

Planning Council, Public Library Section, North Carolina Library Association
Quarterly Report
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The PLS Planning Council met at the Southern Pines Public Library on February 10, 2006. Additional 2006 meetings will be: May 12 in Greensboro; August 11 in Wilmington; November 3 in Statesville.

Priscilla Lewis reported on the NCLA Board meeting and informed the Council of the goals set by President Robert Burgin:

- Increase membership by 15%
- Balance the budget
- Form a strategic plan
- Establish administrative procedures, such as which reports are due when

The Council reviewed PLS and NCLA bylaws to try to ensure that its meetings and activities conform to them.

All positions on the Council have been filled except that of Webmaster. The following committees have been formed and a chair, vice-chair, and members have been appointed to each: Audio Visual, Awards, Branch Services, Genealogy, Reference, Technical Services, and Young Adult/Teen. There was a good response to requests for volunteers for all committees made through the NCLA list-serve. Each committee will now create a charge to present at the next meeting.

Workshops are being planned for the coming year. The Branch Services committee is holding a series of workshops on the topic of supervision. These will be presented in three different locations in the state in March, May, and June. Audio Visual is planning a workshop on downloadable audio books, Tech Services is planning one on book repair, and Reference and YA are planning one on gaming. An ad hoc committee is working on a program on volunteers.

The Genealogy Committee has compiled a list of vendors that sell genealogical materials of interest to NC librarians and plans to post it on the web site. Council members are also actively seeking someone to fill the position of webmaster for PLS, so the site can be updated.

The Council would like to have more information about the responsibilities of the PLS representative to the editorial board *North Carolina Libraries*. Council members are actively seeking someone to fill this position, but need clarification.

The Council discussed a variety of ways to recruit new members. Some suggestions were: recruiting members from recent library school graduates, with an emphasis placed on the value of networking for job hunting; visiting library schools for this purpose; stressing the importance of networking and the value of supporting the profession. Susan Herzog, who current fills the position of Director on the Council, will serve as the PLS

representative to the Membership committee and will contact Caroline Walters to let her know.

Ralph Kaplan was a guest at the meeting and spoke about NCLIVE. He showed the group the new EZ search and shared other information about changes in vendor contracts and resources.

Frannie Ashburn was also a guest and gave an update from the State Library. Of particular interest were the new NC Teens listserv, started by Jim Rosinia and the availability of the loan of multiple copies of titles for city- or county-wide reading projects.

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