

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Executive Board. At the meeting of the Board on October 9 which was held in Raleigh at the State College Library, the report on the membership vote was received. It was decided that the membership would be notified of the results by mail since the next issue of *North Carolina Libraries* was already at the printers. The letter to the members mailed on October 12 contained the following information: that by the vote of the Association (255 for and 107 opposed) Negroes have been admitted to membership. Those who had applied were informed of the decision and the President of the North Carolina Negro Library Association was also notified.

The Board decided also to conduct the ballot on ALA Chapter status in November since NCLA members were scheduled to vote on this question before ALA members do. The results of this vote were:

"The North Carolina Library Association should apply for redesignation as a chapter of the American Library Association."

Yes . . . 255 No . . . 4

The President conferred with Mrs. C. H. Marteen, President of the North Carolina Negro Library Association on October 23 concerning the schedule for the vote by ALA members in this state concerning chapter status. The schedule which our Association had proposed was a satisfactory one for their Association also. At the meeting of the Negro Library Association in Wilson, on November 5-6, the Association voted to endorse the application of the North Carolina Library Association for chapter status in this state, and not to make application on behalf of their association.

Sections and Committees. Several of our Association groups are making progress reports in this issue. Mid-biennium finds them checking off the things they have accomplished and listing anew the projects for 1955.

North Carolina Library Commission. Dr. Charles E. Jordan, Vice President of Duke University, has accepted NCLA's appointment to the Commission as of January 1, 1955, for a three-and-one-half-year term succeeding Mrs. Ford Worthy.

March 19 meeting. The Executive Board is calling a meeting of Committees and Section officers on March 19 to do conference planning. As soon as more plans are made, members will be hearing about the 1955 Conference.

Southeastern Library Association Conference. The President attended the Conference along with other librarians from this state. If the record had been kept, we could probably show that the time spent in between-session NCLA committee meetings equaled that spent in the Southeastern Conference meetings. The Recruiting Committee, for one, was in almost constant session. Their report in this issue shows the results of their enthusiasm.

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