

## 150: March 30, 2005

### NMLA Board Meeting March 30, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by President, Heather Gallegos-Rex.

**Attendees:** Heather Gallegos-Rex, Kathy Matter, Julia Clarke, Valerie Nye, Cassandra Osterloh, Anne Lefkofsky, Julie Miller, Kathy Albrecht, Joe Becker, Richard Ackroyd, Eileen Longworth, Lori Grumet, Thaddeus Bejnar, Alison E. Almquist, Betty Long, Leslie Chamberlin, Carol Sarath, Barbara Van Dongen, Omar Durant, Charlene Greenwood, Dinah Jentgen and Pam McKellar.

It was moved, seconded and approved that the agenda be accepted as presented.

**Gray Book Updates:** Betty Long announced that Gray Book updates were e-mailed to Board members. Each Board member is responsible for providing his or her successor with an up to date and complete Gray book.

It was moved, seconded and approved that the Gray book be put on the website. Betty Long will work with the webmaster on procedural issues associated with this decision.

**Secretary's Report:** It was moved, seconded and approved that the minutes of the January 20, 2005 Board be accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** This will be my last formal report as your treasurer and we welcome Joe Becker as incoming bean-counter. I remain in office through the end of June and Joe and I will be training together soon. In the meantime, our new administrator and I will continue working the ropes, to keep the ship sailing the fiscal seas. The former administrator was my left-brain and both feet, so Lorie and I have picked up those reins determinedly.

During the next quarter, I plan to electronically suggest a few clarifications to some pages in the Grey Book where the Treasury is mentioned. These recommendations, for the Board's consideration, are meant to bring described procedures up to date with how the Treasurer's office actually interfaces with some of the units. The 2004 Financial Statement should also become available from the accountant during this timeframe.

I will be making the third (of five) prescribed annual \$3,000 "nestegg" deposits to that fund's Merrill Lynch CD within the month. In May, our smaller Marion Dorroh Scholarship CD matures at Merrill Lynch and I would like the Board's blessing to transfer it into our larger Marion Dorroh CD held at the Bank of America, consolidating the Scholarship Fund. (Our investments remain quite static, earning next to nothing in the present market.)

The date for all NMLA units to submit their budgets for next fiscal year is May 15th. Joe and I will get busy at that point with Lorie, Grafting a first draft to present the Executive Committee at our annual budget-drafting session in early June. Treasurer Joe will then present the full Board

an FY '05-'06 budget at the July meeting, for discussion and approval. Don't forget the 5/15 deadline! Thank you.

Submitted by Kathy Albrecht, Treasurer

It was moved, seconded and approved that the \$5,079 in the Merrill Lynch Marion Dorroh account be moved to the Bank of America account.

Members are asked to submit encumbrance requests as soon as possible. These requests represent expenditures that will occur late in the fiscal year [before June 30 2005]. ALA expenses are an example.

The auditor's report will be available by the next Board meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Conference Report:**

The Conference Report for the Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 30, will be an interactive, 'let-your-fingers-do-the-walking' tour through the conference bag, program binder and other handy tools for negotiating the 2005 Annual Conference, "Libraries Lend a Hand."

Kathy Matter, Conference Chair

Anne Lefkofsky, LAC Chair

Cassandra Osterloh, Program Chair

During the Board meeting, members recommended that future conference committees get a clause in the hotel contract naming the hotel representative responsible for our contract and specifying the hotel's responsibility to notify us if that person is replaced.

This year we are paying no hotel penalties.

#### **Conference Site Selection Committee Report:**

##### **2006 Annual Conference - Farmington, NM**

The Farmington Civic Center has put together a conference estimate for use of that site. Following the close of the 2005 Conference in Albuquerque, Anne Lefkofsky will work with Kathy Matter and Karen McPheeters on getting a contract in place for the Civic Center. The current plan is to use the Center as the central conference venue - featuring exhibitors, keynote programs and some concurrent programs. Conference dates are April 19-21, 2006.

##### **2005 Mini-Conference - Tucumcari, NM**

Lori Grumet continues to coordinate with the Tucumcari Convention Center, and community, on preparations. The mini-conference is scheduled for October 28, 2005. Work will go forward on this as we finish up the annual conference, have the new Members-at-Large on board, and as the mini-conference date approaches.

##### **2006 Mini-Conference -- Silver City, NM**

Dates remain to be set for this conference — as well as putting a contract in place with WNMU. Again, planning will continue to go forward on this as the new Members-at-Large join the board.

Respectfully submitted, Anne E. Lefkofsky; Conference Site Selection Committee Chair  
**Membership Report:** Cassandra Osterloh reports that there are 577 members and more will be added during the Conference.

**Awards Committee Report:**

Thanks to Anne Lefkofsky and her superb committee, the Awards Banquet arrangements seem to be well in hand. The programs are printed and ready for the tables. Toni Beatty and I ordered the awards in February and Toni picked them up the first weekend in March. She turned them over to Eileen Longworth, who will deliver them to the Convention Center on Thursday prior to the dinner.

These are the awards, their recipients and presenters:

- Amigo: Verona Thompson, presented by Jerry and Diane Gulseth
- Leadership: Barbara Van Dongen, presented by Carol Sarath
- Life: Linda O'Connell, presented by Kathy Albrecht
- Legislator: Representative Rick Miera, presented by Omar Durant
- President: Heather Gallegos-Rex, presented by Kathy Matter
- Secondary School: Navajo Middle School, presented by Follett Representative
- Marion Dorroh Scholarship: Megan Snyder, presented by Isabel Rodarte. Her mother will accept on her behalf.
- College Scholarship Fund: Anna L. Bailon, presented by Isabel Rodarte and Naomi Miles, the second College Scholarship recipient will not be attending.

Respectfully submitted, Dinah Jentgen; Chair

**Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee Report:**

We had a great turn out for Library Legislative Day. Thirty-seven librarians went to the legislative workshop at the State Library and this number does not include any academic librarians as they had their own workshop and then joined public school and public librarians at the Roundhouse. NMLA gave out bookmarks and the State Library's annual poster to Senators and Representatives. Library Legislative Day was acknowledged in the House and in the Senate. We held a press conference that focused on pending legislation for public school libraries, public libraries and academic libraries.

We await final action from the Governor on House Bill 2 (General Appropriations ACT)

Pamela Blevins continue to send out an intellectual freedom/legislation digest twice a month. To date she has sent out twenty-seven compilations.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Haskett; Chair

**Public Relations Committee:**

Seven press releases have been written and distributed in conjunction with the annual conference. Six releases are for awards and one is a general announcement about the Conference and the exhibit "From Goodnight Moon to Art Dog." The award releases were sent to news outlets local to the award winner. The announcement about the Conference was sent to 35 news outlets state-wide. A total of 75 news outlets were contacted about the Conference and the awards.

Things are moving along smoothly with newsletter production.

Respectfully submitted, Valerie Nye; Chair

At the Board meeting, it was announced that Pam McKellar will resign her position as newsletter editor after completing the May/June issue.

### **MPLA Representative Report**

Valerie Nye represented NMLA at the MPLA quarterly meeting in Denver on March 5, 2005.

MPLA is currently looking for nominations for Recording Secretary and Vice-President/President Elect. If you are interested, or know anyone who would be interested in these positions please contact David Oberhelman at [david@okstate.edu](mailto:david@okstate.edu).

Plans are well underway for the MPLA/Wyoming Public Library Association (WLA) annual meeting in Jackson, Wyoming at the Snow King Resort October 12th -15th. 204 rooms have been reserved for conference attendees. The theme for the conference is Beyond Borders. Registration for the conference will be available in June. The associations are working together to provide online registration.

The WLA conference planners had over 100 submissions for conference sessions from WLA and MPLA members, with a larger number from MPLA membership than WLA membership. The associations are working together to provide a balance of sessions so all types of libraries will have programs of interest, and programs of interest will not overlap in the same sessions.

Both WLA and MPLA are working to provide streaming video of the conference. This video streaming option may be made available to NMLA in the 2007 joint conference. The discussions about the streaming video grant have been intense. MPLA has provided a description of these discussions online at:

<http://www.usd.edu/mpla/documents/reports/executive/vicepres/webcasting.pdf>

This will be the last joint conference before MPLA and NMLA have a joint conference in 2007. For this reason NMLA board members and members should also make an effort to attend the joint conference.

For those planning to attend the conference, planning will be important. It is very expensive to fly into Jackson, and tickets on flights sell out quickly. We were also told that planes are often overbooked, so even if you have a seat, there is a high likelihood of being bumped. Driving, while time consuming, might be a preferred option.

Valerie will be attending the next MPLA Executive Board Meeting in Denver on July 23rd.

Respectfully submitted, Valerie Nye; MPLA Representative

Valerie will begin publicizing this October 12-15, 2005 MPLA Conference. Members discussed attendees contracting for a bus to drive them to Jackson Hole, Wyoming because airfares are quite high. Insurance ramifications will be explored.

#### **New Mexico Library Foundation:**

Charlene Greenwood reported that the Foundation is looking for new trustees, especially ones without a professional library background. Names should be submitted to Charlene Greenwood.

The Foundation contributed \$2000 to the "From Goodnight Moon to Art Dog" exhibit at the Albuquerque Museum.

#### **NMLA Election Results:**

The NMLA Nominations committee is pleased to announce the 2005 election results. Members chose **Anne Lefkofsky**, Collection Development Manager, Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System, as the incoming Vice-President, President-elect. Anne has been active in NMLA for several years, serving as the Program chair, or Local Arrangement chair for the past two conferences. She is very pleased to have been chosen for this office. In her platform, Anne stated the following goals:

- **Attract and retain members through expanded participation** - via committee or task force work, forums and discussions, and innovative education and programming opportunities
- **Build on partnerships with professional and allied organizations** - looking for ways to bring people together to collaboratively focus, plan and develop support for library issues
- **Work on developing funding sources statewide** to better support initiatives that benefit our membership and the communities we serve
- Using the updated **Strategic plan as our guide, set specific and achievable goals** that our membership can contribute to, track the progress of - and take pride in.

Members elected **Joe Becker** as the Treasurer. Joe is the Head, Acquisitions Unit New Mexico State University Library. Joe's platform stated: The ability to provide these [NMLA] functions, and to consider new initiatives in the future, must continue to be based on a strong financial structure. The treasurer must work with the board to develop and assess the necessary financial information, make reasonable projections regarding income and expenses, and participate in the budget allocation process. This participation will contribute to the financial health of the organization and allow for the fine services we now receive to continue with a stable future. When notified of his election, Joe commented that he is looking forward to working with Kathy Albrecht to learn the Treasurer's duties by the beginning of the NMLA fiscal year in July.

Members also selected two new Members at Large, **Julie Miller**, University Librarian J. Cloyd Miller Library, Western New Mexico University and **Barbara Van Dongen**, District Library Coordinator, Albuquerque Public Schools. As a Board member, Barbara wants to build NMLA into an organization through which we can work pro-actively and collaboratively

on all the many issues of concern to all New Mexico's librarians and library community. Julie states, "As member-at-large, my focus will be planning and coordinating fall mini-conferences that meet the needs of the NMLA membership. The Fall 2006 mini-conference will be held in Silver City, so I hope to be involved in welcoming NMLA to our corner of the state."

In addition, the two by-laws changes passed overwhelmingly. One allows the President of NMLA to be a voting member of the New Mexico Library Foundation Board of Trustees, and the second updates the bylaws to reflect the current practice of submitting committee reports.

The Nominations and Elections Committee received 211 valid ballots by the deadline of March 2. Betty Long and Leslie Chamberlin served with Eileen Longworth on the 2005 Committee. The Committee would like to express its appreciation to all the members who agreed to run for office and to all who took the time to vote in this important election.

Respectfully submitted: Eileen Longworth; Chair

### **AASL Report:**

Thanks to some intensive lobbying by Thaddeus Bejnar, the NM Chapter Councilor, Terri G. Kirk was elected to a position on the ALA Executive Board. She will fill the unexpired term of Michael Gorman. Kirk's nomination will allow school librarians to have a representative on the ALA Executive Board through June 2006.

For the first time, the three youth division presidents attended ALA Legislative Day together. The inclusion of school libraries into all educational funding streams was the main platform. In addition, they spoke about the importance of allowing Reading First funds to purchase school library materials. These issues are also receiving attention from the ALA Washington Office.

Julie Walker has been approved as the full time Executive Director of AASL. Previously, she was the Executive Director for both AASL and YALSA.

The AASL 12th National Conference & Exhibition, "Every Student Succeeds @ your library," will be from October 6-9, 2005 in Pittsburgh, PA. Two full day and four half-day preconference programs will be held on October 5.

The AASL Executive Board is involved in strategic planning. The strategic planning sessions will continue through mid-winter 2006.

Currently, AASL has 10,000 members. AASL is the second largest division of ALA yet has the least active members. As voters we turn out in small numbers making it very difficult to get school librarians elected to influential posts. When asked to contact legislators on important issues few respond. If school librarians want a voice in what happens we are going to have to become more vocal.

The AASL Affiliate Assembly is in the process of restructuring time lines and the process for re-affiliation. The impact of NCLB, the retention of SLMS positions, funding, and the retention of members in professional associations continue to be of concern to the affiliates.

Alison Almquist -Region VI Director Elect

**Bylaws Committee Report:**

The membership approved the proposed changes to the Bylaws. The Bylaws have been revised and distributed to the Board for inclusion in the Gray Book.

The committee has been busy with updates to the Gray Book and would like to thank everyone for reviewing the section of the Gray Book that pertains to their position or committee and working with the committee to keep the book up to date.

Work has begun on the development of a folder for SIGs which we hope to have ready for distribution at the conference or soon thereafter.

I want to thank Alison Almquist and Mark Adams for their excellent work on the committee.

Respectfully submitted: Betty Long; Chair

**WHCLIS SIG Report**

There has not been a lot of activity with the White House Conference and Information Services Taskforce this past year. We continue to lobby for national legislation that pertains to libraries.

Affiliation with the American Library Association is ongoing. I continue to serve as Secretary of the taskforce.

Betty Long

**Local & Regional History Interest Group Annual Report - 2004**

The Local & Regional History SIG featured as its program speaker at the 2004 NMLA Annual Conference in Las Cruces, Kelly Allred, Professor of Range Sciences at NMSU. The topic he spoke on was, "E. O. Wooton: A Victorian Scientist in New Mexico." Besides being an engaging capsule biography of this early NM A & M teacher, Professor Allred was able to enlighten us as to the vegetational landscape of that era. It was quite well received.

The only SIG expenses were for the \$100 honorarium.

For the 2005 Annual Conference in Albuquerque, we have scheduled Prof Jake Spidle of UNM who will talk on "Life & Death (Mostly Death) in New Mexico 100 Years Ago." It promises to be just as intriguing.

Peter B. Ives  
Liaison, LRHIG

**NATIVE AMERICAN LIBRARIES SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP****Summary:**

- NALSIG had six productive meetings the past year

- NALSIG had 3 excellent training sessions coordinated by the New Mexico State Library Tribal Libraries Consultant
- NALSIG served as advisory role for NM State Library
- NALSIG planned programs for both the mini and annual conferences of NMLA
- NALSIG coordinated meetings including the Tribal Librarians UNM University Libraries, Tribal Education personnel, NM State personnel with possible grant funding for coming year of \$95,500 for planning

### **Conferences:**

- Mini-conference, October 8, 2004, Roswell, NM
  - NALSIG participation: Mescalero Headstart Dancers for luncheon program
- Annual Conference, March 31-April 1, 2005
  - Program: How Information Technology Has Impacted Dinetah Information Needs and Uses  
Presenters: Betty Marcoux and Cecilia Barber
  - Poster Session
  - Silent Auction
  - Meeting: Overview of activities for the year, election of new chair, schedule meetings for coming year

### **Training Programs:**

Grant Writing Workshop  
Consumer Health Training for Tribal Libraries  
Library Advocacy for Tribal Libraries

### **Meetings:**

*Zuni Public Library, Zuni, NM, June 17, 2004*

Agenda: Tour of Zuni Public Library, presentation by tribal council members. State Library report, planning of mini-conference, and Friends of New Mexico Tribal Libraries

*New Mexico State Library, Santa Fe, NM, September 17, 2004*

Training: Grant Writing Workshop, Judy Asbury, training consultant

Agenda: Planning NMLA annual and mini-conferences, report of State Library Tribal Libraries program, Travel report of Jean Whitehorse of trip to Buenos Aires

*New Mexico State Library, Santa Fe, NM, November 19, 2004*

Training: Consumer Health Training for Tribal Libraries

Agenda: Planning NMLA conferences, Navajo Studies

Conference participation. Fund raising, planning holiday feast and meeting.

*Isleta Casino, Isleta Pueblo, NM, December 2, 2004*

Training: Library Advocacy for Tribal Libraries, Camila Alire, Dean, University Libraries, UNM

Agenda: Meeting with tribal education personnel. University Libraries with focus on Indigenous Nations Library Program with Senator Leonard Tsosie participating. Purpose was to find ways to work together. Short presentations by UNM librarians. There was a holiday feast with a gift exchange and flute player as entertainment.

*Santa Ana Pueblo, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM, January 14, 2005*

Agenda: Outcome of December meeting focusing on preservation, depository for tribal materials, confidentiality and sacred materials, etc. Discussion on how to tackle various issues. Excellent meeting.

*Santa Ana Pueblo, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM, January 21, 2005*

Agenda: Continuation of January 14, 2005 meeting with members of state personnel in preservation, library, archives and UNM with tribal librarians, higher education personnel and others. Result to work with NM State Library and request funding from State Legislature for planning in the coming year. Very productive meeting.

*February and March 2005*

There were no meetings but all of the work for the Annual Conference was done through the NALSIG listserv and mailings and members volunteering to coordinate and assist with programs and projects.

### **State Library Report:**

Richard Ackroyd reported the following:

- A number of legislative initiatives failed to be either fully or partially funded during this Legislative session.
- \$1,000,000 for school library materials was funded by the 2005 Legislature
- All positions at the State Library are filled with "wonderful, new staff members."
- The State Library is working with the New Mexico Library Foundation to set up the protocols to manage the funds for those want to provide philanthropic funding for libraries, but do not have their own Foundation.
- The State Library will be doing outreach within the State's Department of Cultural Affairs to raise the visibility of libraries. The State Library's very successful partnership with the Museum for the "Lasting Impressions" exhibit is part of this effort.
- The native language website "Telling Stories" soon will be launched.
- Everyone is encouraged to sign up for WebJunction.
- Leslie Monsalve-Jones is featured in a recent Library Journal's "Movers and Shakers" issue.
- The State Library is working with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to distribute funding to replace computer equipment purchased in 1999 and to make the Spanish Outreach program effective.

### **Old Business**

New Administrator's Contract: Heather Gallegos-Rex, President, reminded that Board that Lorie Christian's contract is identical to the previous Administrator's contract, and began March 1 and is to last through June, 2006. This contract will be reviewed after Lorie has been on the job for several months. Any changes that are made will be done under the purview of the new Board. Negotiations on single issues will be possible.

### **New Business**

Committee Chairs for the upcoming year were announced:

Awards Committee: Dinah Jentgen  
Bylaws Committee: Betty Long

Conference Site Committee: Valeric 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.

The expanded role of the Conference Site Committee in planning the joint 2007 conference with the Mountain Plains Library Association was discussed. It was moved, seconded and approved that a special committee be formed to work on the 2007 Conference. This special committee will function only for the designated time period and will work specifically to develop the site for the joint conference, provide a timeline and continuity as well as other tasks generally outside the purview of the Conference Site Committee.

SIG approvals will take place at the next Board meeting.

Liaison appointments will be announced at the next Board meeting.

### **Other Business**

A thank you letter was received for NMLA's contribution to National Library Legislative Day.

Richard Ackroyd and Camilla Alire will attend National Legislative Day. Having another representative, sponsored by NMLA to represent the organization was recommended. NMLA has provided this support in the past.

Additional strategies to increase advocacy effectiveness and participation were discussed. It was suggested that the Legislative and Intellectual Freedom Committee schedule regular meetings, establish an agenda for the 2006 Legislative session no later than July and to begin contacting legislators.

There was consensus that Library Legislative Day is too late for this work to occur. It also was suggested that a "telephone tree" be established for targeted communications and that a library legislative network with regional coordinators be established. It is possible that these strategies and others will be considered at the May 20 Board Retreat.

Heather Gallegos-Rex expressed her gratitude to the Board. All agreed that this had been a collaborative, cooperative and creative year.

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.