

**North Carolina Library Association Business Meeting
Friday, October 22, 2021**

Winston Salem, North Carolina – Benton Convention Center

Attending: *Members of the North Carolina Library Association*

The meeting was called to order by President Lorrie Russell at 12:55 p.m.

Welcome

Lorrie thanked everyone for joining us in person and remotely for the 64th Biennial Conference. She also acknowledged Libby Stone and the Conference Planning Committee for planning a great conference and expressed her gratitude to them for their hard work.

Lorrie then recognized Melissa Dennis, current President of the Southeastern Library Association (SELA) who was attending remotely. Melissa thanked everyone for welcoming SELA as a conference partner and she expressed how much she had enjoyed being a part of the conference planning process. Melissa read a proclamation on behalf of SELA for the joint conference.

Melissa also expressed personal thanks to Lorrie Russell and Libby Stone and to NCLA for hosting the conference and the spirit of cooperation that was maintained in the planning process.

She then expressed thanks to Crystal Gates, incoming SELA President, as well as Gerald Holmes (NCLA's SELA representative) and Kate Engelbrecht (SELA Board member) for their work as part of the conference planning team.

Finally, she thanked Floyd Isley and Craig Miller with Twin City Quarter and Shaun Williams with ITA for their assistance in making the facility available for the event. She also appreciated the gracious hospitality from Karen Wall with Visit Winston-Salem.

Lorrie thanked Melissa again for her partnership and SELA's involvement with the conference planning.

Business Meeting

Lorrie acknowledged the work of the people involved in the conference planning. She thanked Libby Stone and the Conference Planning Committee for their hard work in planning a successful conference under difficult circumstances. She also thanked the current NCLA Executive Board members and the incoming NCLA Board members for their willingness to serve in leadership roles in the association during the 64th Biennium.

Treasurer's Report – Amy Harris Houk

Amy acknowledged that per the NCLA Bylaws we are required to maintain a balanced budget. She doesn't have numbers from the 2021 Conference yet, but she is always available to answer questions about NCLA's budget.

As of the time of the meeting, Conference attendees had raised \$2,121 for Librarians Build Communities. This was a conference fundraiser to support the citizens of Haywood County, NC to assist with their recovery after Hurricane Ida.

Another fundraising effort for the Conference was the "Pay-It-Forward" campaign. This was established to assist people who were experiencing financial hardships and wanted to attend the Conference. Several people took advantage of this opportunity. Amy thanked the members who contributed to this effort. She shared that any funds remaining after the registration expenses were paid would go towards the Librarians Build Communities fundraiser.

President's Report – Lorrie Russell

Lorrie reminded current Section and Committee Chairs that they had one more order of business for the biennium. They need to submit their Biennial Reports via the NCLA webpage by November 30, 2021. These reports will be published in NC Libraries next year.

She also extended a personal thank you to Libby Stone, Mike Crumpton, Wanda K. Brown and Dale Cousins. She also thanked the NCLA Executive Board for helping her find solutions for the circumstances of this biennium. She hopes that the incoming NCLA Executive Board will assist Libby in finding solutions for the upcoming biennium.

Lorrie announced that if you contributed to the Librarians Build Communities fundraiser, please take a t-shirt from the table in the back of the room. NCLA's Storage facility needs to be cleaned out by April.

Lorrie invited Mike Crumpton to come forward to install the officers for the 65th Biennium. Mike announced the slate of officers for the 65th Biennium:

Vice President/President-Elect: Dawn Behrend, Lenoir-Rhyne University

Secretary: Jenneffer Sixkiller, Mooresville Public Library

Treasurer: Lara Luck, Forsyth County Public Library

Treasurer-Elect: Kate Engelbrecht, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library

Regional Director, Central Area: Wanda K. Brown

Regional Director, Eastern Area: Jennifer Daugherty, East Carolina University

SELA Representative: Victoria Reeder, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library

ALA Chapter Councilor: Siobhan Loendorf, Catawba County Library

NOTES: The Treasurer position is a 4-year position: two years as Treasurer-Elect and two years as Treasurer. Also, Amy Harris Houk will remain as NCLA Treasurer until January 2022 as she completes the Conference bookkeeping. At that time, Lara Luck, Treasurer-Elect will become NCLA Treasurer for the 65th Biennium. Also, the Director-at-Large position are 4-year positions. The Piedmont Region Director, Juli Moore and the Western Region Director, Alan Unsworth will remain in their roles until the next biennium.

Mike Crumpton gave the oath of office to the new officers. He also thanked the outgoing officers for their hard work during a difficult time.

Mike asked the NCLA Past Presidents to stand and be recognized. Mike and the Past Presidents Inducted the officers for the 65th Biennium. He then asked Lorrie to come and stand with him as a Past President.

Lorrie passed the gavel to Libby Stone, NCLA President for the 65th Biennium. Libby then invited everyone to take a five-minute break before the Keynote presentation would begin. The Business Meeting ended at 1:15 p.m.

Libby resumed the meeting at 1:25 and made a few remarks thanking the 64th Biennial Conference Planning Committee for their support and hard work. She also shared her general ideas for the upcoming biennium.

The Closing Keynote Speaker was author, Cadwell Turnbull. He spoke on "How We Get There: Speculative Fiction as a Look Towards the Past and the Future." Kathy Shields, Conference Programs Committee Chair was in conversation with Cadwell for this presentation.

Libby Stone adjourned the closing session at 2:15 p.m.