg. Balance) (Current Balance)	\$9,760.00	\$7,268.58	\$2,731.42

The Education Committee chair attended the NMLA board meeting in January held following Library Legislative Day activities in Santa Fe and was reimbursed for lodging.

Regretfully I was informed that two faithful members {Esther Shir and Kathleen Knoth} will be leaving the committee at the end of the annual conference; one through retirement and one after having served multiple terms. The Education Committee will need to recruit two new members to serve in their stead.

Respectfully submitted
Sharon Jenkins
Chair, Education Committee

Intellectual Freedom:
INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE
Annual Report, 2008-2009
April 2009

Presentation of a full-day workshop (to serve as a template for regional workshops) was held on November 13 at Belen Public Library. The workshop included an overview of major IF topics: 1st Amendment, Bill of Rights, Banned Books and Challenges, Labeling, Collection Development Policies, Internet Use and Access by Minors, Privacy Issues, Public Forums, and Policy Writing. Twenty eight participants attended the free workshop, which was co-sponsored by the New Mexico State Library as part of its Continuing Education series. Participants came from public libraries, school libraries, Pueblo libraries, specials libraries, and one academic library. Evaluations were very positive.

Following the reconstruction of the NMLA website, it became clear that the new platform would permit the flexibility needed to mount the Intellectual Freedom pages, with limited people posting, but more able to contribute to the notice portion. The pages are

featured at the poster sessions in the Exhibit Hall at the NMLA Annual Meeting, with hands on demos on how to navigate the site. The beginning steps have the site acting mostly as a portal, with links to ALA/OIF, the First Amendment Center, the New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library, etc. There will be an opportunity to add more original content in the future. The url is: <http://if.nmla.org> and it will be distributed on business cards to all attendees at the NMLA Annual Meeting.

Evaluation of the New Mexico Library Privacy Act was completed, assessing whether it needed to be revised post 9/11. Supreme Court Law Librarian Rob surveyed other state privacy laws made the determination that New Mexico's Library Privacy Act is strong now, and that to try to amend or strengthen it further would run the risk of having it weakened. The matter should be reviewed again on a periodic basis.

This year the committee gained four new members (Carolyn Anderson, Felipe de Ortega y Gasca, Gilda Baeza Ortega, and Heather Kline), and lost three members (Margaret Weaver, Randy Gaylor, and Barb Myers).

There will be new co-chairs for the 2009-2010 year: Dr. Felipe de Ortega y Gasca and Gilda Baeza Ortega. Felipe is currently the Scholar in Residence at the Miller Library at Western New Mexico University in Silver City. He has been part of the Intellectual Freedom efforts at the national level, serving as a long-time member of the ALA Round Table on Intellectual Freedom (RTIF). He has written on the topic, and has taught at Texas Women's University. Gilda is Director of the University Library, Western New Mexico University.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Intellectual Freedom Committee,
Charlie Kalogeros-Chattan, Co-Chair
Stephanie Wilson, Co-Chair

Legislation

NMLA Legislation Committee
Annual Report for 2008-2009
by Joe Sabatini, Co-Chair

The Committee had a successful year in accomplishing its work program, which was developed at a meeting on May 22, 2008 and approved by the Board in June.

1. Support the passage of General Obligation Bond Issue B on the November ballot. The Committee worked with the Bonds for Libraries 2008 Political Action Committee and a Steering Committee of librarians to support the \$11 million library bond issue on the November 2008 ballot. The PAC contracted with a public relations firm to place newspaper and radio ads and provide factual and promotional information in support of the proposal. In the election, New Mexico voters passed Bond Issue B by a vote of 361,995 in favor and 329,779 opposed, a 52.3% positive vote and a 32,216 margin. This outcome was 4.5% below the margin attained in 2006. There was a decline in contributions to the PAC from previous years, so there were fewer media placements. There is a remaining debt of \$1209.65 for public relations expenditures.

2. Work for increased recurring funding for state aid to public libraries, academic library budgets, tribal library programs and the School Library Materials Act.

Committee members made presentations to Legislative committees on several bills of interest. None of our supported bills cleared the Senate Finance Committee or the House Appropriations and Finance Committee, including state aid bills by Rep. Joni Gutierrez, (HB 95) and by Sen. Carroll Leavell (SB 13). However, Senator Leavell was able to amend the State Library's budget in HB 2 to place an additional \$350,000 in the line item that includes state-aid. Given the serious revenue shortfall affecting the entire state budget, this remarkable achievement more than doubles the amount of money in this program. Other library items did not fare well.

The appropriation for the School Libraries Materials Act was entirely eliminated, losing \$2 million from the appropriation and \$1 million in capital outlay funds. No library projects were funded in capital outlay funds. Led by Alana McGrattan, NALSIG supported a change in the School Libraries Materials Act to include students attending Bureau of Indian Education schools. Both SB 323 by Senator Lynda Lovejoy, and HB 508 by Rep. Roger Madalena were heard by committees and passed both houses; Governor Richardson signed HB 508. NALSIG also worked on a study of tribal libraries called for in House Memorial 59 from 2008.

3. Support full funding for the Rural Library Development Act, working to develop a comprehensive plan for public library funding statewide.

The only bill addressing rural libraries was SB 551 by Sen. Richard Martinez, which appropriated \$90,000 to fund four libraries in Rio Arriba County. It was heard and tabled by the Senate Finance Committee.

4. Continue to strengthen the legislative network.

Twenty four legislative bulletins were posted to librarian e-lists during the session, alerting the library community to bills, committee hearings and other developments.

5. Continue to fund an NMLA lobbyist.

We were ably assisted by Legislative Advocate Larry Horan, who tracked legislation and attended hearings.

6. Organize a Library Legislative Day during the 2009 legislative session.

Librarians took the opportunities we had to present our case about the importance of library service to our communities. The turnout on Library Legislative Day, January 30th, was over a hundred, which was at least as high as in 2008. Thanks to the Santa Fe Public Library for providing the meeting room, hospitality and transportation, and to State Library staff for copying and other assistance. Delegations of librarians were introduced in both houses, and Senator Bill Payne of Bernalillo County made impromptu remarks about the central role of Eldorado High School librarian Gemma Morris in educational achievement at that school. A week later, on "Native American Day", NMLA's NALSIG group had a table in the rotunda promoting tribal libraries, with a computer slide show featuring programs at several Pueblo libraries.

7. Make a presentation to the Legislative Finance Committee about library

needs statewide. Cynthia Shetter, Joe Sabatini and Susan Oberlander testified to the LFC on September 25th about the need for increased state grants-in-aid to public libraries. Omar Durant provided information to the Legislative Education Study Committee about school library needs.

Membership – Norice Lee submitted the following report:

Membership Committee Report

As of April 1st there were 625 members, which is up slightly from last year's 611. This is good news, in consideration of economic conditions, which have resulted in lower membership numbers in other library associations. Norice Lee, the Committee Chair, has been trying to track down Barbara Lah, who is listed as the other Committee member, but recently discovered that she had retired over two years ago. Norice will attempt to recruit at least two new Committee members at Annual who would be willing and able to assist with planned goals and activities as outlined in the January Board Report. If anyone on the Board knows someone who may be interested in serving on the Membership Committee, please let Norice know.

Nominations & Election

It was announced that past-President Louise Hoffmann is going with the Peace Corps to Bulgaria. Newly elected board members were announced.

Vice President: Barbara Lovato-Gassman,
Treasurer Tracey Thompson
Members-at-Large: Tina Glatz and Danielle Johnson.

Public Relations

- A news release on the annual conference was submitted to all New Mexico newspapers, the NMLA and Border Region Library Association listservs and the NMLA Newsletter. A release with a little more tourist information about Albuquerque was submitted to the state associations of Texas, Arizona, and Colorado, with the request that they distribute it on their listservs and newsletters.
- Please submit your library news, articles, and photos for the NMLA Newsletter to iroschi@lib.nmsu.edu.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Smith
Chair, Public Relations Committee

Passing of the gavel.

Cassandra Osterloh passed the gavel to the new President, Dan Kammer.

President Kammer introduced the 2009-2010 Board

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed. President Kammer adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.