Attending: Phil Barton (Past President), Evelyn Blount (REMC O), Mary Boone (State Librarian), Pauletta Brown Bracy (LIT), Wanda Brown (Vice-President), Jackie Cornette (NCLPA Vice-Chair), Carol Cramer (Finance), Steve Cramer (BLINC), Jackie Frye (NCLPA Chair), M. J. Goodrum (PLS), Edward Hirst (TNT), Rebecca Kemp (RTSS), Emily King (NMRT), Priscilla Lewis (Operations), Rodney Lippard (ALA Councilor), Jennifer Noga (CJCS), Timothy Owens (Constitution), Kim Parrott (Administrative Assistant), Sherwin Rice (President), Mark Sanders (RASS), Mary Sizemore (Treasurer-elect), Elizabeth Skinner (Director-at-Large), Carol Walters (Public Policy)

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Sherwin Rice.

A motion was made by Wanda Brown, seconded by Phil Barton, to approve the agenda as presented. The agenda was approved.

A motion was made by Jackie Frye, seconded by M. J. Goodrum, to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2011 meeting as submitted. The minutes were approved.

Announcements

Lunch for the meeting was provided compliments of Liazzo’s.

Attendees were asked to pay $2.00 to Jackie Frye to cover the breakfast items.

Mark Sanders announced the birth of a baby boy named Owen.

President’s Report – Sherwin Rice

Rice reported on the U.S. Military Pipeline, which is being piloted at Fort Bragg. The goal of this pilot project is to connect Military Spouses with the resources they need, including careers, education, peer support and more, to help them cope with the challenges facing them.

Treasurer’s Report

No Treasurer’s report was presented. The report will be posted on the website at a later date.

Section/Round Table Reports

Business Librarianship Section – Steve Cramer

Full report online

Workshops being planned for the upcoming NCLA Conference include an economic census report, fee versus free country information program, future cents literacy program and economic development programming targeted to business groups.

College and University Section – Carolyn Willis (not attending)

Full report online
Community and Junior College Libraries Section – Jennifer Noga
Workshops being planned for the NCLA Conference include a distance
learning program and an information literacy program.

Government Resources Section – Mimi Curlee (not attending)

Library Administration and Management Section – Ruth Ann Copley (not attending)

Literacy Round Table – Pauletta Brown Bracy

New Members Round Table – Emily King

NC Association of School Librarians – VACANT

NC Library Paraprofessional Association – Jackie Frye

Programs being planned for the NCLA Conference include a business luncheon
featuring Jeff Robbins’ “Mountain Music, Stories & Dance,” a “One-String Pork-
bean Guitar” workshop by Jeff Robbins and “E-Readers and You!” featuring
Jeffery Hamilton from the State Library and the e-reader petting zoo.

NCLPA will be awarding the Meralyn G. Meadows Paraprofessional Conference
Scholarship ($100) for the NCLA Conference. The deadline for applications is
July 15, 2011. April 30, 2011 is the deadline for those applying to participate in
the American Library Association’s Library Support Staff Certification Program,
a national certification program that allows library support staff to demonstrate
their competencies and be certified by ALA. East Carolina University Joyner
Library Support Staff Assembly is holding its eighth annual Paraprofessional
Conference on Friday, May 13, 2011. The conference theme is “Captains and
Crew Collaborating.”
NC Public Library Trustee Association – VACANT

Carol Walters reported that she will be working with one of the trustees from the Sandhill Regional Library System, Theron Bell, to organize a program for public library trustees at the NCLA Conference. The program will showcase two or three authors. It is hoped that this event will help reactivate NCPLTA, a point reiterated by State Librarian, Mary Boone, who offered the services of the State Library to assist with this program. Light refreshments will be served following the program.

Public Library Section – M. J. Goodrum

Full report online

It was noted that the Fabulous Friday Mini-Conferences for Public Libraries were very successful.

Programs and events being planned for the NCLA Conference include a late afternoon wine and cheese reception with guest author Celia Rivenbark (in lieu of a luncheon), a program on e-books and e-readers, a program on e-book acquisitions, a genealogy program, a marketing program and a book cart drill team event.

Reference and Adult Services Section – Mark Sanders

Full report online

Programs and events being planned for the NCLA Conference include a program on professional image, “Do You Have the Right Image for Success?” a program on “Your Leadership Brand – What image do you present to others?” and a session focusing on various e-reader devices, baseline descriptions of use and how specific e-readers interact with library databases, especially NC-LIVE resources. A luncheon program featuring author Geoffrey Baym from UNC-G is also being planned.

RASS will co-sponsor with the NC Chapter of the Special Library Association and REMCo a workshop for library professionals entitled CareerWise 2011.

The section is making an effort to recruit and engage new members, targeting mailings to members who have just renewed and members whose membership is coming due or lapsed.

Round Table for Ethnic Minority Concerns – Evelyn Blount

Full report online

Programs being planned or under consideration for the NCLA Conference include a pre-conference program on etiquette for lunch and dinner and a program on African-American genealogy. It was emphasized that programs need to raise funds for the Round Table.
REMCo will co-sponsor with RASS and the NC Chapter of the Special Library Association a workshop for library professionals entitled CareerWise 2011.

The REMCo Board discussed increasing membership by asking each REMCo member to ask one person to join REMCo by August 11. There was also some discussion about asking REMCo members to make a personal donation to REMCo.

Resources and Technical Services Section – Rebecca Kemp

Programs being planned for the NCLA Conference include two back-to-back sessions on e-book acquisitions with one session focusing on e-book approvals and a session focusing on e-book firm orders, a panel discussion entitled “RDA (Resource Description and Access): State of the State,” a program on Tech Services reorganization / workflow shifts case studies (from one or two libraries), a metadata overview session: how to use more than just MARC format (general, not intended to be a hands-on workshop) and a session on e-journal batch cataloging using MARCEdit.

Special Collections Round Table – Dale Sauter (not attending)

Technology and Trends Round Table – Ed Hirst

The Round Table will be working with NC-LIVE to present programs at the NCLA Conference.

Women’s Issues in Libraries Round Table – Jennie Hunt (not attending)

Youth Services Section – Cynthia Dye (not attending)

Committee Reports

Archives – VACANT

Conference 2011 – Wanda Brown

The Conference Planning Committee has been meeting monthly since the last Executive Board meeting. Harry Cooke has resigned as Exhibits Co-Chair due to a family medical crisis. Steve Kelly is assuming responsibility for Exhibits arrangements. Rodney Lippard and Sarah Jeong will be responsible for the NCLA Conference store management. Save the date postcards will be mailed soon. The call for programs and posters has been issued. The Conference website is up and running. NC-LIVE is the first sponsor of the conference. As a fund raiser, themed baskets will be solicited from sections and round tables and members will have a chance to bid on the baskets. Proceeds will be split 50/50 between NCLA and the section or round table.
The opening general session keynote speaker will be Rebecca Renard, 2011 Library Journal’s “Mover & Shaker.” She is the Teens of Distinction Program Coordinator at the D.C. Public Library. The Ogilvie Lecture, entitled “The State of the Next Generation of North Carolina Libraries,” will be a panel discussion of leaders of the different library types representing their core constituency of librarians and organizations. The closing session and luncheon will feature Scott Huler, the 2011 Piedmont Laureate, author of On the Grid and known also for his award-winning radio work.

Constitution, Codes and Handbook – Timothy Owens
Owens announced that he would be leaving the State Library soon to assume a position with the Institute of Museum and Library Services in Washington, DC. He noted that the NC Interlibrary Loan Users Group is pursuing signatures to qualify for section/round table status within NCLA.

President Rice thanked Owens for his dedicated service to NCLA and wished him well in his new position.

Continuing Education – VACANT

Endowment – Phillip Barton
Barton announced that the NCLA Endowment fund balance as of September 30, 2010 was $52,472.80. The amount available for distribution at that time was $2,220.00. Barton reported that plans have been made to transfer scholarship funds to the Endowment fund as decided by the NCLA Executive Board at its meeting on January 28, 2011. The funds are now invested separately in certificates of Deposit with varying terms. As the certificates reach maturity the funds will be transferred to the NCLA Endowment fund. The committee chair will coordinate this with the association’s treasurer.

A request has been submitted to the North Carolina Community Foundation for the 2010 end-of-year financial report and the first quarterly financial report for 2011.

Finance – Carol Cramer
It was reported that $500.00 will be needed to replace the Administrative Assistant’s laptop, which was stolen.

Intellectual Freedom – John Harer (not attending)

Leadership Institute – VACANT

Membership – Jennifer Hanft (not attending)
Nominating – Phil Barton
Slate of nominees for 2011-2013 is online

Operations – Priscilla Lewis
Full report online
A gift was presented to Kim Parrott, Administrative Assistant, in appreciation for her loyal service to NCLA on the occasion of Administrative Professionals Day®.

Public Policy – Carol Walters
Full report online
Walters reported on another successful National Legislative Day event in Washington, DC on May 9-10. North Carolina libraries were represented by 28 advocates with at least one representative from each of the state’s 13 districts. The primary talking points included LSTA, ESEA and broadband. A special award was presented to Senator Burr who was a driving force in moving forward the reauthorization of LSTA. Walters recognized Dave Davis, an employee with the Sandhill Regional Library System, for his extraordinary coordination of this event.

Scholarships – Lisa Williams (not attending)

Website – Robert Burgin (not attending)
Full report online

ALA Council – Rodney Lippard

SELA Representative – VACANT

Editor, NC Libraries – Ralph Scott (not attending)

State Librarian – Mary Boone
Boone reported that during the current fiscal year State Aid to Public Libraries and the State Library budget have been cut by 10 percent. The General Assembly is currently projecting a cut of 15 percent in State Aid for the next fiscal year. The State Library is losing nine positions. There is no cut proposed in the budget for NC-LIVE, which serves as part of the match for federal funds. The state’s federal funding for 2011/12 will be cut by 14 percent.

Regional library regulations have been updated and implemented.

The State Library will be sponsoring a variety of programs at the NCLA Conference, including an LSTA grant writing workshop, demonstration of the North Carolina Literary Map under development by the NC Center for the Book and the UNC - Greensboro, program on State government publications going digital and the e-book petting zoo. There will not be a Swap and Shop event this year.
Carol Walters made an appeal to attendees to do what they can to reduce the proposed cut in State Aid to Public Libraries.

President Rice thanked everyone for attending the meeting today and announced that the next meeting will be held on Friday, July 22, 2011 in New Bern.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Phillip Barton
Acting Secretary