

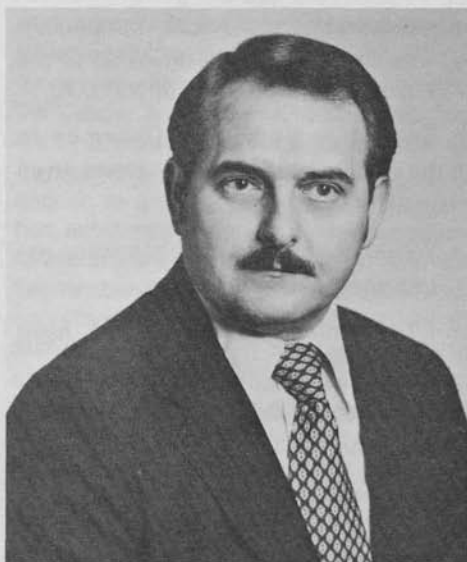
Report from the President

There have been many favorable comments about the biennial conference in Winston-Salem. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who planned and participated in the program and especially the General Chairman, Ariel Stephens; William H. Roberts and his local arrangements committee; and Joseph Ruzicka-South, Inc. for the printed programs. Richard T. Barker, our Treasurer, is to be commended on the efficiency and the ease in which he handles conference registration and finances.

In making plans for the next biennium, I am now in the process of appointing new committee members who will begin serving at the Spring Workshop. Dr. I.T. Littleton has invited us to have the Workshop in Raleigh on the campus of North Carolina State University. It will be held on April 7-8 in the D.H. Hill Library. This will be the first opportunity for the new committees to meet and begin planning for the biennium. In addition to the standing committees, I am appointing an ad hoc committee to revise the *Handbook of the NCLA*. New committee chairmen will be listed in the next issue of *North Carolina Libraries*.

Governor Hunt has endorsed the North Carolina pre-White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services. The Governor's Conference will be sponsored by the North Carolina Library Association and the State Library. The Conference has two major goals: (1) to focus attention upon the library and information needs of

the citizens of North Carolina and (2) to develop recommendations, both on the state and national level, for meeting these needs. The Advisory Committee is comprised of approximately 60 persons representative of libraries of every type, the Governor's staff, related government agencies, business and industry, foundations, the broadcast media, publishers, etc. The Advisory Committee met in January and has tentatively set October 1978 as the date for the Conference. Various committees were appointed to begin planning the details of the Conference.



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April 4, 1978 is Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. This is the day that librarians from across the country make a concerted effort to acquaint the nation's legislators with library needs. In the past, North Carolina has been well represented in this effort and we plan to participate again this year.

Our 1979 biennial conference will be held in Charlotte at the Radison Plaza. This was announced at our last Board meeting by Arial Stephens, General Conference Chairman. Bill O'Shea, 1st Vice President/President Elect, has already begun formulating plans for the program. If you have suggestions, please send them to Mr. O'Shea at the Wake County Public Library, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601.

At the NCLA Conference in October, I distributed a sheet asking for recommendations for committee members and suggestions for NCLA. The following is a summary of the suggestions received:

- Make an effort to give all membership a chance to become involved in the planning and projects of N.C.L.A.
- Encourage Committee Chairmen to be active and ensure Committee member participation.
- Would like to see a special section established for OCLC users.
- Library/media aides should have some affiliation with N.C.L.A.
- Consider a Committee on Research in Librarianship.
- All sections should be required to hold workshops.
- NCLA, in cooperation with the State Library, should be doing more in the field of continuing education for

librarians.

- More workshops for College & University Sections.
- Suggest that the sub-groups, sections, etc., be encouraged to meet for this purpose with representation from all types of libraries.
- Consider cooperation between all types of libraries, and suggest a committee for this purpose with representation from all types of libraries.
- Establish a committee on "Networking and Inter-Library Cooperation".
- Promote State-Wide Circulation System.
- NCLA should set-up a clearing house of library jobs in the State.
- Provide for smokers and non-smokers in general sessions.

In studying these suggestions, thinking on our conference theme "The Future: Planning for Library Service" and considering the opportunities afforded us by the Governor's pre-White House Conference and the White House Conference itself I hope that during the next biennium NCLA will be able to:

- Formulate concrete plans for improvement of library services in North Carolina
- Translate these plans into legislative action.
- Achieve greater involvement of all NCLA members in the activities of the Association.

I am looking forward to the next two years as we work together.