

Report from the President

Governmental relations have been in the forefront November-February and we have tried to represent NCLA. The Board met on December 1 and adopted a state legislative program which we hope that you will agree with and support. It is very important for each of us to become acquainted with our legislators and congressmen, to demonstrate to them the necessity for good library service, and to keep them informed about legislation that will improve access to information. The Governmental Relations Committee and statewide Network members are working very hard and they deserve our cooperation. The Governor was contacted on behalf of State Library employees, visits have been made to certain Legislators, and Congressman Fountain and the aides of four other Congressmen were our guests at the Congressional Breakfast during the ALA Midwinter meeting.

We attended the annual meeting and the legislative workshop of the State Council on Social Legislation. Concern was expressed by us for improved library service to prisoners and to migrant workers. We are happy to note that Amos Reed, the new Secretary of the Department of Corrections, has stated that he would like to have a library in each of the state's 77 prison units.

FOUNT (Friends of University Network Television) has organized FASCO (FOUNT Advisory Council of State Organizations) and I represented NCLA at the initial



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meeting. FOUNT is unique and is being referred to as a model for other states. As individual librarians and as members of NCLA, let's take advantage of this opportunity to cooperate with other groups to make information more accessible. Your suggestions for NCLA may be sent to me, to Valerie Lovett, or to Ellen Day.

Spring Workshop will be held in Durham on April 1-2. Several other activities are planned, including Legislative Day in Washington on April 19. The state and White House conferences are closer to reality. The bitter cold should be over and spring should at least be visible by April. I look forward to seeing many of you at these events.



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