

Exalting Learning and Libraries

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

From the President

Recalling the great accomplishments of those who have previously held the role of North Carolina Library Association President causes me to realize a great deal of humility. Following such leaders will be challenging. However, I am proud to greet you and grateful to you for giving me the honor and privilege of serving as your president during the 1985-1987 biennium.

There is considerable evidence of deep devotion, capabilities and willingness of NCLA membership to exalt learning and libraries by volunteering to serve on committees or to serve in any capacity. This reflects the true spirit of NCLA. It seems fitting that I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support of our association.

According to the NCLA Handbook, the president may appoint committee chairs and give each the authority to select members of the committee. I chose to follow these guidelines. Your requests for committee participation were sent to each chair with the charge to follow NCLA guidelines for committee representation.

The 1986-1988 committee chairmen who will take office during Spring Workshop, April 19, 1986, at Greensboro College are:

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Nominating

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Literacy

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Literacy, or lack of it, is much in the news and on our minds today. Because libraries play an important role in attacking this national problem, NCLA is focusing on improving literacy by creating the Literacy Committee to provide leadership in defining structure and direction to light the candle. The quest for literacy embraces all types of libraries. All library responsibilities are important and all contribute to the effort. Illiteracy has an impact on those who care. NCLA membership cares! Together we can accomplish much.

On January 24, the NCLA Executive Board named Rose Simon second vice-president. In this capacity, she also becomes NCLA Membership Committee Chair. We welcome Rose enthusiastically and look forward to working with her. Let's help her increase our membership by the "each one recruit one" method!

"The best yet!" came through loud and clear over and over again as we ended the 1985 NCLA Biennial Conference in October. Neither construction nor intermittent rain dampened the enthusiasm of over 1,400 in attendance. They just ignored any inconvenience and praised the program provided. Our people rated Raleigh among the most convenient and best locations.

This did not just happen. It was the untiring efforts of a host of people. The sections and committees planned excellent programs, secured super presenters, and participated enthusiastically.

Working behind the scenes were Ariel Stephens, conference manager; Johnny Shaver, local arrangements; William Kirwan and Sharon Kimble, exhibits; Larry Roland and Fred Marble, exhibit advisors; Eunice Drum, treasurer; David McKay, reception and tour of the Governor's Mansion; Janet Freeman and Marti Smith, registration; Jean Johnson and the Wake County Media Specialists, hostesses and registration; Brenda Hubbard and Larry Roland, program printing; Hugh Hagaman and Mel Shumaker, photography; Leland Park, advisor and president. There were Pat Watson, Tom McDonald, Evelyn Crimminger, Diane Chiles, Gurney Brady, Sharon McNeill, Lanny Parker, Raymond Weeks and Laura Stephens who typed, wrapped, painted, drew, moved, designed, packed and did whatever else had to be done. All of these people and more made my job as conference chairman a pleasure. I thank all of you for a job well done.

The 1987 Conference is to be held in Winston-Salem, October 27-30. Patsy Hansel, Vice-President/President-Elect and Conference Chairman, is already at work on the plans.

Best wishes for a productive and pleasant summer.

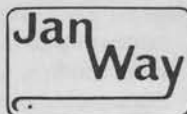
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