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:

Archives
Chairman: Maurice C. York
Reference Librarian
Edgecombe County Memorial Library
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Constitution, Codes, and Handbook Revision
Chairman: Doris Ann Bradley
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Charlotte, NC 28213
Office: 704/597-2305
Home: 704/365-2709

Education for Librarianship
Chairman: Elizabeth Garner
P.O. Box 723
Portola, NC 28374
Office: 919/682-8593
Home: 919/226-5475

Finance
Chairman: Eunice P. Drum
3001 Sherry Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27604
Office: 919/733-4488
Home: 919/782-2847

Futures
Chairman: Arabella S. Fedora
Coordinator/Media Services
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools
P.O. Box 2513
Winston-Salem, NC 27102
Office: 919/727-2373

Governmental Relations
Chairman: William G. Bridgman, Director
Sandhills Regional Library System
1219 Rockingham Road
Rockingham, N.C. 28379
Office: 919/907-5388

Honorary and Life Membership
Chairman: Mel Bushin
Department of Library Science
Appalachian State University
Boone, NC 28608
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Home: 704/264-7141

Intellectual Freedom
Chairman: Gene D. Lanier
Department of Library Science
and Information Studies
East Carolina University
Greenville, NC 27834
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Library Resources
Chairman: Mary Alice Wicker
Carrtage Elementary School
Box 199
Carrtage, NC 28327
Office: 919/947-2781
Home: 919/947-2175

Media
Chairman: Johnny Shaver, Director
Division of Media Support Services
State Department of Public Instruction
Raleigh, NC 27611
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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 enthusiastic-