

## REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT



EUNICE QUERY

The new Executive Board of the North Carolina Library Association began its work for the biennium immediately following the close of the biennial conference in Charlotte, October 24, 1969. This first meeting was primarily a period for getting acquainted. The only action taken was the appointment of Miss Allegra Westbrooks to serve on the state Public Library Certification Board. I am happy to announce that Miss Westbrooks has accepted this appointment.

The Executive Board met at the Convention Center in Winston-Salem on December 12, 1969. Because of urgency, expediency, and economy the Board voted to hold both the 1971 and 1973 conventions in Winston-Salem. Chairmen of all sections had been invited to this meeting and all but one were present.

This was good since the idea of a possible new format for the state Convention was introduced. The general membership should give this some thought and communicate either with members of the Executive Board or with their section chairmen. Two ideas advanced were: special subject pre-conferences similar to those of the American Library Association and having only general meetings at the biennial convention with sections holding off-year workshop-type conferences such as the North Carolina Association of School Librarians now holds. Exhibitors have expressed the hope that there might be more unprogrammed time at future meetings in order that librarians could have more time to visit exhibits. If anyone has a different idea, we would be glad to have it presented.

Miss Charlesanna Fox, Executive Director of National Library Week in North Carolina, announced that Mrs. Robert Scott, wife of our governor, had agreed to serve as chairman of the National Library Week Committee. (Since the Executive Board meeting the committee has met and has plans under way for National Library Week).

In answer to a letter from Elaine von Oesen, president of Southeastern Library Association, the board voted to endorse the establishment of a Southeastern Library Research and Development Institute.

The 1970 spring workshop was discussed and the date set for Saturday, April 11. The workshop will be held on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Detailed information will be sent later directly to all who will be specifically involved.

As program chairman for the 1969 convention I should like to express particular thanks to all who helped make it such a satisfying experience but especially to the local

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