

## Report from the President

Most of the sections continue to sponsor activities of interest for all types of library and media personnel. I sincerely hope that you are taking advantage of these workshops and tutorials. The ones I have participated in have been well attended and quite worthwhile. Again let me say how delighted I am to see all sections represented at these meetings. This indicates to me that cooperation among different types of librarians and media personnel is becoming more evident. If you recall, this was one of my major priorities for this biennium.

The Spring Workshop is scheduled to be held on the campus of Greensboro College in the Cowan Humanities Building on Saturday, April 5, beginning at 9:30 A.M. Committees will meet from 9:30-11:30 and there will be a joint meeting beginning at 1:00 P.M. for committee reports. The Executive Board will meet the previous afternoon in the Library at 1:00 P.M. David Jensen has again graciously agreed to be our host.

It is at the Spring Workshop that standing and *ad hoc* committees meet to review their progress to date based on their plans made at the Spring Workshop held one year before and at any subsequent meetings. This is also the time that committees make plans for the next

year. Although the president of NCLA will change in the fall, committees remain the same until the next spring when new committees are appointed by the in-coming president. This gives the new president an opportunity to become oriented to the office prior to appointing new committees.

As is true of most organizations, some committees are more active than others.



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Although rather elaborate goals may be set for the committee, many of the plans never occur due to weak leadership or simply because of apathy among the committee members. I am certainly not casting any stones because I have been very pleased with the support and participation exhibited by most of the NCLA committees. There have been a few committees, however, who have not reached a single goal they identified back in the spring of 1974. To me this is distressing. These will be the committees that I will recommend to the President-Elect for reorganization or to be dissolved.

Agreeing to serve on a committee obligates the person to participate and often forego personal activities in order to be a good committee member. Naturally, there are emergencies that occur which make it necessary for you to resign committee membership. These cannot be anticipated. I think it is unfortunate that some people accept committee assignments knowing that they will not be able to participate because of professional or family obligations. Usually acceptance does not just mean a contribution of time but usually there are financial obligations involved when you truly participate. Everyone knows this when they accept. There are some people, however, who come up later with rather lame excuses for not being an active member. Fortunately for me and the organization, there have not been too many of this type with committee assignments this biennium. It will be interesting as we meet this spring and measure each committee's progress.

Due to the strong leadership at the committee and section level, rarely has a month passed this biennium that there has not been some activity available to the membership. These have been located in different areas of the state making it unnecessary to travel great distances to participate. When these workshops and other activities are planned, one of the big considerations is the location and the cost to the participant. This accounts, sometimes, for their being held in something other

than first rate hotels. The lower the cost, the higher the attendance.

Some of you may wonder why the biennial conference is being held in Winston-Salem again. This is simply because attendance at previous meetings has been higher there than at any other location in the state. Another very evident reason is the fact that there are few sites in North Carolina that can handle large group meetings, large banquets, and exhibit space. Many places can furnish one or the other of these items, but not all three. Winston-Salem is the most central and this accounts for the larger attendance. What is most important? An exotic location or a large attendance? I vote for reaching the most members possible.

Many of you asked me what could NCLA give you if you joined, when I solicited new members. I hope you have seen now what is provided. Many participants at other state and regional meetings have commented to me that they would put NCLA and their meetings and conferences up against these other organizations any time. I hope you feel this way. Other than the activities provided, you have been receiving a top rate journal as far as I am concerned. Herb Poole, David Jensen and their editorial board have done an outstanding job. All you have to do is look at some of the other state journals and compare and you will see what I mean.

Make your plans now for attending and participating in the Forty-First NCLA Biennial Conference to be held at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem, October 29 - November 1. Annette Phinazee, your President-Elect and program chairman has exciting plans for this event. Bob May is handling local arrangements, Leland Park and Bill Tydeman are responsible for the exhibits, and Arial Stephens is overall conference manager again. The Winston-Salem Hyatt House is serving as headquarters hotel with a passageway to the Benton Convention Center making it unnecessary to go outside. There are several other motels conven-

iently located near the convention center. You will receive information prior to the conference on reservations and program.

This gives you an opportunity to hear experts in the field in section and general sessions as well as talk and socialize with other librarians in the state. This conference will end up as a learning experience regardless of the number of meetings you attend or the number of exhibits you observe. Simply associating with other people in the state who have ambition, exciting programs, genuine interest in the profession, and a positive attitude will rub off whether you intend it to or not. I will look for you there.

## Letter to the Editor

Will you include the following information in your next issue of *NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES*:

We have read with interest the article, "The Classification of Fiction into the Library of Congress Literature Schedule," by Nelsie P. Rothschild and John A. Moorman in *NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES* (Winter 1974, p. 23-26). We were reminded of the problems we encountered during reclassification in establishing the correct national literature classification number for those authors whose works were classified in PZ3 or 4. We prepared a list (52 p.) of the authors and numbers established. We would be interested to know if any other library has a similar list and would be interested in exchanging lists. We shall also be glad to provide any library in the throes of reclassification with a Xero-graphic copy of our list at the cost of ten cents per page. You may contact Miss Susie N. McKeown, Head, Cataloging Dept., Dacus Library, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S.C. 29733, (803) 323-2131.

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