

# Documents

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## **Report of the Annual Meeting of the Documents Section, North Carolina Library Association, October 21, 1980**

About 40 librarians attended the morning session of the meeting at the Holiday Inn in Chapel Hill to hear Carol Mahoney, from the Office of the *Federal Register*, to explain the system of publication of regulations of the Federal government in the *Federal Register* and the *Code of Federal Regulations*. Using the guide, *The Federal Register: What it is and how to use it* (Wash., GPO, 1980. SuDocs no.: GS 4.6/2:F 31/980), Ms. Mahoney showed the group the different types of materials published in the *Federal Register*, how the present format has developed from earlier years in which much less information intelligible to the public was printed in it and the meaning of various abbreviations accompanying the published document.

During the first part of the afternoon session, Judy Poole, of the Institute for Research in Social Sciences at UNC-Chapel Hill, explained the statistical services available to academic libraries through the Triangle Universities Computation Center (TUCC). TUCC, which receives computer tapes of Census Bureau data through the State Data Center, will provide academic users with tabulations too detailed or complex to obtain through manual examination of printed reports.

The second part of the afternoon session was the business meeting, which will be reported in full in *The Docket*. The committee to develop guidelines for local documents service that was established as a result of last year's meeting (see *North Carolina Libraries*, XXXVII, 4 (Winter, 1979), pp. 27-29, 72) gave its report, based on meetings with the Public Library Section of NCLA. The committee moved that the Planning Council of the Public Libraries Section of NCLA

strongly encourage public libraries to enter into agreements with local governing bodies of the counties and municipalities they serve to collect and provide access to reports produced by those counties and municipalities, following generally the guidelines adopted by the Documents Section and the Public Libraries Section of the North Carolina Library Association.

The guidelines are based on *Organizing a Local Government Documents Collection*, by Yuri Nakata (Chicago, ALA, 1979). The motion passed unanimously and will be published in full with the guidelines in the next issues of *The Docket*.

Carolyn Jamison (Chairperson) reported the reply to a letter to David McKay concerning the *Checklist of North Carolina State Publications*. The Division of State Library plans to catalog state documents in the SOLINET data base, publish the *Checklist* in a format which will serve both reference and acquisitions functions and publish an index to the *Checklist* which will be current and provide in-depth subject terms. Nathaniel Boykin, who was

responsible for producing the *Checklist*, has left the State Library, but two other librarians will continue to work on it.

The Nomination Committee recommended that Cindy Pendergraft, of Davidson College, be nominated for Vice Chairperson/Chairperson-elect, to succeed Nathaniel Boykin in 1981. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

In other business, the group agreed to meet with the Virginia documents group in March, 1981, and elected Ridley Kessler to chair a committee to work out details; passed a resolution sponsored by Jaia Barrett, Duke University, to endorse the GPO micropublishing program that offers depository libraries Congressional hearings and committee prints in a choice of formats (hard copy or microfiche); and agreed to meet with members of the Resources and Technical Services Division of NCLA to discuss AACR-2 as related to the cataloging of documents. The Documents Section is scheduled with a time slot for the joint NCLA/SCLA Conference to be held in Charlotte in 1981. Boykin will head the committee to establish the program. Boykin then took the chair and will be Chairperson for the coming year.

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