

NCLA 2007 Elections Slate

Vice President	Sherwin Rice; Penny Sermons
Secretary	Gloria Nelson; Caroline Walters
Treasurer	Harry Cooke; Andrea Tullos
Director	Ralph Kaplan; Susan Wolf Neilson; Patrick Valentine; Bobby Wynn
SELA Representative	Betty Mehan-Black; Sharon Stack

Vice President



Sherwin Rice
Director
Learning Resource Center
Bladen Community College
Dublin, North Carolina

Education

MLS	North Carolina Central University
BA, History	Fayetteville State University
AA	Bladen Technical College

Library Positions

Director, Learning Resource Center, Bladen Community College
Director, Bladen County Public Library
Library Assistant I & II, Bladen County Public Library

North Carolina Library Association

Current NCLA Representative to State Library Commission
NCLA Continuing Education Committee, Current Chair
NCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee
REMC0, Past Chair

Platform Statement

I am pleased to have been nominated for the post of Vice President / President-Elect of the North Carolina Library Association (NCLA). My involvement with NCLA dates back to my paraprofessional days in the mid-1980s. My experience with the organization has evolved from that of a non-active dues paying member to a member of the executive board. Through this ongoing relationship with NCLA I have gained an appreciation for the value of being a member the organization at all career levels. I understand the ability of NCLA to harness the collective power of libraries across the state for the common good of all North Carolina citizens. This was evident when the association joined forces with the Public Library Directors Association to hire a lobbyist to fight for funding during extremely tight state budget cycle.

My potential to make a contribution as Vice President/ President-Elect of NCLA is directly related to my long-standing relationship

with the organization. NCLA has given me the opportunity to work with paraprofessionals and professionals throughout the library community. My position as a former public librarian and current community college librarian gives me insight into ways to strengthen the working relationship between these two communities of interest. Prior experience working with school librarians who are no longer affiliated with NCLA will lend itself to reaching out to this community of interest.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee for nominating me for this position.



Penny Sermons
Director
Learning Resources Center/
Distance Learning
Beaufort County Community
College
Washington, North Carolina

Education

MLS	East Carolina University
BS, History	East Carolina University

Library/Related Positions

Beaufort County Community College, Librarian
Beaufort County Community College, Copyright Officer
Martin Community College, Librarian
Council of Community College Library Administration,
Executive Board
Library Services Training Act, Advisory Committee
E-NC (Rural Internet Access Authority), Beaufort County,
E-Champion

North Carolina Library Association

Training Advisory Committee (TRAC) for NCLIVE, Chair
Librarians Council (NCLIVE), Member

Platform Statement

Since its inception in the early 1900's, the North Carolina Library Association has successfully promoted excellence in libraries by providing a forum for continuing education, free exchange of ideas, and support for intellectual freedom and information literacy. As

an elected officer in the position of Vice President/President—Elect, I can contribute a diverse skill set to the organization and advance the goals of NCLA. I believe that libraries will continue to be the cornerstone of our communities and that librarians have a responsibility to help ensure equitable access to information.

Over two decades of work in the community college system has laid the foundation for me to develop effective leadership abilities. Working with traditional and non-traditional students, faculty, staff, and community patrons has given me the opportunity to take part in the teaching/learning process on a variety of levels. I have worked as a librarian, adult basic education instructor, and LRC/Distance Learning Director and have been the project coordinator for several grants. Beaufort County Community College has a long history of outreach in library services as well as distance education. Working in this environment has made it possible for me to gain invaluable experience in the areas of collaboration and innovative uses of technology. My background in education paves the way to for me to be a visionary advocate for the NCLA.

The role of libraries in the 21st century is continuously evolving, making it challenging for librarians and information specialists to meet the needs of the end users. The NCLA serves as a conduit for addressing the constant changes in librarianship. Building on the current NCLA president's mission of increasing membership and strengthening procedures, several fundamental but vital issues become apparent as matters of significance to NCLA. They include staying abreast of emerging technology, funding, marketing libraries and services, and handling the increasing demands on staff.

Serving as Vice President/President—Elect will give me an opportunity to work with fellow librarians from across the State to enthusiastically promote reliable and quality library services, to help identify important library issues, and to seek resolutions to problems.

Secretary



Caroline Walters
University Records Manager
University Archives and Records
Service
UNC - Chapel Hill University
Libraries
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Education

MLS

MA, Public History
 BA, History

North Carolina Central University
 Expected December 2007
 North Carolina State University
 North Carolina State University

Library/Related Positions

Records Management Analyst for Local Records
 (Counties and Municipalities),
 North Carolina State Archives, Public Records Branch (2004-2006)
 Administrative Assistant, North Carolina Library Association
 (2002-2004)
 UNC School of Medicine for several cancer research programs
 (1995-2002)

North Carolina Library Association

Endowment Committee
 Membership Committee, Current Chair
 Conference 2004 Store Committee, Chair
 Financial Vitality Committee

Platform Statement

As a relatively new librarian (I don't actually get my degree until Dec 2007), I believe that my service to NCLA is a wonderful opportunity to learn from experienced librarians and become actively involved to promote librarianship in North Carolina. If elected, I hope to assist in maintaining the official records of the organization and to work on ideas about where NCLA needs to go in the future. Librarianship and libraries are changing in this time of technology and NCLA needs to make those changes as well. NCLA does great work and I am proud of my experience and connections with this group. As a board member I would continue to work towards promoting NCLA and expanding the abilities of NCLA to support all librarians, library staff, and libraries in North Carolina.



Gloria L. Nelson
Branch Manager
Spring Lake Branch Library
Cumberland County Public
Library & Information Center
101 Laketree Blvd.
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Education

MLS
 BS, Psychology

North Carolina Central University
 University of South Carolina

Library / Related Positions

Reference & Information Services Manager, Cumberland
 County Public Library & Information Center, Headquarters
 Reference & Information Services Manager, Cumberland
 County Public Library & Information Center, Cliffdale Branch
 Library
 Information and Referral Librarian, Cumberland County Public
 Library & Information Center, Headquarters Library
 Information and Referral Specialist, Cumberland County Public
 Library & Information Center, Headquarters Library

North Carolina Library Association

Current Interim Secretary

Public Library Section
Commission on the Future of the Book, Past Member
Reference and Adult Services Section
Paraprofessional Association, Past Member

Platform Statement

Because the public shares a misinformed view that libraries can be replaced by Google, Yahoo, or some other form of electronic software, I am dedicated to advocating for libraries and librarianship. Librarianship affords a unique opportunity to inform the public and provide information that has the potential to change lives. I have been an advocate of librarianship for many years, encouraging thorough investigation so that informed opinions and decisions can be formulated, encouraging people to enter the profession, and trying to bring more minorities into the profession

As Secretary of the NCLA Executive Board, I would have even more opportunities to advocate and inform people of the benefits of the profession and the Association. I would use every opportunity to encourage them to not only join NCLA but to also become involved in the sections or roundtables. I firmly believe that advocacy and action are the key ingredients in making NCLA, libraries, and librarianship better.

Treasurer



Harry L. Cooke
Director
College Libraries
Gaston College
Dallas, North Carolina

Education

EdD	Duke University
MLS	North Carolina Central University
MA, Audiovisual Education	Appalachian State University
BS, Elementary Education	Appalachian State University

Library Positions

Director, College Libraries, Gaston College
Director, Learning Resources, Catawba Valley Community College
Librarian, West Little River Elementary School, Dade County, Florida

North Carolina Library Association:

Scholarship Committee
Candidate for Treasurer 2005-2006

Financial Vitalization Committee, Past Member
Conference 2007 Exhibits, Chair

Platform Statement

I bring to the NCLA treasurer's position a background of many years of experience in the area of financial service. I have served as treasurer of a variety of organizations: North Carolina Humane Federation, Hickory—Friends of Library, Hickory Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol the Auxiliary of the United States Air Force, Faith Lutheran Church and the St Stephens Kiwanis Club. I also bring leadership experience gained serving as past president of the Unifour Consortium of Health Care and Educational Institutions, North Carolina Community College Learning Resources Association, North Carolina Chapter United States Distance Learning Association, and Western North Carolina Library Association. As treasurer I will draw on my many past experiences to provide accurate and timely accounting reports that present a clear picture of the financial health of the organization.



Andrea F. Tullos
Assistant to the Director
Hyconeechee Regional Library
300 West Tryon Street
Hillsborough, NC 27278

Education

MLS	North Carolina Central University
BS, Finance	Louisiana State University

Library / Related Positions

Assistant to the Director, Hyconeechee Regional Library
Trustee, Hyconeechee Regional Library President, Friends of Orange County Public Library
Volunteer, Hyconeechee Regional Library

North Carolina Library Association

Centennial Conference 2004, Registration Chair
Biennial Conference 2005, Registration Chair
Support in "Drive for Libraries" Special Plate Outreach Program 2006-07

Platform Statement

I am thrilled to be nominated to the position of Treasurer for NCLA. The innovative profession of librarianship is changing and emerging and our association is key to supporting our networks and increasing our knowledge of library-related issues. My background in Finance and Business will afford me the opportunity to provide a high level of support to our association. By working closely with the NCLA Administrative Assistant, Finance Committee and Board, the position of Treasurer is key to creating seamless and attainable goals for the association. My experience with the two NCLA Conferences provides a historic background regarding the Treasurer's position to provide fiscal

support and sound judgment. My past and present positions have provided me with years of budget preparation experience and maintaining accurate records. I feel I possess the traits of a good Treasurer: I am dependable, reliable, hardworking and honest. It is important to have a strong support system for our association and our current Board has proved to provide the key tenets of promoting libraries. The standing committees have worked hard to support and recognize the outstanding work in our field. It would give me great pleasure to serve as the NCLA Treasurer.

Director



Ralph K. Kaplan
Systems Librarian
NC LIVE
Raleigh, North Carolina

Education

PhD	University of Maryland
MLS	UNC-Chapel Hill
MS, Physical Education	Ithaca College
BS, Physical Education	Queens College (CUNY)

Library Experience

NC LIVE, Systems Librarian
Central Carolina Community College (Pittsboro Campus), Librarian
Cary Academy, Librarian

North Carolina Library Association

Literacy Roundtable, Past Member
Presenter at numerous NCLA functions
Consultant to various NCLA committees about NC LIVE configuration and functionality

Platform Statement

In my unique position at NC LIVE, I am exposed to the problems and needs of the smallest public libraries to the largest research universities. As a member of the NC LIVE team, I have traveled across the state visiting NC LIVE member libraries to learn about requirements unique to their location and patrons, thus allowing me to understand and appreciate the role of each Community of Interest (COI) and the libraries within each group. This background knowledge and appreciation for the various libraries within our state provides me with an excellent opportunity to work with our library association in an enhanced capacity. Since NC LIVE is equally concerned about the best interests of all our locations, my assistance to NCLA will be unbiased and fair. Currently, my efforts are focusing on the bigger picture of greater

library use for all North Carolina citizens, with presentations to teachers and participation at various conferences. I would like to see a promotional effort focused on providing the students, teachers, and citizens of North Carolina with library resources that can enhance their everyday lives and skills.



Patrick Valentine
Assistant Professor
Library Science and Instructional Technology
College of Education
East Carolina University
Greenville, North Carolina

Education

PhD, European History	Tulane University
M. Librarianship	University of South Carolina
MA, European History	Tulane University
BA, History	University of South Carolina

Library/Related Positions

Director, Wilson County Public Library
Director, North Carolina Foreign Language Center

North Carolina Library Association

Public Policy Committee, Current Chair
Public Library Association, Past Chair, Past Vice Chair
Past Director at Large
Public Library Section Government Affairs Committee, Past Chair
Grants Committee, Past Chair
Library Resources Taskforce, Past Chair

Platform Statement

Librarians are service people; our vocation is to serve others. Yet libraries are very different and pose different challenges. We need leaders who understand the diversity of libraries and librarians and have both the experience to understand the challenges and the will to address them. I have a deep commitment to diversity and quality in library service and librarianship.

With over twenty-five years of library service and leadership in North Carolina, I have the experience of dealing with these issues. Having started a new job as a library school educator, teaching and addressing these issues confronting us on a daily basis, I see the challenges not from a single perspective but have a broad view of them.



Bobby C. Wynn
Director
Library Services
Fayetteville State University
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Education

MLS North Carolina Central University MA,
 History North Carolina Central University "A"
 Teaching Certificate
 BA, History North Carolina Central University
 (History), "G" Teaching Certificate

Library/Related Positions

Head, Technical Services, Fayetteville State University
 Microfilming Corporation of America (A New York Times
 Company)
 Senior Research Editor (1981-1983)
 Editor (1980)
 Intern (1979)

North Carolina Library Association

Constitution, Codes and Handbook Committee, Chair
 College and University Section, Past Chair
 College and University Section, Past Vice Chair
 Resources and Technical Services Section, Past Director

Platform Statement

The benefit of belonging to any organization is the "added value" that the organization brings to its individual members. The North Carolina Library Association has a rich and vibrant history of providing opportunities for networking and professional development for its members. The Association has served as an advocate for its members at the local, state and national levels. The position of Director serves a key role in the recruitment of members for the Association. Potential new members (new graduates and long term non-members) should be made aware of the "added value" the North Carolina Library Association brings to its membership. If elected to the position of Director, I would emphasize that all librarians benefit from the advocacy of the North Carolina Library Association.



Susan Wolf Neilson
Reference and Information
Services Manager
Wake County Public Libraries
Raleigh, North Carolina

Education

MLIS UNC-Greensboro
 BA, English and Linguistics Florida International
 University

Library / Related Positions

Business Reference Librarian, North Carolina State University
 Business Reference Librarian, Charleston County (SC) Public
 Libraries
 Business, Social Sciences, and Government Publications
 Department Manager, Memphis/ Shelby County (TN) Public
 Libraries

North Carolina Library Association

Business Librarianship in North Carolina Section (BLINC),
 Chair
 Mutual Respect Task Force participant – NCLA & NC
 Paraprofessional Association

Platform

Having worked in both public and academic libraries, I have been fortunate to experience many wonderful professional development opportunities made available through various library associations, both state and national. In serving on the Executive Board as a Director at Large, I believe I would serve NCLA well by continuing to make our association meaningful, relevant, and known to all library staff in North Carolina.

SELA Representative



Betty Meehan-Black
Assistant Head of Acquisitions
and Head of Searching and Order
Management Section
UNC-Chapel Hill University
Libraries
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Education

MLS Southern Connecticut State University
 BA, Psychology University of Connecticut

Library/Related Positions

Approval Plan Coordinator and Head of Searching Section,
Acquisitions Department at the University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill
Reference Librarian (Library Instruction/Library Literacy),
Pennsylvania State University, Abington Campus
Acting Head Librarian, Pennsylvania State University, Abington
Campus

North Carolina Library Association

NCLA Executive Board
RTSS Past Director
Membership Committee
RTSWL Past Director, Secretary, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Chair,
Past Chair
Literacy Committee
Literacy Roundtable Past Vice Chair/Chair Elect; Current Chair

Platform Statement

If elected as NCLA's SELA representative, my goal would be to serve as an effective bridge between the two organizations. My active service on numerous NCLA boards and committees, both as a leader and a member, has given me a solid background and useful experience for this position. As a person who sees many sides to issues, and one who possesses excellent problem solving skills, I would bring a balanced perspective and high energy to facilitate positive changes.

I am particularly interested in the SELA Mentoring Program and I would like the opportunity to promote it at our library schools in North Carolina. My involvement with the Carolina Academic Library Associates at UNC, both as a mentor and as a member of the CALA Board, gave me background and experience in advising and guiding future librarians on how to become involved in the profession and successful in a new position. This experience would be useful in promoting the SELA Mentoring Program.

As a voting member of both boards, I would make a commitment to be well informed about current issues, to contribute to discussions in a positive way and to promote effective and timely decision making. For example, the Leadership Institutes in NCLA and SELA might have agenda items of interest to each other. I could serve as a communication link here as well.

Advocacy experiences learned within the Learning Disabilities Association of North Carolina would come in handy in this position as well. I respect and appreciate the work of NCLA throughout the state and would be honored to further its activities and programs. It would be a privilege to serve as NCLA's representative on the SELA Board.

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North Carolina Library Association
Nominating Committee, 2005-2007
FINAL REPORT

I am pleased to announce the following election results.

Vice President / President Elect

Sherwin Rice Bladen Community College Learning Resource Center

Secretary

Caroline Walters UNC-Chapel Hill University Libraries

Treasurer

Andrea F. Tullos Hyconeechee Regional Library

Directors at Large

Ralph K. Kaplan NC Live
Susan Wolf Neilson Wake County Public Libraries

SELA Representative

Betty Mehan-Black UNC-Chapel Hill University Libraries

Congratulations to the winners and deepest expressions of gratitude to the members who placed their names in candidacy to serve our organization.

Members of the Nominating Committee

Terry Brandsma, Jackson Library, UNC-Greensboro
Carol Laing, Wake County Public Libraries
Rodney Lippard, Hackney Library, Barton College
Anne Marie Elkins, State Library of North Carolina
Vanessa Ramseur, Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg
Jerry Thrasher, Cumberland County Public Library

Respectfully submitted,



Pauletta Brown Bracy
Past President and Chair
13 June 2007