

NCLA Executive Committee Meeting
July 15, 2005
Scholarship Committee Report

The Scholarship Committee met July 8 at the George H. & Laura E. Brown Library in Washington. In attendance were Susan Benning, Julia Hicks, Lisa Williams, and Sue Williams. This final committee meeting of the current biennium was a combination of decision making for the future and an overview of traditions relating to the scholarships as well as to committee functions.

None of the scholarships managed by the committee could be awarded this year due to lack of funding. The 2005 McLendon Student Loan goes to Jennifer Lynn Smith. Susan Benning explained the process implemented last quarter for reaching past recipients requesting repayment of any outstanding loans. To date two of the four she contacted have paid the amount due. Second letters will soon be issued. If necessary, additional research into the files held by the NCLA office will be conducted.

Sue Williams shared the Treasurer's financial reports pointing out the minimal balances in the accounts managed by the committee. We discussed potential future means of raising money to be directly deposited into the savings account for the NCLA Memorial Scholarship, since it is the one unrestricted scholarship, as well as the need to formalize the process to manage this. These ideas will be explored more fully next biennium.

After this review and a discussion of the former tradition of awarding the scholarships and student loan only in the year of conference, the committee unanimously voted to return to that practice. Future publicity and the webpage will reflect this.

Given the many changes needed in the information about scholarships plus the less than user friendly format of the existing page, we discussed and agreed upon a total redesign of the site. Lisa Williams will have this work completed and the new page posted by the September conference.

Officers for the Scholarship Committee for the upcoming term are as follows: Chair - Harry Cooke at Gaston College, Morris Library, and Vice-Chair - Susan Benning from Rockingham County Public Library. The committee will be considering suggestions to submit to the Chair for the two vacancies that will exist (one public library, one academic library).

Final agenda items concentrated on information concerning committee operations, responsibilities, and processes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue D. Williams, Chair