The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Jones.

Corrections to Minutes: The minutes of the July 30, 1999 meeting were approved as published in North Carolina Libraries, Vol. 57, No. 3 (Fall 1999.) Reports from the 1999 Biennial Conference are published in the Winter 1999 issue (Volume 57, No. 4) of North Carolina Libraries. The January 28, 2000 meeting did not take place, due to snow and adverse travel conditions. However, the President's Report is online at <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/april2000/nclapres1.htm>.

President's Report
All section and roundtable chairs have been appointed. Vice-chairs are welcome to attend all Executive Board meetings. The Special Projects Committee has not been appointed, but its responsibilities will be handled by the Finance Committee. The NCLA Commission on School Librarians has been appointed. Commission members are Wilma Bates, Frances Bradburn, Cindy Cox, Karen Gavigan (ex officio, NCASL Chair), Gwen Jackson, Al Jones (ex officio, NCLA President), Diane Kessler, Diane Kester, Marilyn Miller, Karen Perry, Nona Pryor, and Claudette Wiese. Their first meeting was held in High Point, on November 22, 1999, with facilitator Lou Wetherbee, of Dallas, Texas. The second meeting of the commission was held on March 23, 2000, at the State Library. The third meeting will be held June 3, 2000, at the Greensboro Public Library. In October 1999, a debriefing was held by the outgoing Conference Committee, and the information compiled was passed to Ross Holt, the Conference Committee’s new chair. President Jones gave a telephone interview to Scott Travis, staff writer of the Fayetteville Online Local News, about the SIRS Intellectual Freedom Award presentation to Jerry Thrasher. Approximately $2,000 was presented by the Association to Governor Hunt in October 1999 for aid to libraries damaged by Hurricane Floyd and its floods. Thanks are due Betty Ray McCain, Secretary of Cultural Resources, and Sandy Cooper, State Librarian, for help in arranging the presentation.

Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Diane Kester was unable to attend the meeting. The report is available at <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/april2000/FinancialReport.html>.

Section/Round Table Reports
A growing number of Section and Round Table Reports are available on the Web. Highlights are given here.

Children’s Services Section
Section Chair Ann Burlingame was unable to attend. The section’s report is available at <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/april2000/CSS.htm>. The section is redesigning its quarterly newsletter, the Chapbook and plans to publish the next issue in the summer. The section’s next program is scheduled for October 30-31, 2000, and will focus on incorporating the arts into storytelling.

College and University Section
Section Chair Bobby Wynn reported that plans are being made to co-sponsor a program in the fall with the Resources and Technical Services Section on license agreements. CUS is also planning a spring 2001 program on distance education. The full report is at <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/april2000/cus.htm>.

Community and Junior College Section
Chair Carol Freeman reported that the section board has discussed making a proposal that the section be incorporated as an interest group of the College and University Section, but is not ready at this time to make such a recommendation. The full report is at <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/april2000/CJCS.html>.

Documents Section
Chair Mary Horton announced the upcoming workshop “Census 2000: Everything you Wanted to Know... but Were Afraid to Ask,” to be held on Friday, May 19, 2000, at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. The full report is at <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/april2000/docs.htm>.

Library and Management Section
At its February 25th meeting, the executive board, chaired by Martha Davis, brainstormed goals, created standing committees, discussed ideas for a fall workshop and began planning a pre-conference workshop and a website. The full report is at <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/april2000/LAMS.htm>.

NC Association of School Librarians
Vice-chair Melinda Ratchford announced the section’s conference will be held on September 13-15, 2000 in Winston-Salem. The conference theme is “The IS Have It,” and will feature an all-conference poetry event and a storytelling breakfast. Admission to exhibits for librarians not registered for the conference has not been determined, but will be considered. Public and school libraries are currently collaborating on the “Very Best Place to Start” campaign geared toward promoting library use by...
school-aged children. The campaign includes drawings for substantial prizes.

NC Public Library Trustee Association
With the resignation of chair Robert Otterburg, the Trustee Section was fortunate that Theron Bell agreed to step into the position. Her first order of business will be to encourage North Carolina library trustees to participate in Legislative Day for libraries in Raleigh on May 23, 2000.

Public Library Section
John Ziga reported on the section's involvement at the Public Library Association's national conference held March 28-April 1, 2000 in Charlotte, attended by 7,000 librarians. The section staffed the NCLA booth, which was located next to the local arrangements booth, giving the association good exposure.

Reference & Adult Services Section
The RSS board has met twice to develop a program on distance education and special reference services, scheduled for Fall 2000. Distance education is a prominent theme of interest this year, so the program will be designed to complement, not duplicate other programs.

Resources & Technical Services
RTSS sponsored the Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program on Basic Serials Cataloging on March 17-18, 2000, at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill. A fall 2000 workshop is being planned, which will focus on licensing issues. The program will be co-sponsored by the College and University Section. The full report is available at: <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/april2000/rtss2nd.htm>.

New Members Round Table
Marian Lindsey reported that the round table has not met yet, but has already determined that a special effort will be made this bimonth to recruit more members from college libraries and media centers.

NC Library Paraprofessional Round Table
The Round Table is still in need of a Chair-Elect and two Regional Directors. Volunteers interested in these slots are urged to contact Frances Lampley, Project Enlightenment, 501 S. Boylan Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27603. Her phone number is 919-694-7780.

Round Table for Ethnic Minority Concerns
The executive committee, chaired by Robert Canida, met to review the round table's goals and to discuss program ideas. A special note has been sent to North Carolina library school deans and members of the round table to solicit ideas. The possibilities for joint sponsorship of a program were also discussed. The full report is at <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/april2000/REMCO.html>.

Round Table on Special Collections
The round table will sponsor two day-long workshops on digitization of historic records. To facilitate attendance, one will be held in the eastern portion of the state and another will be held in the west. Joint sponsorship with the Society of North Carolina Archivists or the North Carolina Preservation Consortium is being pursued. The full report is at <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/april2000/sp.html>.

Round Table on the Status of Women in Librarianship
The round table will offer a workshop on August 11th in Forsyth County. Dr. Dudley Shearburn, professor emerita from the Department of Education and Women's Studies at Salem College will speak on "Career Crossroads or Life's a Trip." The round table is also planning to establish a listerv for its members. The full report is available at: <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/april2000/rtswi400.html>.

Technology & Trends Round Table
A program called "E-Toys or Geek Toys?: Tools for 2000" will be held Friday, May 12, 2000, at the main branch of Greensboro Public Library. The program is co-sponsored with MUGLNC (Microcomputer Users Group for Libraries in North Carolina.) New technology tools, including Palm Pilots, E-Books, wireless networking, and digital cameras will be presented. The full report is available at <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/april2000/tnt.html>.

Committee Reports
Archives Committee
The State Library of North Carolina will continue to provide space for the NCLA Archives. Committee Chair Carrie Nichols encouraged everyone to review the record retention and disposition policy in the NCLA Handbook (available at <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/handbook/retention.htm>). Materials should be sent to the following address:

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With advance notification, materials can be delivered to Carrie at future executive board meetings. Please send e-mail to nicholscl@meredith.edu prior to bringing materials.

Commission on Charter/Home Schools
This commission was established last fall, including membership from both public and school librarians. The commission has drafted a resolution for the association's approval recommending that the General Assembly require charter schools to provide in-school library services and instruction or otherwise provide for library services and instruction. The current law on charter schools makes no requirement for library resources or services, nor are charter schools required to be accredited. Chair Patrick Valentine recommended postponing action on the resolution until July to give the members time to study the issue.

Commission on School Librarians
As mentioned in the President's Report above, the commission has met to discuss financial and autonomy issues raised by the NCASL Section. A report will be presented at the July meeting of the Executive Board.

Conference Committee
The committee's report is available at <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/april2000/conference.htm>. Planning has begun for the 54th Biennial Conference, to be held October 3-5, 2001, at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem. A budget was presented and a discussion of the financial health of the organization followed. Due to NCLA's service in administering LSTA grants such as the "Very Best Place to Start" campaign and other circumstances, the association is in a position to suspend collection of a per capita charge for workshops. (See "New Business.") Dave Ferguson suggested that the collection of the per capita charge be suspended, not abolished. A discussion of who is expected to pay for certain conference expenses, such as room and equipment rental was held. (See "New Business.") The section, round table, or committee sponsoring a program should be accountable for asking only for what is truly needed, but the conference committee will have the expertise and contacts to increase efficiency in planning. Following further discussion of the conference planning schedule and the efforts being made to obtain sponsors for the event, Conference Committee Chair Ross Holt moved that the budget be approved. Patrick Valentine seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Also discussed was the Adams Mark Hotel chain's recent settlement of a lawsuit claiming racial discrimination. The Winston-Salem hotels are the conference site for 2001. Ross contacted the Human Relations Council of Winston-Salem, which reported it had no investigations against the Winston-Salem hotel. NCLA has no written policy on dealing with human rights issues such as these. The contract with Adams Mark was made in 1996, and cancellation costs begin at $7,000 and scale up as conference time approaches. A proposal concerning this issue was made in "New Business."

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Constitution, Codes and Handbook Committee
The Handbook is available on the web at <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/handbook/titlepg.htm>. This is the official version. Since some board members do not have ready access to the Internet, paper copies of the handbook will be distributed at the next board meeting.

Development Committee
The committee welcomes suggestions for new sources of funding for the endowment, for ways of recognizing and honoring donors, and for the appropriate use of the fund. The NCLA Endowment began with $10,000 from the organization and another $2,000 has been added. An anonymous donor gave $5,000 in memory of Ariel Stevens and Hoyt Galvin.

Finance Committee
No report.

Governmental Relations Committee
Chair Peggy Hoon reported that a school librarian representative is sought for the committee. Eight NCLA members are planning to attend National Library Legislative Day on May 1-2 in Washington. Since May 2 is the date of the primary election in North Carolina, this will limit the number of representatives who will be in Washington. The committee will meet on May 19 in Chapel Hill. The full report is available at <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/april2000/GovRel.htm>.

Intellectual Freedom Committee
The committee has received reports of challenges to the following books: Crazy Lady, by Jane Conley (1993), a Newberry Award book and Battle of the Books selection, was challenged in a middle school library. Everything You Need to Know about AIDS, by Barbara Taylor, part of the Accelerated Reader Program, was challenged in a middle school library as too sexually explicit. My Secret Garden, by Nancy Friday, was challenged at the Cumberland County Public Library & Information Center (Fayetteville). The committee is drafting a form that can be used to report challenges. The form will be made available on the web. Chair Jerry Thrasher responded to a question about the committee's interest in learning about Internet challenges by noting that a place will be available on the form to report these incidents. Beverley Gass also noted that NCLA has a statement on filtering, available at <http://www.nclaonline.org.filters.html>.

Leadership Institute
The committee is applying for grants to help fund the Leadership Institute. This may require changing the date of the insti-
tute to take advantage of grant award schedules. The committee will meet with Dale Gaddis in Durham at the end of the month to make further plans.

Literacy Committee
No report.

Membership Committee
The association currently has 1,312 personal members, 81 journal subscribers, 55 honorary members and 48 institutional members. This is about 250 more than the same time last year. Peggy Quinn, Chair, represented NCLA at the UNC-Chapel Hill Library & Information Science Career Fair on January 26, 2000. The Mentorship Program was of special interest. The Membership Committee requests each section and round table to send the name and contact information for a liaison to the committee. A discussion of rolling membership expiration dates was held. With the new office and software available, this is possible, but will require an amendment to the constitution and a vote by the membership.

Nominating Committee
No report.

Publications and Marketing Committee
No report.

Scholarship Committee
Scholarship announcements have been distributed. The deadline for application is May 15, 2000. So far, only one application has been received, compared to twelve last year. The committee's full report, available at <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/april2000/SCHLCOM.htm> lists the distribution of announcements. Suggestions are welcome for additional contacts.

Special Projects
This committee was not appointed. Its responsibilities will be handled by the Finance Committee.

North Carolina Libraries
The printing company is still feeling impact of flooding at Rocky Mount, and was forced to sub-contract some work, causing publishing delays. The next issue should be back at that plant. There was no spring issue, which was to have contained the papers of a conference on digitizing resources. Copyright issues became a problem. NCLA's ownership of copyright is not negotiable. The summer issue will have a theme of preserving local history.

ALA Councilor
No report.

SELA Councilor
The biennial conference of the Southeastern Library Association is Oct 11-13 in Jekyll Island, GA. It will be a joint conference with the Georgia Library Association. A proposal has been put forward to establish an African American Issues Round Table. Approval requires the signatures of 100 dues-paying members. A Hispanic Issues Round Table may also be proposed.

NC State Library Commission
No report.
Old Business
Members are encouraged to read the proposed resolution on charter schools. A vote on its adoption will be taken at the next meeting.

New Business
President Jones presented two recommendations of the Commission on School Librarians: (1) to eliminate the per capita charge for NCLA workshops and conferences; and (2) to have the Conference Committee Budget bear the cost of rental of space and equipment and provision of security at the Biennial Conference. These two items will be presented as motions during “Old Business” at the July NCLA Board meeting. Bobby Wynn asked if NCLA could employ an intern to work with sections and round tables on websites. The proposal was forwarded to the Publication and Marketing Committee, which has already begun a discussion of the idea. George Taylor made a motion to move the Leadership Institute to spring 2001. Jerry Thrasher seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Kevin Cherry made a motion that President Jones appoint a committee to draft a policy concerning non-discrimination issues as they relate to the business of NCLA (e.g., site selection, vendor relations, procurement and other relations.). The motion was seconded by Melinda Ratchford and approved unanimously. After a call for volunteers to serve on the committee, it was appointed with the following members: Phillip Banks, Paulette Brecy, Robert Canida, Ross Holt, and Melinda Ratchford. The committee will make a report at the next board meeting. Ross Holt brought to the board’s attention that the brochure for the ISTA-funded program “The Very Best Place to Start” brochure and Web site includes a statement that it is a program of the NCLA. However, NCLA’s only role was to administer the funding and keep the accounts for the program. This opens the organization to liability risks. President Jones will contact State Librarian Sandy Cooper to find out how this happened. Ross Holt made a motion that the constitution committee draft a policy statement that NCLA has power of final approval for programs and materials bearing its name. It was seconded by John Zika and approved unanimously.

News from State Library and State Library Commission
Jerry Thrasher reported that the State Library is making big budget cuts, due to revision needed to fund Hurricane Floyd aid. The commission meeting was cancelled because no travel money is available.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

— Respectfully submitted,
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