

Minutes

NCLA Executive Board Meeting

Durham Public Library

Durham, NC

January 26, 2001

ATTENDING: Al Jones, Ross Holt, Sue Cody, Diane Kester, Philip Banks, Phil Barton, Theron Bell, Pauletta Bracy, Terry Brandsma, Ann Burlingame, Robert Canida, Bao-Chu Chang, Dale Cousins, Martha Davis, Joline Ezzell, Dave Fergusson, Carol Freeman, Paula Hinton, Elizabeth Laney, Teresa McManus, Carrie Nichols, Peggy Quinn, Patrick Valentine, Laura Weigand, Bobby Wynn, John Zika, and Maureen Costello.

WELCOME and CALL to ORDER: President Al Jones called the meeting to order at 10:15.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October 20, 2000 meeting were approved as written. The minutes can be found at <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/nclaoct.pdf>

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Full report: <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/jan2001/pres2001.pdf>
Al Jones expressed his thanks for the support he received from the membership during his recent "cardiac adventure." His surgery went well, and he is recuperating slowly but surely. He reported that the revitalization of the school librarians' section has not yet come about. No one has come forward to take chair or vice chair positions, but we will wait to see if someone comes forward later. The money in the NCASL account will remain there for now. Al received a note from the officers of the new North Carolina School Library Media Association and has corresponded with Karen Gavigan and Jackie Pierson about continuing to collaborate on North Carolina Children's Book Award. The Endowment Committee is coming together for aggressive fundraising for the endowment. Al is working to revitalize the Library Paraprofessional Association. Meralyn Meadows, the association's first chair, has agreed to work with the section, including assisting with programming for the biennial conference. Finally, Al reported that Floyd relief continues. It will take years for affected libraries to recover.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Computer problems prevented a printed report, but the Treasurer's Report will appear on the webpage as soon as data can be restored.

SECTION/ROUNDTABLE REPORTS

Children's Services Section: Full report: <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/jan2001/CSS.htm>
Chair Ann Burlingame thanked Diane Kester for assistance in preparing the section's webpage, and the online version of the *Chapbook*. The program, "Storytelling and Beyond, Incorporating the Arts into Programming." was a great success, with a total registration of 78.

College and University Section: Chair Bobby Wynn reported that the section is negotiating for speakers for the biennial conference. Al Jones noted that if sections have potential speakers, but lack funds for speakers' fees, contact Vanessa Ramseur, program chair for conference. It may be possible to add the speaker to the all-conference program.

Community and Junior College Libraries Section: Full report: <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/jan2001/cjcs.htm>
Chair Carol Freeman reported on conference planning and invited other sections or roundtables to collaborate on a program. The section is also planning a workshop on webpage design for libraries at Guilford Technical College on May 18, 2001.

Documents Section: Full report: <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/jan2001/doc.html>. Paula Hinton introduced herself as the section's new chair.

Library Administration and Management Section: Full report:

<http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/jan2001/lams.html>. Chair Martha Davis reported that the section is making plans for the conference and discussing the design of a webpage.

NC Association of School Librarians: No report.

NC Public Library Trustee Association: Chair Theron Bell asked for a mentor in fulfilling her responsibilities as section chair. Lib Laney, Patrick Valentine, Phil Barton and Ross Holt volunteered to help, and typically the director at the chair trustee's library also assists with program planning. Among the ideas proposed to help were to plan a day of programming at the conference to appeal to trustees and friends of the library members, recognizing trustees at the conference with a badge ribbon. The State Library should be able to supply names of trustees and presidents of friends organizations. Teresa McManus offered to assist in identifying the leadership in academic libraries' friends groups.

Public Library Section: Full report: <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/jan2001/pls.htm> Chair John Zika mentioned several authors the section is contacting to speak at the conference. He noted that working with publishers is a good way to identify authors for the programs. E-books and electronic media have also been discussed as potential conference topics.

Reference and Adult Services Section: Full report: <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/jan2001/rass.html>. Chair Phillip Banks reported on the success of the section's "Virtual Patrons" workshop, attended by 44 registrants. The evaluations showed that the participants appreciated the half-day format.

Resources and Technical Services Section: Full report: <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/jan2001/rtss.htm> Chair Teresa McManus announced that Kathy Shropshire, Assistant Director, Greensboro Public Library has accepted appointment as Acquisitions Interest Group Chair, filling the position vacated when Rick Anderson left to accept a position in Utah.

New Members Round Table: No report.

NC Library Paraprofessional Association: No report. Al Jones noted that Meralyn Meadows will work with the association to revitalize its activities.

Round Table for Ethnic Minority Concerns: Full report: <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/jan2001/remco.htm> Chair Robert Canida reported that the round table is planning both a spring program and conference programs.

Round Table on Special Collections: No report.

Round Table on the Status of Women in Librarianship: Full report: <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/jan2001/rtsw.html>. Chair Laura Weigand discussed efforts to revise bylaws.

Technology and Trends Round Table: Full report: <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/jan2001/tnt.htm> Vice-chair Terry Brandsma reported on the success of the LITA Regional Institute on Database-Driven Websites in High Point with attendance of 103, including some out of state registrants

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives: Full report: <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/jan2001/archive.htm> Chair Carrie Nichols reported that former board members of the NCASL sent in documents from the section, some dating back to the 1980s. These records will be processed for the archives.

Commission on Charter/Home Schools: Co-chair Pauletta Bracy reported that she and Marilyn Miller are working diligently on drafts of a survey.

Commission on School Librarians: The commission has been abolished.

Conference: Full report: <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/jan2001/conference.htm>

Chair Ross Holt announced that a program planners' meeting will be held in Asheboro on February 9. Exhibits chair Eleanor Cook attended the ALA Midwinter meeting and personally invited exhibitors to participate in the biennial conference. Ross reported on possible effects the withdrawal of the NCASL board may have on the conference and possible strategies for minimizing the loss were reviewed. Ross encouraged sections, round tables and committees to consider offering multiple programs, and noted the popularity of author programs.

Constitution, Codes and Handbook Revision: Chair Bao Chu Chang reported that everyone should take one final look at the bylaws currently posted to be sure they are accurate and current. She announced that paper copies of the handbook should be available at the next meeting.

Continuing Education: No report.

Endowment: Chair Lib Laney reported high interest among committee members. A letter has been sent to all library directors in the state asking them as leaders to contribute \$100 each to the endowment fund. Next, a similar letter will be sent to NCLA board members. The Endowment Committee will try to have presence at the conference. The fundraising goal is to have \$100,000 in the endowment by 2004, NCLA's centennial.

Finance: No report.

Governmental Relations: No report.

Intellectual Freedom: Full report: <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/jan2001/if.htm>
Ross Holt reported for Chair Jerry Thrasher. The full report provides detail about two recent book challenges and an update on the impact of the Children's Internet Protection Act. A resolution concerning the lawsuit ALA has filed to challenge the law will be introduced in New Business.

Leadership Institute: Teresa McManus reported for Chair George Taylor. The application deadline has been extended to February 2, 2001. Sections and round tables were encouraged to sponsor a participant. The \$600 cost, which includes meals and lodging, is quite reasonable compared to other similar programs. Discussion included a suggestion to compile a report on graduates of the institute and ways to improve marketing of the institute. It has been emphasized that the goal of the institute is to develop leaders for the profession, as well as for NCLA.

Literacy: Chair Pauletta Bracy reported on conference planning that will focus on making one day "literacy day." Three sessions, including a luncheon, will be sponsored by the committee on that day. The programs will be marketed to other literacy groups as well as NCLA membership.

Membership: Chair Peggy Quinn reported that the tabletop display is near completion. It will be displayed at the next board meeting, and will be available for use by March 1. Contact Peggy or Maureen Costello to book its use. Peggy will attend the UNC-Chapel Hill career fair on February 14 to represent NCLA. A new membership brochure is nearly ready.

Nominating: Chair Dave Fergusson presented a draft ballot, which will be completed before being released to the membership. Dale Cousins made a motion to approve the draft ballot with the addition of another vice-president/chair-elect candidate. Ross Holt seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. During the discussion, it was noted that there is a lack of membership and leadership from the larger academic libraries in the state. Several suggestions were made about techniques to improve involvement. The ballot as approved by the board is:

Vice President/President Elect

Pauletta Bracy

Joline Ezzell

Treasurer (4 year term)

Diane D. Kester

Karl Keiper

Secretary

Bao Chu Chang
Martha Davis

Director (elect 2)

Robert Canida
Mark Pumphrey
Teresa McManus
Jim Carmichael

ALA Counselor (4 year term)

Vanessa Ramseur
Sherwin Rice

Publications and Marketing: No report.

Scholarships: Full report: <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/jan2001/scholarship.htm>
The scholarship application deadline is May 15, 2001.

OTHER REPORTS

North Carolina Libraries: Full report: <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/jan2001/NCL.htm>

Al Jones reported for Editor Frances Bradburn. The winter issue, on research in librarianship, is in final stages of preparation. This issue will also include profiles of the nominees. At its annual retreat, the editorial board discussed the future of *North Carolina Libraries*. Publication frequency will be reduced from four to three issues per year. NCLA minutes will continue to be published in each issue. Regular columns "Lagniappe," "Wired to the World," and "In View Of" will all be kept in their present format, but "Between Us" will be an occasional feature. There will be fewer theme-based articles. Potpourri issues will allow greater flexibility for submission of articles. The possibility of rotating responsibility for an article among sections and round tables was discussed.

ALA Councilor: No report.

SELA Councilor: Full report: <http://www.mindspring.com/~ncla/jan2001/sela.html>

SELA leadership will hold a workshop on the future association activities in Atlanta on April 6. An issue of the *Southeastern Librarian* will be sent to members soon. Councilor John Via is chairing an ad hoc committee on the SELA dues structure.

OLD BUSINESS: It was announced that the new Secretary of Cultural Resources, Lisbeth C. "Libba" Evans is from Winston-Salem, and has an excellent reputation for support of library services.

NEW BUSINESS: Ross Holt introduced a resolution supporting ALA's legal action against the Child Internet Protection Act. After discussion and amendment, the resolution was unanimously approved as follows:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ALA LEGAL ACTION AGAINST CIPA

WHEREAS the recently enacted Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) mandates that libraries and schools install and use filtering software on public Internet computers as a prerequisite for receiving federal funds, including LSTA and E-rate funds; and

WHEREAS no filtering software successfully differentiates constitutionally protected speech from illegal speech on the Internet; and

WHEREAS the federal commission appointed to study child safety on the Internet concluded filters are not effective in blocking all content that some may find objectionable, but do block much useful and constitutionally protected information; and

WHEREAS the North Carolina Library Association does not recommend the use of Internet filters in libraries, and emphatically oppose attempts by federal and state governments to set local policy; and

WHEREAS the American Library Association has resolved to challenge CIPA in federal courts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Library Association endorses and supports this legal action by the American Library Association.

Mandates:

ALA President

ALA Washington Office

ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee

ALA Chapter Relations listserv

NEWS FROM STATE LIBRARY and STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION: No report.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Cody,
Secretary