

1973 BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS:

Exhibits	\$ 6,650.00
Registration and Tickets	9,920.55
IFC Workshop	2,173.00
Total	\$18,743.55

EXPENDITURES:

Rent on Convention Center	\$ 3,070.25
Paul Myers — Meal Functions	5,605.34
Printing	339.74
Postage	273.99
Conference Supplies	243.21
Signs — Registration and Exhibits	238.09
Flowers and Fruit	164.49
Honorariums and Expenses of Speakers	750.00
Refunds	305.00
Merchant Patrol in Exhibit Area	96.00
Hilton Inn — Board Dinner and Rooms	319.49
IFC Workshop	2,059.60
Tours	166.50
Miscellaneous	14.00
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BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 3, 1973

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Statement in Favor of the Biennial Conference and Two-Year Terms for Officers

by Leland Park, Director
Davidson College Library

The change from biennial to annual conferences by the North Carolina Library Association has effects on many aspects of the association, its members, and individual libraries. I recommend that the association membership **vote to retain the present arrangement of biennial conferences and two-year terms for its officers.** The main reasons, as I see them, are the following:

(1) *Conventions are supported by exhibitors.* Thanks to Messrs. Arial Stephens and Carlton West, the past several conventions have been most successful in this area.

There is a large number (90) which attend, and the fees derived from the booth rentals pay for the cost of the convention for the Association and assist in meeting the financial obligations of the Association during the biennium. As exhibits chairman for the 1975 convention, I can assure you that selling that many booths is not an easy task. It takes months of lead and preparation time. As things stand now (May, 1975), we have only $\frac{2}{3}$ of the booths rented for the next convention. I submit that, if a convention were held every year, we would have a more difficult time selling this many booths. I have talked

with friends in other states who report that their annual conventions have not had as solid support by exhibitors as we. It could, I guess, be the leadership of their exhibits committees, but they seem to think that this is due to the frequency of the conventions.

(2) *Formation of committees.* The formation of committees of the Association, the backbone of the Association, takes considerable time. With each new president comes the opportunity to appoint committees. To require that this appointment process take less than several months is unrealistic. It takes time to contact people to assure adequate representation on the committees and frankly, in some cases, to persuade members to give of their time. Once this appointment process is completed, it is the first of the year at the earliest, or even early Spring, leaving only a few months before summertime when committee activity is close to dormant for obvious reasons. This leaves few months in Spring and early Fall when the actual work of committees can be accomplished.

(3) *Preparing for meetings.* Supporting Number 2 above is the fact that there is much time required in: first, getting organizational meetings for the committees arranged; second, to plan seminars, tutorials, conferences, and workshops requires enormous pre-planning time and effort; and the time allowed as a result of annual sessions and changes in officers will just not permit this. In addition, I believe new members of committees have a better opportunity to participate in committee activities and to have a strong impact if they are on a particular committee longer than one year.

(4) *Attendance at meetings and workshops.* With travel budgets (not to mention budgets for libraries as a whole) being cut, great care must be exercised by librarians in determining that a number of workshops are held. I submit that attendance at both activities will suffer. If the conventions are held one year and work-

shops and tutorials are held on "off" years, planning for attendance is easier on librarians.

(5) *Travel Budgets.* From a personal standpoint, preparing a budget for our library is confused by annual conferences. Administrators to whom we all must submit a travel-request understand that a certain amount is needed each year for this purpose. They do not understand why one year we would need money for two conventions (ALA and SELA or ALA and NCLA) and one year we would request money for three conventions (ALA, SELA, NCLA). At our library, at least, we have a better chance of getting a more constant travel budget and, therefore, a better percentage representation of our staff at each of these conventions if the amount is constant.

Considering all of these factors, I respectfully support the continuation of the biennial conference.

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Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the North Carolina Library Association

The membership will be asked to vote on the following amendment to the Constitution at the 5th General Membership Session of the North Carolina Library Association Convention on Saturday, November 1, 1975.

Annual Sessions Amendment

The North Carolina Library Association will hold an annual conference and officers of the association will serve for one year only.

Vote: Yes ☐ No ☐

If the above amendment passes, the following items in the Constitution and By-Laws will be changed:

CONSTITUTION

Article IV. Officers. *one year in place of two years.*

Article V. Executive Board. *#6 annual meeting in place of biennial meeting.*

Article IX. Meetings. *#1 an annual meeting in place of a biennial meeting. #6 two meetings in place of four meetings. (Note: this refers to the Executive Board.)*

BY-LAWS

Article I. Elections. *#8 annual meeting in place of biennial meeting.*

Article II. Duties of Officers. *#10 annual meeting in place of biennial meeting.*

Article III. Membership. *#7 annual in place of biennial.*

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