

## Report from the President

I must mention first the great professional and personal loss caused by the death of Philip Ogilvie. Marian Leith and Grace Rohrer have my support and I am working through the NCLA Board and the State Library Committee to help find someone who can fulfill the Association's goals and the State's needs for continued quality leadership.

Board meetings for the 1975-77 biennium were planned with the geographic locations of the members in mind (Greensboro, Boone, High Point, Durham, and Winston-Salem). Boone was chosen for the Spring Workshop before funds were cut so drastically, but I hope that it will still be possible for the officers to continue at the excellent pace that they started during the December meeting. Please read the Board meeting minutes carefully and be sure to let us have your reactions. We have excellent boards at the Association and Section levels. I am especially proud of our new sections — Documents and Reference and Adult Services. Help them grow!

This biennium may be recorded as one in which more questions were asked than answered, but it is exciting to observe the process. Very capable committees are working on finance, Association structure, development, governmental relations, and public relations. They are all closely related. One Chairperson mentioned approaching a problem separately by section, then having an overall committee "direct" activities. My response to her and appeal to you is let's not direct at the end, but coordinate from the beginning. Let's continue our process of "getting together" for the good of NCLA and North Carolina.



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North Carolina's participation in the April 6 Legislative Day in Washington should make us all proud. Judy Letsinger and Jean Johnson "passed a torch" to Bill O'Shea which we know he is capable of receiving and which he already has "burning brightly." The Development Committee has begun to scrutinize the data from the Southeastern State Cooperative Library Survey and we expect for NCLA to make significant contributions toward implementing the findings to improve library service in North Carolina and the region. Cooperation with the State Library's new program and section committees should enable our Public Relations Committee to develop and implement a comprehensive program which will promote library service in an unprecedented manner.

We must work, but it's fun when there is so much promise of reaching worthwhile goals!