

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

July 21, 2000

Greensboro Public Library

Attending: Phil Barton, Pauletta Bracy, Ann Burlingame, Pam Burton, Robert Canida II, Kevin Cherry, Sue Cody, Maureen Costello, Martha Davis, Joline Ezzell, Dave Fergusson, Margaret Foote, Beverley Gass, Karen Gavigan, Ross Holt, Gerald Holmes, Peggy Hoon, Mary Horton, Al Jones, Diane Kester, Frances Lampley, Elizabeth Laney, Marian Lindsay, Peggy Markham, Marilyn Miller, Carrie Nichols, Peggy Quinn, Melinda Ratchford, Susan Smith, Brenda Stephens, Benjamin Speller, Lovenia Summerville, Jerry Thrasher, John Via, Catherine Wilkinson, John Zika

Call to Order:

President Al Jones called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The first order of business was to recognize Jerry Thrasher for his contribution to North Carolina libraries and to acknowledge his award for LJ Librarian of the Year.

Approval of Minutes for April 14, 2000:

Two corrections were noted and approved. Melinda Ratchford, who made the NCASL report, is immediate past-chair of the section. Under Committee Reports, the accurate name for the ad-hoc group on charter schools is the Committee on Charter Schools. The minutes were approved as amended.

President's Report:

Full report: www.mindspring.com/~ncla/july2000/president.htm
Dr. Jones began his report with an update on the March meeting of the Commission on School Librarians. With facilitation by library consultant Lou Wetherbee, the commission recommended eliminating the per capita contribution that sections and round tables make to NCLA from conference and workshop registrations. The commission also recommended that the biennial conference committee take care of overhead charges for meetings presented at the conference. These recommendations were presented for a vote under New Business. The commission also met in June to discuss the possibility of directing more of the dues NCLA members pay to the sections and round tables they join. This change may require making *North Carolina Libraries* an additional cost for subscribers. The commission members

also discussed the issue of financial autonomy over funds for sections and round tables. These suggestions were referred to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

The Finance Committee met on July 17, 2000, but key parties Frances Bradburn and Karen Gavigan were not able to attend. The discussion of options for the publication of *North Carolina Libraries*, including an online option, will be continued in future meetings. On the issue of financial autonomy, the American Library Association was contacted. Divisions of ALA do not have access to their accounts. The finance committee suggested NCASL investigate legal and financial options for separating the group's funds.

Dr. Jones reported on the issue of using the NCLA name as a program sponsor. In response to questions about the Very Best Place to Start program, which listed NCLA as its sponsor, State Librarian Sandy Cooper explained that the State Library cannot be a sponsoring agent for LSTA funds, so as administrator of the funds, NCLA became the sponsor of the program. Ross Holt commented that a clearly stated policy on use of the organization's name would clarify future sponsorship issues. Diane Kester added that contracts can also be written to specify the terms of use of the name.

The relief fund for librarians affected by Hurricane Floyd continues. Contributions can be sent to the NCLA office.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Diane Kester submitted the treasurer's report, available at www.mindspring.com/~ncla/shortbudget.html.

This table does not reflect registration funds collected for 2nd quarter workshops because the per capita contribution issue was to be resolved at this meeting.

Section/Round Table Reports

Children's Services Section

Chair Ann Burlingame referred to the Web page report <www.mindspring.com/~ncla/july2000/CSS.htm>. The report announces publication of the *Chapbook* newsletter's Summer issue. A conference entitled "Storytelling and Beyond, Incorporating the Arts into Programming" is planned for October 30-31, 2000 in Brown Summit, NC.

College and University Section

Secretary/Treasurer Peggy Markham reported on the section's plans to co-sponsor a workshop on license agreements with the Resources and Technical Services Section. The meeting will be held on October 13 at the Greensboro Public Library.

Community and Junior College Libraries Section

Vice Chair Peggy Quinn referred to the Web page report <www.mindspring.com/~ncla/july2000/cjcs.htm>. The report announces a new initiative to increase membership in the section and the decision to try to revitalize the section instead of incorporating it into the College and University Section. The CJCS is planning to co-sponsor a workshop on distance education with the College and University Section. The workshop will be held in Spring 2001.

Documents Section

The section's report is at <www.mindspring.com/~ncla/july2000/Documents.htm>. Chair Mary Horton reported that approximately 52 attended the May 12 workshop entitled "Census 2000: Everything You Wanted to Know ... But Were Afraid to Ask."

Library Administration and Management Section

Chair Martha Davis reported that the section's executive board will meet in August.

North Carolina Association of School Librarians

Past-chair Melinda Ratchford referred to the Web page report <www.mindspring.com/~ncla/july2000/NCASL.html>. The North Carolina Children's Book Awards are at <http://www.ncasl.org>.

NC Public Library Trustees Association

No report.

Public Library Section

Chair John Zika referred to the Web page report <www.mindspring.com/~ncla/july2000/pls.htm>. The board met on June 5. Plans are underway to print a directory of the Technical Services Committee. *Grassroots*, the Young Adult Committee newsletter, may soon become an online publication.

Reference and Adult Services Section

Vice-Chair Joline Ezzell referred to the Web page report <www.mindspring.com/~ncla/july2000/rass.html>. The board met in June and began planning a workshop on serving "Virtual Patrons," to be held in the fall. The next meeting will be in August.

Resources and Technical Services Section

Vice-Chair Margaret Foote referred to the Web page report <www.mindspring.com/~ncla/july2000/rtsd3rd.htm>. She noted that the fall workshop on licensing of databases, to be co-sponsored with the College and University Section on October 13, will appeal to a wide range of libraries and library specialties.

New Members Round Table

Chair Marian Lindsay reported that the board will meet in August.

NC Library Paraprofessional Association

Chair Frances Lampley reported that the board will meet in the fall.

Round Table for Ethnic Minority Concerns

Chair Robert Canida referred to the Web page report <www.mindspring.com/~ncla/july2000/remco.htm>. A fall workshop on evaluating resources and services is being planned.

Round Table on Special Collections

Chair Kevin Cherry reported that a workshop on standards and practices for digitization will be offered at Lenoir Community College and at Lenoir, NC. Peggy Hoon, Jerry Cotten, John Ainsley, and Jan Blodgett will present sessions.

Round Table on the Status of Women in Librarianship

Vice Chair Brenda Stephens referred to the Web page report <www.mindspring.com/~ncla/july2000/rtswl.html>. The round table is sponsoring a workshop on August 11 in Winston-Salem with guest speaker Dr. Dudley Shearburn.

Technology and Trends Round Table

Chair Susan Smith referred to the Web page report <www.mindspring.com/~ncla/july2000/rass.html>. The spring workshop "E-Toys or Geek Toys: Tools for 2000" drew 41 attendees who attended sessions on e-books, palm pilots, wireless networking, and digital cameras. TNT is investigating future program collaborations with MUGLNC and other NCLA sections and round tables.

Committee Reports

Archives

Chair Carrie Nichols reported that the committee continues to process the records of the organization, with the current focus on financial records and presidential papers.

Committee on Charter Schools (ad-hoc)

Chair Patrick Valentine was unable to attend, but the proposed resolution on charter schools was introduced under Old Business (see below).

Commission on School Librarians

The Commission update was given in the President's Report (see above.)

Conference

Chair Ross Holt reported that the theme for the 2001 biennial conference will be "libraries@future.now." Each section and round table will soon be asked to identify a program planner. Planning forms will be available on the NCLA Web site and will be mailed by September 1, 2000. Kevin Cherry has created a request for proposals for site selection for the 2005 conference. The Registration Subcommittee recommends a \$5.00 increase in conference registration rates, excluding library school students. The last increase was in 1997. Finance Committee Chair Catherine Wilkinson noted that it is cheaper for higher-salaried librarians to

pay the non-member fee than to become a member of NCLA, and recommended increasing the non-member rate. This recommendation will be taken back to the committee. The Exhibits Subcommittee recommended an increase of \$50 for exhibit booths. Dave Fergusson suggested raising the fee but reducing the differential for late registration.

Vice-President Ross Holt also reported on his participation on an ALA Chapter Relations panel discussion on developing leaders at the ALA Conference. Michigan, New York, and Texas also have leadership institutes. All the leadership academies are different. We need to examine other styles. NCLA's mentoring program was unique among the panelists. Our representation on the panel indicates we are among the top four state library associations in developing leaders for the profession.

Constitution, Codes and Handbook Revision

The handbook has been posted on the Web. It was commented that the use of frames on the Web pages make printing difficult. Al Jones and Maureen Costello noted that the online version is not intended to replace the paper copy of the handbook, but will be very useful for quick referral and will allow distribution to a wider audience.

Development

Chair Elizabeth Laney referred to the Web page report <www.mindspring.com/~ncla/july2000/devcommittee.html>. The committee will meet this summer to plan building the NCLA Endowment Fund.

Finance

Chair Catherine Wilkinson introduced recommendations made by the committee in response to issues identified by the Commission on School Librarians. The first recommendation is to repeal Standing Rule and Policy 2.2.8, thereby eliminating the \$5.00 per workshop attendant contribution paid to NCLA. The second recommendation is to repeal Standing Rule and Policy 2.2.2 to increase the amount of dues placed in section/round table accounts from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per capita. Recommendation 3 states that the Conference Committee should budget and pay for room, equipment, and security expenses for the conference, rather than each section or round table being required to pay these expenses. Recommendation 4 states that *North Carolina Libraries* should continue to be a benefit of membership without additional subscription charges. Another recommendation of the committee is that the Commission thoroughly investigate the legal ramifications of multiple Employer Identifi-

tification Numbers for independent treasuries for subunits of the organization. Finally, in response to a Commission recommendation, project grants are now the responsibility of the Finance Committee.

Governmental Relations

Chair Peggy Hoon reported that the committee met in May to set goals. A Web page for legislative issues is being planned, as well as a survey to identify NCLA members' legislative districts and concerns. The committee will also consider development of a legislative agenda for the organization. NCLA had seven representatives at National Library Legislative Days in Washington, D. C. on May 1-2. In discussion, it was suggested that the committee help the membership by providing talking points on legislative issues and advice for working with the state legislature. Jerry Thrasher noted that NCLIVE funding will come up for approval again soon, requiring continuing support for the project from legislators. It was noted that public and school libraries also need advice on seeking support from local commissioners and council members. Additionally, we need to cultivate support and alliances with library user groups, such as genealogical associations.

Intellectual Freedom

Chair Jerry Thrasher referred to the Web page report <www.mindspring.com/~ncla/july2000/ifc.html>. The committee has developed a form to report intellectual freedom challenges. Internet filter proposals are presenting new challenges to libraries, exemplified by a controversy in Avery County, NC.

Leadership Institute

No report.

Literacy

Chair Pauletta Bracy reported that the committee will meet in October.

Membership

Chair Peggy Quinn referred to the Web page report <www.mindspring.com/~ncla/july2000/Membership.htm>. The membership brochure is being revised, with design by Gayle Fishel. A trifold tabletop display board for use by the association has been purchased. Guidelines for use of the display unit will be developed.

Nominating

No report.

Publications and Marketing

Chair Pam Burton reported that newsletter items are needed.

Scholarships

Chair Gerald Holmes reported that award winners for scholarships and loans have been selected. Angela M. Wilson (UNC at Greensboro) was awarded the NCLA Memorial Scholarship. The Query-Long Scholarship was awarded to Emily Stroud Andrews (East Carolina University.) McClendon Loan awards have been offered to six students, and one has declined. The students attend library programs at East Carolina University, North Carolina Central University, and UNC at Chapel Hill. Sixteen applications were received, compared to twelve received in 1999. The awards will be announced to newspapers and other media.

Special Projects

Ben Speller reported that a survey is being sent out relating to continuing education needs of the membership.

Other Reports

North Carolina Libraries

A recent article about state library journals and their treatment of library history was published in the *Journal of Libraries and Culture*. The article complimented our issue on historical issues guest edited by Al Jones and Kevin Cherry. Ross Holt added that the audience at the ALA Chapter Relations pro-

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gram was impressed at the quality of our publication.

ALA Councilor
No report.

SELA Councilor
Councilor John Via reported that the SELA Conference will be held in cooperation with the Georgia Council of Media Organizations on October 13, 2000 in Jekyll Island. There will be a NCLA hospitality suite at the Ramada Inn. An issue of the *Southeastern Librarian* is about to be published.

Old Business
The Committee on Charter Schools proposed a resolution concerning libraries in charter schools. Elizabeth Laney moved to accept the resolution. The motion was seconded by Jerry Thrasher. During discussion, Marilyn Miller expressed concern with some of the terminology in the resolution and noted that little supportive data on library services in charter schools were available. Following further discussion, Dr. Bracy recommended that more study of the issue is needed and suggested that a position statement would be a better format for the expression of our views than the proposed resolution. Kevin Cherry recommended an approach that seeks to educate school officials on the value of media centers, working with a view toward collaboration rather than confrontation. For instance, although charter school students may arrange to use public libraries, the instructional services that media centers provide to classes and other groups are not typically provided by public libraries.

Phil Barton called the question, and the resolution was defeated. Al Jones called for volunteers to continue a study of library services for charter schools. The following members volunteered: Dave Fergusson, Ann Burlingame, Marilyn Miller, John Via, Ben Speller, Marian Lindsay, and Pauletta Bracy. Drs. Miller and Bracy will write a draft position paper. Dr. Bracy commended the Committee on Charter Schools for beginning the process.

A motion was proposed to adopt a nondiscrimination policy, draft copies of which were distributed. Dr. Bracy moved we accept the draft policy. Robert Canida seconded the motion. After discussion, the following motion was passed by a vote of 14-0.

The NCLA does not discriminate based on race, origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, creed, or disability, and therefore will not enter into contract with any person or organization that discriminates. This policy will be made explicit in all contracts between the North Carolina Library Association or its representatives and any person and/or organization for the use of space and facilities for NCLA-sponsored events. If discrimination is proved on the part of any person or organization that has a contract with NCLA, the contract will be considered null and void.

A motion was introduced to adopt a policy on the use of the NCLA name. Dr. Bracy made a motion for approval and Phil Barton seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion was passed by a vote of 16-1, as follows:

No person or organization(s) may use the name of the North Carolina Library Association without prior consent in writing of the NCLA President, acting on behalf of the NCLA Executive Board.

As proposed by the Commission on School Librarians, the following motion was made by Ross Holt and seconded by Mary Horton.

Motion: To eliminate the \$5.00 per capita contribution to NCLA for conferences and workshops held by NCLA's various sections and round tables.

The motion passed 16-0 and the effective date of January 1, 2000 was approved.

A motion to have the Biennial Conference Committee take care of cost of room and equipment for programs was introduced by Karen Gavigan and seconded by Ross Holt. Following discussion and amendment, the motion was passed 17-0, as follows:

Upon prior approval of the Conference Committee, the Biennial Conference will pay the costs of meeting rooms and audiovisual equipment rental (including telephone lines and computers) and security.

New Business

Discussion was held on the recommendation from the Commission on School Librarians that more dues go directly to the sections and round tables. One option discussed was to make a subscription to *North Carolina Libraries* an additional cost above the membership dues. Each issue costs \$7,000 to \$8,000 for 2,000 copies. The Finance Committee is opposed to this proposal. Editor Frances Bradburn was not present, and the discussion was tabled.

Discussion was also held on the Commission on School Librarians' recommendation that sections and round tables be allowed to establish separate funds controlled by their secretary/treasurers. The suggestion emerged from a past occurrence when funds were transferred from a section's account to the central NCLA account without notifying the section. At this time, sections and round tables should not maintain separate accounts, since this practice is prohibited by the Bylaws. Tax laws will need to be carefully reviewed by an attorney before further action is taken.

News from State Library and State Library Commission
No report.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.
— Respectfully submitted,
Sue Ann Cody, Secretary

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