

NCLA Conference 2005 Committee

Report to the NCLA Executive Board

January 13, 2005

The Committee met on November 19, 2004, at Wake Forest University and again on January 7, 2005, at the Orange County Public Library.

The Committee decided to keep registration rates at the level established for the 2004 Conference, with the addition of an exhibits-only rate of \$15. The Committee also decided to keep vendor rates at the following levels: \$500 for a single booth and \$950 for a double booth.

The opening speaker for the 2005 Conference will be Herman Boone, a motivational speaker and a former high school football coach, who was portrayed by Denzel Washington in the film, "Remember the Titans." The Ogilvie Lecture speaker will be Florida State University professor Wayne Weigand, who will talk about the library as place. Details of a dinner to raise money for the NCLA Endowment, an all-conference reception sponsored by Wake Forest University, and a Friday luncheon are still being worked out.

Jeanne Crisp is in charge of sessions and preconferences and has emailed a form to section vice-chairs. A copy of that form is also available on the Web site. Three have been proposed so far: a half-day preconference for library trustees; a preconference on readers' advisory; and a preconference on staff development.

Action Item. The Committee has discussed the possibility of using Verisign's online merchant account for online payments like individual and vendor registration. Their cheapest option (Payflow Link) is \$19.95 per month plus a \$179 set-up charge. If the NCLA Executive Board approves, the Committee Chair will look into this option.

Robert Burgin, Chair