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From the President

Isn't the new look of this journal GREAT! The Editorial Staff worked long and hard to develop a "look" that would portray the profession appropriately and appeal to the interests of the readers. I think they have accomplished just that. I hope you share my enthusiasm for the format and will let the Editorial Staff know how you feel.

It's always an exciting time when we prepare to present workshops and sessions by and for the best and the brightest of the library professions. The biennial conference of the association will be November 12-15, 1991. Read the article by Dale Cousins later in this issue that gives more details about what you can expect in High Point. Here's one more "plug" for a session that is important to me. On Wednesday morning, November 13, the Library Administration and Management Section will sponsor a workshop for potential leaders for libraries and for the association. If you think a leadership role in your library or in NCLA is in your future, please plan to attend this session. There will be some "nitty-gritty" talk about leadership techniques as well as a review of issues currently facing libraries in North Carolina. I'll take a few minutes near the end of the session to summarize leadership opportunities that might be available in the association. Please come.

The White House Conference on Libraries and information Services was exhilarating! I have never seen so many people in one place being so intense about the issues facing libraries. The participation of citizens, government officials, and library supporters was particularly admirable. Look for further reports on the conference at workshops and in publications.

We really did show how involved North Carolinians are in national issues with our attendance at the American Library Association convention in Atlanta. I saw a lot of you and I know there were a lot of you I didn't see. I am particularly proud of the North Carolina Paraprofessional participation in the poster session.

My term as President of the North Carolina Library Association is winding down. There are so many things I wanted to do, so many things I just knew I could accomplish in two years. We have accomplished a lot and I'll have one more column to give you what I perceive is the "state of the association." Thank you for all of your help.

Remember NCLA still needs you to be involved. Either call the office at 919 839-6252 or fill out the form that will come with your pre-registration packet for the biennial conference. Make a difference for libraries in North Carolina.

Barbara Baker, President