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**New Mexico Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
April 18, 2001**

Call to Order: President Kay Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm at the Sheraton Old Town Hotel in Albuquerque with introductions of new board members Earl Phillips – Vice President/President-Elect, Carol Frick – Treasurer, Kathy Matter – Member at Large, Board members then introduced themselves.

Agenda: Meeting began.

Roll Call: In attendance: Kay Krehbiel, Earl Phillips, Claire Odenheim, Carol Frick, Linda O'Connell, Norice Lee, Olivia Newfield, Thaddeus Bejnar, Patricia Froehlich, Tracy Antonuk, Lorie Mitchell, Rogers Barde, Alison Almquist, Ellanie Sampson, Pat Seavey, Toni Beatty, Mary Alice Tsosie, Ben Wakashige, Joe Sabatini, Charlene Greenwood, Heather Gallegos-Rex, Kathy Matter, and Barbara Rosen.

Minutes: January 26, 2001 minutes approved after minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Linda O'Connell reported a Checking account balance of \$42,623.85. As of the date, \$17,880.00 in accounts receivable, \$68,128.00 from conference income.

Merrill Lynch account: Ready assets - \$1,377.27; Ready assets trust - \$60.94; Investments - \$6,375.00; Totaling \$7,813.21

Marion Dorroh Scholarship Fund – Bank of America CD balance; \$24,276.19

IRS documents are with accountant and will be submitted May 15. Form 990 for charitable organizations will be sent to AG's office. New officer's report sent to State Public Regulation Commission. Battle of the Books received a check for \$501.00 to cover expenses. Suggest that they request a budget from Youth Services Sig for next fiscal year. Also request that Land of Enchantment put in budget request with Youth Services Sig for mailings. NM Preservation Alliance Sig will need a sizable budget for next year's planned activities.

Linda recommended that Carol Frick begin using Quicken software starting in FY02 in order to keep track of cash flow.

The annual budget meeting is planned for June 1 in Sorrero.

Committees and other reports:

Conference Sites: Linda O'Connell, Patricia Froehlich, and Charlene Greenwood visited NM Highlands in Fall 2000 as a potential site for 2003. It would have to be in March during Spring Break could be a problem with weather. Space and services seemed inadequate. As a result they proposed the Old Town Sheraton in Albuquerque after comparing all features. Additionally Earl Phillips and Kay Krehbiel put forth the idea to hold conferences alternately in Las Cruces and Albuquerque while having the mini-conferences in locations throughout the state; Norice Lee proposed, seconded by Claire Odenheim and passed by board vote to do so. Earl Phillips proposed, seconded by Norice Lee to hold the 2002 conference at the Old Town Sheraton in Albuquerque was passed by board vote. Norice Lee proposed, seconded by Olivia Newfield to hold the October 2001 mini conference in Farmington was passed by board vote.

It was further recommended by the committee that the Albuquerque conferences be held at the Sheraton through 2007 as the facilities are very good and costs could be managed more effectively. In 2007 the joint conference with MPLA will need to be at the Albuquerque Convention Center. Lorie Mitchell reported that the survey question regarding the conference sites remained to be tallied. Carol Frick mentioned that the conference arrangement committees need to rotate members in order to take advantage of the "learning curve" without causing "burnout." Members Judy Klinger and Sandy White also helped identify conference and mini-conference venues.

State Library: Ben Wakashige presented the 2001 State Library poster by New Mexico artist Anthony Chee Emerson who will be at the conference. The annual Library Leadership Institute will be held in June. Bonds for the Library Task Force to support school, academic and public libraries will be sought in the 2002 Legislature. April 27th will be the first meeting to plan strategies.

State Library personnel leaving the state for other jobs: Patricia Froehlich and Pat Seavey. They will be missed!

Meeting paused for Lunch break and resumed about 1:15

Agenda: Thaddeus moved to formally approve the agenda, seconded by Olivia Newfield and passed.

Minutes: Norice Lee made a motion to further adjust January minutes, seconded by Olivia Newfield. Passed.

ALA Counselor: Thaddeus Bejnar will attend annual conference in San Francisco in June provided he returns from Croatia in time. Board will consider budget to send ALA counselor to both June and January conferences in 2002.

In December 2000 Congress passed the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) mandating filters for school and public libraries that receive subsidies through the E-Rate program. ALA filed suit to block the legislation as it affects public, but not school libraries. ALA also takes issue with privatization of library functions unless a librarian controls them.

Thaddeus urged NMLA members to check the ALA website for specific information regarding these matters, especially CIPA and the exclusion of school libraries from the suit.

Awards Committee: Tony Beatty thanked Sylvia Ortiz for her help on the committee. She wants more nominations in the future. Kate Clark was appreciated for her years of service and will be replaced by Marilyn Belsher.

The following awards were made:

- Mary Alice Tsosie – Library Leadership Award
- Edward C. Sandoval – Legislator of the Year
- Patricia Froehlich – Community Achievement Award
- New Mexico Task Force for School Libraries – Library Leadership Award. The first time that the award went to a large group/organization – for their outstanding work developing and promoting standards for school libraries in New Mexico. A plaque will reside in the State Library honoring the 35 members of the Task Force.
- Laurie Macrae was also honored for her years of service to New Mexico Library Association.

Program Committee: Tracy Antonuk announced that the conference will feature about 100 speakers, use 12 rooms of the convention center, have 41 programs, 10 SIG meetings and a job fair. There will also be 3 pre-conference programs. Additional events will include the Past President's Reception, the Awards Banquet and the special "Mysterious Southwest Authors Dinner."

Committee members Patricia Froehlich, Kay Krehbiel, Marsha Baum, Charlene Greenwood, Eileen Longsworth and Dora Trudell were thanked for their help along with web mistress Lorie Mitchell.

Education Committee: Co-chairs Pat Seavey and Cindy Watkins thanked members Any Howe, Kathleen Knoth, Shirlene Gordon, Mara Yarbrough, Elaine Goodman and Mary Lee Smith for their hard work on the committee.

One Marion Dorroh scholarship of \$2500. will be awarded at the Awards Banquet. Three first time conference attendees will receive grants.

Local Arrangements: Ellanie Sampson and the committee worked all year with the Program Committee to produce the annual conference. She thanked members Linda Avery, Jeff Bantly, Susan Deese-Roberts, Stephanie Eagle, Patricia Froehlich, Hilary Frazier, Charlene Greenwood, Sarah Henderson, Kathy Matter, Barbara Moore, Maggie Reysen, Julia Clarke, Omar Durant, Victoria Fee, Florinda Garcia, Carol Merrill, Kirsten Shields, Dora Trudell, Barbara VanDongen, Linda O'Connell and Trinny Sellers of APS.

Membership Committee: Linda O'Connell reported that as of April 9, 2001 there are 629 members of NMLA; she expects more to join at the conference. Rogers Barde continues to send e-mail or mail reminders to people whose memberships have lapsed and continued working with Lorie Mitchell (Public Relations) analyzing the needs assessment survey results.

Public Relations: Lorie Mitchell reported 38-survey responses tabulated so far out of 182 returned (574 sent). She promises a full reporting soon.

As the website is expanding she feels we should consider using a search engine, post the by-laws of the association, and make links to other organizations like Reforma, SLA, etc. It had 586 visitors in March while the newsletters contained teasers about the conference. She requested that more MNLA members send articles and reviews for publication in the newsletter.

Nominations and Elections Committee: Charlene Greenwood reported that new officers as of March 7th will be:

- Vice President/President Elect – Earl Phillips
- Treasurer – Carol Frick
- Members at Large (2 year terms) – Kathy Matter
Barbara Rosen
- Members at large (1 year terms) – Norice Lee
Olivia Newfield

While agreeing to stay on as chair of the committee for another year, Charlene would like to promote methods to recruit people to run for office, possibly from the Library Leadership Institute.

Mountain Plains Library Association: Charlene also reported that MPLA would hold a conference in Phoenix December 5-7, 2001. Ten free memberships will be offered at the NMLA conference by choosing random numbers from the Banquet ticket stubs. She urged us to consider membership in MPLA and reminded us that a joint conference in Albuquerque is planned for 2007.

Task Force for School Libraries: The hearing before the Legislative Education Study Committee in Santa Fe on November 13, 2000 drew over 30 supporters who were received very well. The McKuen study (an outgrowth of the Keith Lance report) is being undertaken in New Mexico and should provide a means to promote state standards in school libraries. Charlene was appointed Task Force /NMLA liaison with the State Department of Education for the New Mexico Reading Initiative.

Bylaws Committee: Allison Almquist announced that the following proposed bylaw change will be voted on at the business meeting on Thursday (Apr. 19).

Article XII: Executive Board Duties

Section 1. The Executive Board shall convene at the beginning and 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.

A formal arrangement whereby Members at Large will be assigned to work with 2 or 3 Special Interest Groups (SIGs) was proposed. Kay Krehbiel said that 9 or 10 SIGs are listed. They are required to do the following: 1) apply yearly, 2) request a budget, 3) make an annual report.

Legislation/Intellectual Freedom Committee: Joe Sabatini did a great job keeping us informed throughout the 2001 Legislative Session. For the past eight years we have depended on Joe's reports to find out what is happening to library funding in the state legislation. He is passing that job on to Beverly McFarland. Good luck Beverly!

On June 28, 2000 the committee began work on the annual Library Legislative Day. This involved getting support from the NM Municipal League, NM Consortium of Academic Libraries, the School Libraries Task Force, and others. Over 40 people attended it on February 12, 2001. A rundown of legislation follows:

- HB45 to fund a magazine database for middle and elementary schools
- SB546 establishing a Tribal Libraries Endowment Fund to be administered by the State Library
- HB429 provided an additional \$500,000 to the current 350,000 which remains in the budget for funding public libraries. This level of funding was rolled over into HB2 and later HB997a
- HB45 was also included in HB2 and later in HB997a
- HB155 called for a number of capital projects

All these bills were either vetoed in their entirety or line item vetoed by the governor.

Discussion then followed regarding NMLA possibly supporting ALA in the lawsuit against the national Child Internet Pornography Act (CIPA). Heather Gallegos mentioned that the State Dept. of Education used E rates and is considered *in loco parentis* for student welfare and is thus not part of the lawsuit by ALA and others. She nevertheless believes that we should make a stand for free speech. Thaddeus Bejnar moved that NMLA send a letter in support of the ALA lawsuit that CIPA be declared unconstitutional. Earl Phillips seconded, passed by voice vote. Thaddeus will draft a letter that will be posted on the NMLA website with a link to ALA.

Other Reports:

School Libraries SIG: Rogers Barde reported that the School Libraries SIG will work to support the NM Task Force for School Libraries and NMLA goals: 1) provide leadership to initiate, maintain, and enhance library legislation and act on political issues affecting school library interests, 2) provide and support educational opportunities for school library personnel, 3) communicate the role and value of school libraries and librarians, 4) support and undertake networking among school librarians in New Mexico.

A membership list and e-list is being developed to promote better communication and collaboration with Task Force members. SIG meetings are planned for June 9, September 15, at the mini-conference in October, and in January. 600 letters were mailed to school librarians inviting them to the SIG meetings.

2002 Conference In Las Cruces: Earl Phillips will co-chair the conference with the help of two others. The theme will be "The Human Factor" and several ideas for workshops were presented. Earl hopes to invite First Lady Laura Bush to be keynote speaker. A lively discussion followed.

E-Mail Protocol: Claire Odenheim will post on the e-list (nmla@lib.nmsu.edu) the e-mail protocol as it was developed by the Board in 1999.

E-Mail Actions:

3/21/01 - 8:15 am President Kay Krehbiel asked for a board member to make a motion and another to second in order to add Treasurer-Elect Carol Frick to NMLA's signature list for Bank of America.

3/21/01 - 11:31 am Motion made by Claire Odenheim to add Carol Frick to the NMLA signature list on the Bank of America account.

3/21/01 - 2:04 pm Motion seconded by Norice Lee

3/25/01 - 10:41 am Kay Krehbiel reported that a majority of the Executive Board (voting by e-mail) voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Odenheim, Secretary