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**New Mexico Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
January 26, 2001**

**Call to Order:** President Kay Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. The agenda was approved.

**Roll Call:** Kay Krehbiel, Verla Peterson, Thaddeus Bejnar, Lorie Mitchell, Alison Almquist, Pat Seavey, Carol Merrill, Patricia Froehlich, Tracie Antonuk, Charlene Greenwood, Rogers Barde, Linda O'Connell, Joe Sabatini, Claire Odenheim, Norice Lee

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes for 10/13/00 passed. Motion to include e-mail board actions in the minutes for the meeting following the e-mail approved. Claire to bring e-mail protocol to the next board meeting prior to the April conference.

**Treasurer's Report:** Verla Peterson reported that the mini conference in Las Cruces lost \$899. and not \$1379. as previously reported. Additional monies are expected due to late arriving registration fees. \$5000. was added to the checking account to total \$14569.84 by means of reconciling checks going back 18 months. The Merrill Lynch account has \$7819.31. The Marion Dorroh Scholarship Fund and the New Mexico Library Foundation are accounted for and ready to be passed on to the next elected treasurer.

Due to resignations and changes in NMLA officers and after much discussion and reading of the bylaws it was decided by a motion made by Thaddeus Bejnar, seconded by Carol Merrill and passed by voice vote that Claire Odenheim, NMLA secretary will be added in place of out-going treasurer Verla Peterson to the Bank of America checking account until such time as a new treasurer is in place. Linda O'Connell will mail any checks and documentation required to Claire in Las Cruces and she will send payments directly.

**ALA Councilor:** Thaddeus Bejnar reported that e-mail comments regarding the ALA Outsourcing proposal be sent to him [thaddeus@trail.com](mailto:thaddeus@trail.com)

**Awards Committee:** Based on the report from Toni Beatty, a motion to grant the following 2001 NMLA awards was made by Kay Krehbiel, seconded by Carol Merrill and passed. Library Leadership – NM Task Force for School Libraries and Mary Alice Tsosie of the Native American Libraries SIG, Legislator of the Year – Rep. Edward C. Sandoval, and for Community Achievement – Patricia Froehlich of the State Library.

After much discussion the Board also voted to grant Tony Hillerman a special award such as was presented by the Association in the past to Erna Fergusson and Peter Hurd and can be given without setting up a new award. The award will recognize Mr. Hillerman as a distinguished author and note his contributions to NM cultural life. This was not in the motion and can be added at the award ceremony. The Board did not want to name the award for Hillerman or ask him to contribute. The award will be given at the gala banquet "Mysterious Southwest" on Friday, April 20. Other honored guests will be J.A. Vance, Michael McGarrity and Fred Harris.

**Bylaws:** Allison Almquist presented the change to requirements for NMLA Board meetings. These changes are as follows and were passed after a motion by Thaddeus Bejnar, seconded by Carol Merrill: Rational: Instead of scheduling both a pre-conference and post-conference board meeting, current and new board members would meet before the conference and share information about their association responsibilities. This change will make a smoother transition for new members.

**Article XII: Executive Board Duties**

**Section 1.** *The Executive Board shall convene at the beginning and at the conclusion of the annual conference with at least three other sessions called at the discretion of the President.*

**Change to:** *The Executive Board, including current members and new members who will take office at the end of the conference, shall convene at the beginning of the annual conference. At least three other sessions will be called at the discretion of the President.*

**Education Committee:** Pat Seavey submitted a report stating that the committee is reviewing Marion Dorroh applications on February 8<sup>th</sup> and that a new brochure is planned. The committee has also planned Poster Sessions at the annual conference and a meeting with representatives from accredited library schools in the Southwest.

**Legislative and Intellectual Freedom:** Joe Sabatini reported that the NM State Legislature Bill Finder Website is not yet online. Norice Lee is taking registration for *Legislative Day* and hoping for many participants. She reported that Isabel Rodarte, Ben Wakashige, she and Joe Sabatini are working with key legislators on issues involving the Task Force, Proquest online subscriptions for elementary and middle schools and capitol outlay for libraries in Zuni and other locations.

**Conference Site Committee:** Linda O'Connell is handling responsibilities after the resignation of Betsy Krause as committee chair. She reported that the Las Vegas site for 2003 is looking less desirable due to space and facilities factors and timing with Spring break in March. The committee, made up of Allison, Patricia, Thaddeus, and Charlene, will investigate space requirements and room needs and come up with a plan by the April conference. It may be necessary to schedule the conference in just a couple places. They will be waiting also for comments from the NMLA membership survey and will make a decision also on a new chair for the committee. Norice commented that it might be too expensive to have a mini conference every year as they have been losing money instead of the expected profit. Discussion followed regarding conferences and the desirability of attracting members from smaller venues and those that cannot come to the annual conference. Kay will look to add members to the conference site committee.

**Local Arrangements and Conference Program:** Tracie Antonuk reported that Internet connections from the Albuquerque Conference Center will not be ready and that arrangements have been made for NMLA members to use the public library although staffing problems will make this an imperfect solution. Kay Krebbiel moved to change half-day conference rates, but another motion by Thaddeus Bejnar to accept the planned rates was seconded by Carol Merrill and passed. Lorie Mitchell stated that the upcoming newsletter will go out in the mail with the conference program and registration form. The program is set and includes many wonderful workshops and sessions.

**Membership:** Rogers Barde is contacting by e-mail and phone calls persons whose memberships have expired in order to encourage renewal. Linda O'Connell has a list of "expired" members. Lorie Mitchell provided a membership form which can be downloaded from the website and will also publicize SIGs in order to attract new and returning members. Discussion followed on ways to gain members through promotional advantages such as discounts. Since conference packet will be mailed to librarians throughout the state regardless of whether they are members, Thaddeus moved that new and non-members be given a \$5.00 discount on membership fee plus a chance to win free registration fee for attendance at the conference by means of a drawing. Carol seconded, passed.

Rogers and Lorie complimented on work writing the membership survey. With a couple revisions, the survey form was approved by the Board and will be mailed to members very soon and will include a stamped envelope for returning.

**Nominations and Elections:** Charlene Greenwood presented the slate of candidates and their biographies and reported that we lost two candidates, but gained two by petition: Danielle Swopes and Tueredia McBride. She agreed to chair the committee next year. Signatures on the return envelope will no longer be required for NMLA ballots to be counted, as it is a privacy issue.

**New Mexico Library Foundation:** Conference fund raisers are planned. The new Trustees will be Earl Phillips, Charlene Greenwood, and Jeff Bantley.

**New Mexico State Library:** Patricia Froehlich reported for Ben Wakashige that a new brochure is planned and soon to be published. The State Library will sponsor the new brochure together with NMLA and for no cost.

**Old Business:** School Libraries Task Force – The Task Force will present programs and updates at the annual conference. Motion by Thaddeus, seconded by Carol that Charlene Greenwood represent New Mexico librarians before the State Department of Education and the State School Board in order to encourage each entity to endorse and adopt standards for school library programs was passed. Thaddeus moved, Norice seconded that NMLA endorse the standards as developed by the Task Force, passed. They will soon appear on the NNLA website.

**New Business:** It was moved and passed that Allison Almquist serve as liaison from NMLA to AASL (American Association of School Librarians).

Kay Krehbiel talked of the need to solicit funds from big donors. More discussion needed.

**Other:** Charlene Greenwood brought up the possibility of having a joint conference with the Mountain Plains Library Association.

Verla Peterson discussed problems relating to funding the Battle of the Books and Land of Enchantment Award. Since they have been provided NMLA funds in the past there has been confusion over what monies they have that are donated and what funds have been spent that NMLA may be responsible for. Funds have been budgeted and turned over to the respective organizations. They are to handle their own expenses by setting up separate bank accounts to handle and account for them. Thaddeus moved that for this year if more funds are identified as Battle of the Books money from donors, then NMLA will provide such funds. Motion passed. Linda commented that the NM Library Foundation cannot be a pass through for Battle funds.

Regarding Land of Enchantment – No funds were requested this year. Problems are also related to IRA (International Reading Association) backing of the award and contest. Motion by Thaddeus that NMLA not disburse funds unless receipts are provided, second by Claire, passed.

Charlene Greenwood stated that contracts from the Albuquerque Convention Center are to be placed in the State Library Archive (with Paul Agriesti).

**E-mail Actions:**

**10/19/00** – Creation of REFORMA SIG, passed by 4 votes to 1 abstention. Proposed by Gwen Gregory of New Mexico REFORMA, posted by Verla Peterson.

**10/23/00** – Proposal from Kay to raise the conference registration fees for the 2001 conference in order to break even and provide better services for participants. Seconded by Olivia.

**10/24/00** – The proposal to increase conference registration fees passed.

**11/20/00** – Resignation notice from NMLA President Laurie McCrae due to moving out of state. Kay Krehbiel becomes President of NMLA.

**12/15/00** – From Lorie Mitchell seeking Board permission to cancel the December NMLA newsletter for lack of material to print. Granted.

**Meeting adjourned:** 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claire Odenheim, Secretary