

## Report from the President

Revenue sharing, budgeting and the new public library law were among the subjects explored during the annual Trustee-Librarian Conference held at the Institute of Government in March. Coordinated by Becky Ballentine the excellent program drew the largest number of trustees and librarians ever to attend one of those sessions. Attention was given also to the relationship between trustees and local and state government, continuing education and staff development. We had a very profitable two days with an enjoyable social hour and dinner sandwiched in between sessions.

Our NCLA Spring Workshop was held at North Carolina Central University April 7. We opened our Executive Board meeting to all those present. It was on this day that we voted final approval of the guidelines for our North Carolina Committee on Mediation, Arbitration and Inquiry (printed in the Spring issue of this journal). I was very impressed with the high quality of work reported by the Committee and Section Chairmen. We are grateful to Annette Phinazee and all others who assisted in making arrangements for the day. The campus was lovely even in the rain and we were served a beautiful and delicious luncheon.

During Holy Week I was off to Boone to participate in the third set of tutorials offered by the College and University Section. Held in the beautiful Appalachian



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Center for Continuing Education the Conference theme was "Library Management." We had stimulating group leaders and discussions with a number of social activities on the side. Herb Poole, Al Corum, Les Whitman and David Jensen were responsible for the program which was one of the best I have seen. Because of the time, attendance was not as high as we wished but those of us who were there appreciated the excellence of the offerings. In that magnificent setting with a view of the

mountains from almost every room, superb food and good fellowship, we came away re-created. Truly we were on the mountain top and felt that it was worth far more than the effort it took to get us there.

Early this year I asked Ray Moore, Assistant Director of the Durham City-County Library to be Chairman of our Committee on Intellectual Freedom. Without hesitation she agreed and almost immediately left for Chicago and a prototype workshop on the subject. On May 17th the Committee plus some resource people met in Durham for the first time. We began exploring the possibility of a preconference workshop. After an informal survey to determine interest in this area we met again on June 15th in Raleigh. We put together an exciting program for one day and thought to limit it to the first one hundred persons. However, after the Supreme Court ruling on pornography interest throughout the State increased to a point that required us to meet a third time on August 24 in Durham. Here we sought a new structure which would allow more participants. Ray has done a tremendous job with this and I know that everyone will benefit from it.

Quite a few North Carolinians were in Las Vegas for the meeting of the American Library Association. Our state was very much in the forefront — first by Dean Ed Holley of the School of Library Science, Chapel Hill who was installed as first Vice-President and President-Elect; and second by Doralyn Hickey of the same school who was awarded the Margaret Mann citation for outstanding contributions in cataloging and classification. We were very proud of both these colleagues who continue to bring distinction to our state and our profession.

On July 11 our Executive Board met in Greensboro for our final session before the Conference. We heard reports from several committees and voted on honorary members. Minutes appear elsewhere in the journal. We have been pleased to have section chairmen with us each meeting and to have them participate in all our

discussions. Their official status as members of the Board will be voted in November.

I should like to commend especially Gail Koontz Ijames, Chairman of the Junior Members Round Table. She has attended every meeting and through her enthusiasm and good hard work she has caused the JMRT to reach new dimensions.

It was nice to be invited to Raleigh July 26th to meet new directors of public libraries at the State Library. As a part of their orientation, Elaine von Oesen asked me to talk to them about NCLA and opportunities for participation they might enjoy. We spent an interesting two days touring the State Library and hearing from the Department Heads. We enjoyed a social hour at Elaine's and went on for dinner together. This is certainly a pleasant way for newer people to become acquainted with our State.

Wednesday, August 15 found me back in Durham for the quarterly meeting of the NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES editorial board. Because of Herb Poole's dynamic leadership and the enthusiastic support given by each member, these meetings are always good and productive. Everyone has contributed greatly toward making our journal the excellent one that it is — even our missing colleague and friend, Leland Park away in school in Florida State University. He has done more than his share in seeking out and contributing good manuscripts as well as having his own published in no less than CHRISTIAN CENTURY (August 15-22).

I went to Kinston on August 23 to Lenoir Community College to speak to a group of area librarians. The workshop was planned by Mable Howell and included other speakers also. I had a very pleasant afternoon with the participants discussing NCLA programs with particular emphasis on governmental relations and censorship.

We are looking forward to our biennial conference in Winston-Salem in November. A fine program has been arranged with many surprising extras. Make your plans now to come. You will be glad you did.