

Public Library Section
Report to the North Carolina Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
January 24, 2008

The Public Library Section closed out the biennium with multiple activities at NCLA in Hickory in October. Our luncheon, co-sponsored with the Trustees Section and the Public Library Directors Association, featured bestselling author John Hart. PLS partnered with Reference and Adult Services Section to host Bill Barnes and Gene Ambaum, creators of the *Unshelved* comic strip.

Other programs sponsored and co-sponsored by the Public Library Section included:

Sink or Swim? The Importance of Training New Reference Staff
Consumer Health Portal
Thinking Outside the Book: Market Your Library Like a Bookstore and
Attract More Customers
Downloadable Audio Update
Jumping into the 2.0 Pool...Without Getting Wet
Public Libraries Count: Telling Your Story with Bibliostat Connect
Native American Genealogy
and
Reference: Unplugged to Plugged

In addition to the above programs, PLS hosted a table in the registration area, where we advertised what we do and encouraged new members. We also had a drawing for a prize basket.

At the luncheon, our business meeting for the membership, we voted on several bylaws changes. All were adopted. These are presented here for the approval of the NCLA Executive Board, as stated in the Association Bylaws, Article IV, Section 3, "Sections and round tables shall adopt bylaws which meet the approval of the Executive Board of the Association."

PLS would like to propose adding Section 5 to Article IV—Officers "The Chairperson shall serve as a member of the Public Librarian Certification Commission. In addition, upon request by the NCLA Executive Board, the Chairperson, in consultation with Planning Council, shall provide the name

of another individual to serve on the Commission in compliance with Article VI, Section 9 of the Constitution of the North Carolina Library Association.” As a result of this addition, if approved, the current Section 5 becomes Section 6.

We would like to change the numbering under Article V, so that Section 6 becomes Section 1 and Section 7 becomes Section 2.

Also in this Article, in Section 6, we propose the following change--Current: “In the intervals between Planning Council meetings, the Executive Committee shall act for the Section, excluding the allocation of funds.” Proposed: “In the intervals between Planning Council meetings, the Executive Committee shall act for the Section.”

In order for the Section to more easily conduct business, the following change is proposed: Current: “The Planning Council shall meet four times a year, or less or more frequently at the direction of the Executive Committee. A quorum to conduct business shall consist of a majority of the membership of the Council.” Proposed: “The Planning Council shall meet four times a year, or less or more frequently at the direction of the Executive Committee. A quorum to conduct business shall consist of a majority of the Executive Committee and either the Chair or Vice Chair of all committees.”

And, finally, in Article XII, the following is proposed—Current: “These rules may be adopted or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting called in accordance with the bylaws of this Section; or by a mail ballot...” Proposed: “These rules may be adopted or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting called in accordance with the bylaws of this Section; or by a mail or electronic ballot...”

We have had one meeting since the conference, held December 14 in Winston-Salem.

Respectfully submitted,
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