

North Carolina Library Association Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2009

Attending: Sherwin Rice (President-Elect), Ralph Kaplan (Constitution) Andrea Tullos (Treasurer), Ruth Hoyle (Women's Issues in Librarianship RT), Robert Fisher (Constitution), John B. Harer (Intellectual Freedom), Betty Meehan-Black (SELA), Timothy Owens (Constitution and Codes), Mary Boone (State Library), Sarah Rothstein Smith (NMRT), Robert Burgin (Past President), Phillip Barton (President), Kim Parrott (Admin. Ass't), John Via (TNT), Rodney Lippard (ALA), Betty Garrison (CUS), Janice Pope (CJCLS), Lara Luck (YSS), Jean Rick (Archives), Dale Sauter (RTSC), Ralph Scott (NC Libraries), Mark Sanders (RASS), Anne Coleman (REMCO), Susan Whitt (RTSS), Mimi Curlee (GRS), Susan Neilson (BLINC), Brandy Hamilton (Membership), Dale Cousins (Operations).

Call to Order

President Phil Barton called the quarterly meeting of the NCLA Executive Board to order at approximately 10:20. He noted that he hoped the business of the Board could be accomplished quickly to facilitate a tour of the Greenville Convention center after lunch. With that in mind, Ruth Hoyle moved approval of the agenda with a correction of the spelling of Lara Luck's name; Ralph Scott seconded; motion carried.

Ralph Scott moved approval of the October 16, 2008 minutes with the correction of the spelling of Lara Luck's name; Susan Neilson seconded; motion carried. Report is on the web.

Announcements

1. President Barton reminded everyone to pay \$10.00 to Kim Parrott for lunch. Lunch will be a buffet in the Hilton at Christinne's restaurant.
2. Welcomes were given to Susan Whitt, Mark Sanders, and Timothy Owens who were representing Charles Lackey, Jonathon Farlow, and the soon-to-be retiring Bob Fisher, respectively.

President's Report

President Barton gave an overview of the successful Leadership Institute which occurred in October. The program was expanded this year to include 2 tracks (beginning leaders as well as seasoned leaders) and a mentor program. The setting at the Haw River State Park was a great learning environment. The special speakers from the business world on customer service and the customer experience were especially meaningful. A special thank you was given to the State Library for the support to develop a curriculum that can be used in the future at other sessions. The event was most rewarding and the program continues as the seasoned leaders continue to develop statements of leadership purpose.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Tullos presented the 2008 financial statements and fielded questions from the Board. The report was accepted by the Board via consensus and will be filed as received.

Section Reports

BLINC: Report will be filed on the web after ALA. (Susan Neilson)

CUS: Report focused on the joint conference with CJCLC on November 17-18 on the topic of Library Instruction 2.0. 122 attendees were enrolled at the Friday Center for the workshop. (Betty Garrison)

CJCLS: Report echoed the comments of CUS above and offered a great thank you to Administrative Assistant Kim Parrott for her invaluable assistance. The section has named a replacement Director at Large, Jason Setzer to fill a vacancy. President Phil Barton approved the change. (Janice Pope)

Government Resources: The section has been meeting about programming for both a summer workshop and for conference plans. They are experimenting with the idea of having participants use the "buy one/get a friend in free" concept to address tough economic times. Mimi Curlee went on to recommend a website of interest to librarians — www.ncedis.com from the NC Dept of Commerce.

LAMS: No report given but John Via did announce that the section, along with the Finance Committee has been working on a survey of Library Directors, the Library Schools, and Library Science students on the need for financial aid.

Literacy Roundtable: No report

New Members Roundtable: Section has met to discuss conference plans and the plans for continued networking dinners across the state. At the last Greenville dinner, 13 librarians met and NCLA netted 3 new members from the experience. Sarah Rothstein Smith also announced that Emily King will be replacing her as Chair of the section when she moves on to Virginia for a new position at the end of February.

NC Association of School Librarians: No report
NC Paraprofessional Association: No report
NC Library Trustees Association: No report

Public Library Section: Mary McAfee is to post the report on the web.

Reference and Adult Services Section: Workshop for "Serving Underserved Populations" in Greensboro was a success with 31 attendees. Meeting on Feb. 9 to begin conference plans. (Mark Sanders)

REMCO: Anne Coleman had no activity to report.

Resources and Technical Services: Susan Whitt reported that they are meeting to plan a spring workshop at Wake County Technical Community College as well as conference activity. Dr. Patrick Valentine has agreed to Chair the Collection Management division of the section.

Special Collections: Section will be meeting soon to begin conference planning. They are thinking of featuring session(s) on Oral History. (Dale Sauter)

Technology and Trends Roundtable: No report given but an invitation to partner with other sections for the conference program planning was issued. (John Via).

Women's Issues in Libraries Roundtable: The section will be working with NMRT to bring Paula Singer to the conference to speak on pay equity. (Ruth Hoyle).

Youth Services Section: Section is busy with conference planning, including offering a major juvenile or young adult author as a program component. (Lara Luck).

Committee Reports

Archives: No report (Jean Rick)

Conference 2009: Sherwin Rice reported that the conference committee has decided to use the theme of diversity in libraries—in customers, services, types of libraries, etc. as the conference theme. The committee will be meeting on Feb 9 or 11 for planning. She also noted that in early February they are issuing a call for proposals for site selection for

the 2011 conference. She responded to questions about the conference by promising to post the conference committee and preliminary information on the web soon.

Constitution: Ralph Kaplan has posted the Handbook on the web for editing. He would like to have edits and updates no later than Feb. 15 in order to have the Handbook posted and available by April 15. Timothy Owens will be replacing Bob Fisher as Chair of this Committee. There were questions about the status of the website. Ralph assured everyone that the webmaster for each section could still update and manage the content for the section's portion of the page. A new page is going to be developed but for the time being, work on the current page should be ongoing by sections and committees.

Continuing Education: No report.

Finance Committee: In Wanda Brown's absence (ALA), Andrea Tullos presented the 2009 budget as recommended by the committee. It included the 2008 actual budget as well as two proposals for the 2009 budget. She extended an invitation for questions and comments. Many members expressed concern about the economy as well as the state of membership and conference attendance as factors to lead us to be cautious. There is also an uncertainty about the State Library's ability to provide support, based on the new rules for LSTA and the restrictions on the state budget. There was discussion about the office cost and the Administrative Assistant cost as well as the cost for the lobbying costs for the upcoming Legislative Day in May. There was also discussion about how this budget compared to past years and the remainder of Conference 2005 and Conference 2007 profits. After a thorough vetting, Robert Burgin moved that the Board accept the Finance Committee's Recommendation of Proposal A for the budget; Ralph Scott seconded and the vote carried 11 to 4. Report is on the web.

Intellectual Freedom: John Harer reported that the committee is attempting to find a sponsor to resurrect the Intellectual Freedom Award for the Conference.

Leadership Institute: Note the President's earlier report on behalf of Lisa Williams and Kem Ellis.

Membership: Brandy Hamilton provided an update for the committee's work on a more portable display fixture. She noted that membership is remaining constant—around 1500 members and that she has conference store items remaining to use as incentives for membership at section workshops and events. She also noted that the nominations for the awards presented at the conference for lifetime, honorary, and distinguished service are due no later than March 11. The committee will also help Rodney Lippard host an informal "meet and greet" for NC librarians at Midwinter.

Nominating: Robert Burgin presented three recommendations to the Board from this committee.

1. A recommendation to use electronic voting via email for elections.
2. The creation of a Treasurer-Elect position to help with continuity in managing the accounts of the organization.
3. The Treasurer's term be decreased by 2 years should the Treasurer-Elect be instituted. After minimal discussion, the recommendation from this committee, requiring no second, was adopted by the Board. Report is on the web.

Operations: Dale Cousins noted that her report was posted to the web, thanks to Diane Kester. Also, an ad hoc committee (Brandy Hamilton, Rodney Lippard, and Dale) are investigating the potential for having an Executive Director for NCLA by surveying the 26 state associations who have such a position in place. The survey results will be tabulated by July with a recommendation forthcoming from the group by the end of the calendar year.

Public Policy: President Barton encouraged the nomination of lay people to the aforementioned Legislative Day project. He would like broad representation from the state and asked members to forward names to both he and Carol Walters who is coordinating the trip.

Scholarships: No report.

Website: Robert Burgin noted that the current site is being maintained while the Website Review Committee's work continues for the restructuring of a new site. There are two issues (both the website design and the ongoing maintenance) that he and the Committee have identified.

Other Reports

ALA Council: Rodney is attending ALA midwinter and will be hosting a meet and greet for NC Librarians in the conference hotel, with the assistance of the Membership Committee. He has a full itinerary of meetings for midwinter.

SELA Representative: Betty Meehan-Black reports that there has been no activity.

Editor of NC Libraries: Ralph Scott reported that the archive of NC Libraries has not been loaded on the server for electronic distribution. Also, the fall issue is being proofed and is almost ready for distribution and on the webpage and work is continuing on the 2008 print edition. The issue of member access vs. world wide access for the online editions is still being debated and worked on.

State Librarian: Mary Boone announced that the new Secretary of Cultural Resources is Linda Carlisle and the new Legislative Liaison for Cultural Resources is Melanie Soles. Both are from Greensboro. She also noted that she and Dale Cousins will be interviewed on NC State Government Radio on the state of libraries in tough economic times in early February.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 for lunch which was followed by a tour of the convention center and conference hotels.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Cousins, substituting for Gloria Nelson,
Secretary

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