

Report from the President

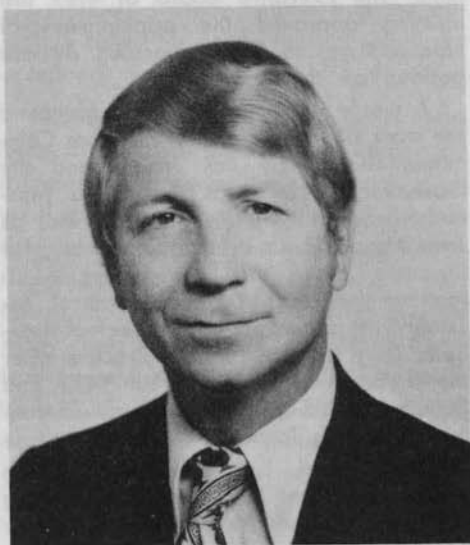
Gratifying! This is the best word to describe my first four months serving as your new president. I have been extremely impressed by the in-put and the response I have received in keeping an organization such as NCLA active and functional. As First Vice-President, I found the office a very lonely position and I often found the responsibilities to be a one man effort with very few suggestions and help from the outside other than from your past president. My faith has now been restored and I look forward to a productive and meaningful biennium.

Response to the biennial conference in Winston-Salem has been very favorable. Most people felt that there was something for everyone. Attendance was quite good and the exhibitors who finance a good part of the conference were pleased. I would like to express my appreciation again for the fine planning and work of Lucy H. Bradshaw, local arrangements chairman, and her committees, Arial Stephens who served as general chairman, Carlton West and Bill Roberts who handled the exhibits, and Joe Ruzicka who provided the printed programs. A conference this size cannot be successful without the participation of many people.

Plans have already started for the 1975 biennial conference. Give your support to Bob May who has agreed to serve as local arrangements chairman and to Le-land Park who will take care of exhibits. Arial Stephens will serve as general chairman again. Annette Phinazee, your first vice president, will have the responsibility

of the program. Submit to her your suggestions and criticisms as she attempts to provide something at the conference for each member of the Association.

Although the gasoline shortage has hampered my travelling somewhat, I have been in a good number of planning sessions and meetings which indicate that every section and committee will be busy working toward the goals they have identified. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Devines in Salisbury and the O'Sheas in Raleigh who entertained me socially as I made my way around the state. They are real masters at making the weary traveler feel at home. The sec-



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tion heads and committee heads have been quite helpful in keeping me informed of meetings and plans. Please continue this in order that I can know exactly what is happening.

The College and University Section, Junior Members Round Table, the N. C. Association of Library Trustees, Public Libraries Section, and NCASL have already had planning sessions with their executive boards making plans for the year. Some of the *ad hoc* committees have also started their work investigating several areas. Bob May is chairing the committee on annual sessions, Ophelia Irving and her committee are looking into the future publication of the *N. C. Index*, and Grey Cole is leading the committee on the depository of state documents. A need was also identified for several new committees this biennium. These new committees will be covering the areas of audiovisuals and public relations. The work of the Governmental Relations Committee, the State Council for Social Legislation, and the Federal Relations Coordinator is being combined somewhat since it was discovered that they were duplicating work in some areas. Dennis Bruce will serve as Federal Relations Coordinator this biennium. The Executive Board at their last meeting approved the appointment of Norma Royal to fill the vacated director position on the Board.

I would like to especially commend the work of the Intellectual Freedom Committee chaired by Ray Moore and the Governmental Relations Committee presently headed by Bill O'Shea as well as Joan Maxwell, our executive secretary, for the many hours they have spent in informing the North Carolina General Assembly of our stand on intellectual freedom. They became especially active after the introduction of House Bill 1422 and Senate Bill DRS-2679 covering anti-obscenity revisions in January.

For several biennia now, standing committees' terms have been from Spring Workshop to Spring Workshop covering a two year period. Committee functions do not end at the biennial conference when

new officers are installed. This results in a period of time, from November to March or April, when the new officers work with the old committees and appoint new committee members. The Spring Workshop when new committees organized and began functioning was held March 15-16 on the Greensboro College campus. Since section heads are now on the Executive Board, it is necessary to have a two day meeting. Rather than appoint a chairman for all committees, I left it up to the new committee members to elect their own. New committee heads are identified in this issue of *NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES*. Almost 125 people in NCLA are involved with committees. I am happy to report that I received less than ten refusals for committee service which indicates a very strong interest in your professional organization and little evidence of apathy.

I strongly solicit the support of each member of NCLA in order to have a successful and productive biennium.

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