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Focus this year for our organization will be on the Strategic Plan that was developed in 2005--in particular we need to focus on membership. Only a small fraction of library workers in Nevada belong to NLA and I am asking you to help me change that. Don't worry, it won't hurt.



I need you to let me know what you like about NLA. I need you to let me know what you don't like about it, too. I need you to let me know what NLA can do for you. More programs? Different programs? Educational opportunities? Help to keep up with changes in law or technology? Talk to me.

I need your stories. Please let us know how NLA has affected your professional life---maybe you'll be in our next newsletter.

Tell a friend (or a co-worker, whichever) about NLA. Encourage them to join.

Remember, NLA is your organization. Our success depends on you. You can contact me at clanton-greenk@lvccld.org ---please put NLA in the subject line.

We have a great conference planned this year---the theme is 'Tools for the Future' and we already have some exciting technical programs lined up, but we'll have some fun stuff too.

Kim Clanton-Green, NLA President

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First New Library in Forty-One Years

for North Las Vegas Library District

Pam Zehnder, Public Services Librarian



The North Las Vegas Library District is very pleased to open their first new library in forty-one years in one of the nation's fastest growing communities. North Las Vegas is the third fastest growing large (100,000+ population) city in the United States according to the U.S. Census Bureau, June 30, 2005. The Historical Census count shows an increase in population of 120.5% between 1990 and 2000. The North Las Vegas Branch has provided service to the city and community since 1965 and the Northwest Branch storefront since 2001. The Northwest Branch was closed effective March 31, when the staff began their move to the new library. The local community will be pleased to see their familiar and already experienced staff along with some new, friendly faces. The new 15,900 square foot Aliante Library will host their Grand Opening in early May, 2006.

The exterior building design, based on the Laughlin Library, will complement the surrounding community, and the landscaping will blend into the adjacent Nature Discovery Park. The new full service library is providing much needed and long desired services to the residents of this ever- expanding area of residential growth. The story room is expected to be very busy along with the adjoining outdoor patio area while the community room is already taking bookings.

The dedicated Teen Zone is furnished and situated to give the best service possible to the local teen population. Public computers, cultural programs, adult programs, children programs, DVDs, CDs, the latest titles and community use rooms were in high demand throughout public meetings, focus groups and surveys prior to construction. The Aliante Library staff is excited to provide these amenities to the City of North Las Vegas - "Your Community of Choice."

A special "ceremony" was held on Saturday, February 25, when 75+ children made their communal mark in the new library. A large central column in the children's area was especially treated to allow each child to make a hand print which now is on permanent display and a part of the building. Over 175 people turned up for the "hands on ceremony."

The Aliante Library is the site of this year's President's Reception during the NLA Conference in North Las Vegas. BBQ, Books and Blues will be enjoyed by all in attendance in Nevada's newest library.

NLA Membership Online With Memberclicks

by Joan Vaughan, NLA Website Administrator

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I am happy to report that the Nevada Library Association has now implemented an online module for membership registration and payment by credit card. We chose Memberclicks as our vendor. Thanks to the trust of last year's conference committee, we implemented this in a rush just before last year's conference in Reno. Many of you have already been introduced to Memberclicks for membership and conference registration, but for those that haven't, here's a brief overview of what you can do now.

First and foremost, you are now able to join NLA online using your credit card by going to the Membership section of the NLA website, found at www.nevadalibraries.org/member/membership.html. Once you are a member, you are given a login and password. You can edit and update your profile information at any time. Through Memberclicks, we are also able to send periodic emails. For example, we'll be sending gentle reminders when your membership is about to expire. The NLA Board decided to retain our prior membership setup for the time being. Membership is on a yearly basis, so that anyone who joins at any time during the year has a current membership until December 31 of that year. All who have joined so far this year have current membership through Dec. 31, 2006.

We also used Memberclicks for last year's conference registration. We were easily able to tie in conference registration with current NLA membership status, so that NLA members could quickly register at reduced rates. The conference registration form remembers the data from your membership form, so that you won't have to enter the same information twice. We will be using this type of registration again this year for the 2006 Conference in North Las Vegas. We will also continue to offer a paper conference registration form if you wish to pay by check or cash.

Please note that we have not taken away the paper membership registration form, which is used for payment by cash or check. This form is available at www.nevadalibraries.org/member/membership.html. Regardless of membership registration method, you will be entered into the online membership database, so that you will have access to the online directory of members, online voting, and online conference registration.

Memberclicks is also able to accommodate online polling. We were able to use this module to allow our members to vote quickly in last year's elections. Only members are allowed to vote, and each member is only allowed to vote once.

We will continue to implement the other features of Memberclicks. For an example of what Memberclicks can do, please visit the Mountain Plains Library Association website at <http://www.mpla.us/>. In the meantime, we hope you find the online module easy to use. Many thanks to those who have been patient while we work out the kinks, too! If you have any suggestions or questions about this or anything else pertaining to the NLA website, please don't hesitate to let me know.

FDLP Faces Uncertain Future LOCKSS Speaker at 2006 NLA

Stephen Platt: Government Documents/Reference Librarian/GODIG Chair

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At the 2005 NLA, those who attended “The Future of Free Government Information” discussion, given by James Jacobs, Shinjoung Yeo, and Daniel Cornwall were presented with the following arguments:

1. The 150 year old partnership between the Government Printing Office and the Federal Depository Library Program is currently challenged by digital publishing and the World Wide Web.
2. Access, Preservation, and Government Information are in danger under GPO’s current plan which calls for a single Government controlled database of all Government Documents.
3. GPO’s plan for FDLP restructuring strips libraries of their traditional role as collection managers, and places this responsibility in the hands of the Government and its agencies.
4. Distribution of Government Documents could be carried out on a “cost recovery basis” meaning that fees will be charged in exchange for information.

The question everyone is asking -- what will happen to the FDLP and free information if the government takes over the FDLP’s current role? With every shipment of Government information, depositories are finding fewer and fewer tangible materials to put on their shelves. The information is now produced in electronic form, whether as fugitive documents available on an agency website one day, and gone the next, or as an electronic link in a library catalog that connects to content stored on a Government server. In the Depository Library Council’s September 2005 Vision Statement, we read that Federal Depository Libraries “are no longer exclusive locations to access government information.” Changes are on the horizon. In the same Vision Statement, FDLP encourages libraries to examine their goals for service, and mentions that the future of a proactive depository library might include the building of a digital collection or light archive. Libraries who maintain the status quo, the DLC intones, will simply “wither away.”

One somewhat happy solution for the program is for the Government Printing Office to distribute information to each library as an electronic file that is stored on the library’s server, cataloged, and made available via a web-based catalog. In a recent Biennial Survey of Depository Libraries, a question was asked if Depository Libraries were willing to store and serve these electronic files locally. Alaska State Librarian, Daniel Cornwall announced that based on the survey, more than a quarter of the Depositories in the FDLP were willing to give it a try. If the FDLP did establish a formal deposit system for electronic files, what would it entail? One way to find out would be to look at a system developed by technicians at Stanford University called LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe). LOCKSS is currently in place and employed at over 100 libraries worldwide. Essentially, LOCKSS is a local PC running free software that crawls websites, collects, and disseminates content. Users can access this content long after it disappears from the web, hardware fails, or subscriptions run out.

In the Spring of 2005, GPO announced a pilot project using LOCKSS to move the FDLP to the next level. More than 20 institutions were involved with the project. The final results of the project will be made available in August of 2006. In an effort to inform the Nevada Library Community about LOCKSS, NLA’s Government Documents Interest Group (GODIG) plans to have Scott Matheson, currently Law Librarian at Yale University, share his experiences with the FDLP’s LOCKSS pilot project at the 2006 NLA.

Scott has accepted the offer to speak, and we look forward to hearing him in August. If you have interest in what the future holds for your library when it comes to capturing electronic information, dissemination, and preservation of that information, I would urge you to attend Scott’s talk. Whether you are an FDLP, academic, or public library this topic is bound to have a great deal of relevance in the future world of information gathering in an increasingly fragmented and chaotic environment.

NSLA Hosts BCR Courses

In the Gates Laboratory, Nevada State Library & Archives, Carson City
June 27-30, 2006



Michael Sauers, Internet Trainer

Michael Sauers is the internet trainer for BCR's Member Services Division and part-time reference librarian for the Arapahoe County (CO) Library District. He is also currently on the Board of Trustees for the Aurora (CO) Public Library and the Friends of the Aurora Public Library. Prior to moving to Colorado in 1997 he was an independent consultant and trainer in Las Vegas, NV. He has also worked for both the [New York State Library](#) and the New York State Assembly. He earned his MLS from the [University at Albany's School of Information Science and Policy](#), State University of New York (SUNY) in 1995, and a BS in American Studies (minor in Criminal Justice) from [SUNY Brockport](#).

ALL CLASSES LIMITED TO TEN STUDENTS

To Register: Online registration

<http://www.bcr.org/training/workshops/register.html>

Blog-based Publishing for Libraries

June 27, 2006, 9 am - 12 pm

Description: Blogs are the newest way to not only receive information, but also to publish the information you have. More than just an online journal, blog-based publishing might be the best way for you to present your library's information to the public. In this half-day, hands-on workshop, you will:

- Learn where blogs have come from and where they're going.
- View many excellent examples of LIS blogs and discover what makes them worth reading.
- Create your own blog using the free Blogger.com service.
- Leave with ideas on just how blogging can be integrated into your library's Web site.

Attendees are expected to have familiarity with using the Web. HTML/XHTML experience is not necessary.

Who Should Attend: Any librarian or library staff member interested in the latest technologies used to both receive and publish information on the Internet. This is a companion class to BCR's workshop, RSS: The Power of Aggregation. It is highly recommended that you attend both sessions although it is not required.

Fee: \$90 for BCR members (\$10 discount for early registration)

RSS: The Power of Aggregation June 27, 2006, 1 pm - 4 pm

Description: So you're a blog reader and maybe even a blog publisher, what's the next step? RSS (Really Simple Syndication) is that next step. As a user you can use an RSS aggregator to read all those blogs in one central location. As a blog publisher, adding an RSS feed makes it easier for your readers to receive your information. In this half-day, hands-on workshop, you will:

- Learn the fundamentals of RSS technology.
- Learn how to find and subscribe to RSS feeds using Bloglines.com.
- See different methods for creating RSS feeds for your information.
- Attendees are expected to have familiarity with using the Web. A basic understanding of blogs and markup languages (HTML, XHTML and/or XML) will be helpful.

Who Should Attend: Any librarian or library staff member interested in the latest technologies used to both receive and publish information on the Internet.

This is a companion class to BCR's workshop, Blog-based Publishing for Libraries. It is highly recommended that you attend both sessions although it is not required.

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The Wonderful World of Wikis June 28, 2006, 9 am - 12 pm

Description: Wikipedia.org, "a Web-based, free-content encyclopedia that is written collaboratively by volunteers," is taking the online world by storm. This workshop will take a look at not only Wikipedia, but other high-profile wikis and show attendees just what a wiki is and how it can be used in the library environment. In this half-day, hands-on workshop, attendees will:

- Gain an understanding of what wikis are and the technologies behind them.
- Explore Wikipedia and other public wikis and learn about the psychology and sociology of wiki-based resources.
- Create and manipulate a live wiki created specifically for the class.

Attendees are expected to have familiarity with using the Web. Understanding of markup languages (HTML, XHTML and/or XML) is not necessary.

Who Should Attend Any librarian or library staff member interested in the latest technologies used to both receive and publish information on the Internet.

Fee \$90 for BCR members (\$10 discount for early registration)

Web Design: Moving from HTML to XHTML June 28, 2006, 1 pm - 4 pm

Description: Welcome to the next generation of Web-based publishing. HTML has been completely rewritten and is now called XHTML. Spend time in a hands-on environment learning about this new version and the hows and whys of migrating to it on your Web site.

Who Should Attend Library Webmasters and those interested in making their sites more interactive.

Prerequisites: Significant experience with HTML. Experience with CSS is helpful, but not necessary.

Fee \$90 for BCR members (\$10 discount for early registration)

Using the Internet as a Reference Tool June 29, 2006, 9 am - 4 pm

Description: The Internet is a powerful reference desk tool, but librarians too often are frustrated by both the time required to find answers online and the lack of any efficient, comprehensive way to evaluate a Web site when an answer is found. In this full-day class, you will acquire the skills you need to take full advantage of the Internet in both ready reference and research situations. You will learn:

- Time-saving, practical methods for evaluating online resources.
- Effective strategies for finding answers to ready reference questions on the Internet.
- When to use print resources, when to turn to the Internet and how to evaluate both.
- Alternatives to typical Internet search engines, when to use them and how to use them effectively.
- Techniques to deal with more complex reference questions.
- Guidelines for creating your library's own Reference Page on your library Web site.

This is a companion class to the BCR workshop, Web-based Search Engines.

Who Should Attend: Any library staff member with Internet access at the reference desk.

Fee \$110 for BCR members (\$20 discount for early registration)

Web-based Search Engines: Making Them Work for You June 30, 2006, 9 am - 4 pm

Description: This full-day class is designed to help you to better understand how Web search engines work and how to use them more effectively in a library. Three different search engines will be discussed in depth with an opportunity for each attendee to try them out.

Learn about the different ways a user can search the Web. Discover more effective searching techniques.

Compare and contrast the ways each search engine is, or is not, helpful in answering typical patron questions. This is a companion class to the BCR workshop, Using the Internet as a Reference Tool.

Who Should Attend: Library staff who are interested in learning how to better search for information on the Web.

Fee \$110 for BCR members (\$20 discount for early registration)

Message from:

PLATO (Public Library and Trustee Organization) chair
Kathy Pennell, Assistant Director North Las Vegas Library District

It is an honor to have been asked by our president, Kim Clanton-Green, to serve as PLATO (Public Library and Trustee Organization) chair.

Our library board members are a vital link between the library and the community. They serve as library advocates and leaders in helping us develop responsible and creative service to the public. Qualifications for serving as a trustee vary from district to district, but in my mind, the most important qualification is an intense interest in the library and its welfare. As our trustees are usually very busy people, we should do all we can to provide the tools and knowledge to assist them accomplish their goals and make their jobs more rewarding. I welcome your input as to how we can best accomplish that --through programs, training or other interactions. I can be reached at

I look forward to the challenge ahead and to hearing from you.

(702)633-1074 or kpennell@cityofnorthlasvegas.com.

Southern District News

Mark your calendars for this year's Southern District Programs!

Thursday, March 9th

9:30 to 11:30 am. Boulder City Library and Southern District are hosting a showcase called "Best of the Best" for youth services staff. This is **NOT** the typical 'share your story-time with us' presentation, but a dynamic and interactive forum of many different types of programs and ideas to inspire both public and school youth services library staff.

Wednesday, April 19th

3:00 to 4:00 pm. Sahara West Library and Southern District present "Internet Safety with the FBI." Learn about or update your knowledge of the various new threats, including predator profiles, non-secure systems, chat rooms and more.

In addition, we'll be offering workshops/presentations on **Body Language** and **Tech Savvy** later in the year, so stay tuned for more information.

Also, June will bring us the **Southern District Social Event**, an evening play and picnic dinner at the lovely Spring Mountain Ranch. Exact dates and times will be forthcoming soon, so please keep an eye out for the flyers!

Do you know about the body in the library?

This question was the teaser lead for much of the advertising for Douglas County Public Library's first-ever winter reading program for adults 18 and older. The body in the library theme was taken from an Agatha Christie novel of the same name.

The summer reading program for kids prompted a request from adults wanting a similar program for them. The library board and the library director were willing to support the request as it can be challenging to find new programs for the adult segment of the community. Not wanting to stretch staff any further during the summer months, it was decided to sponsor the program during January, February, and March. Any adult 18 years or older could participate. Only one book had to be read to qualify for the grand prize drawing, and the book could be the print version or an unabridged audio version.

Friends of DCPL were contacted about paying for the grand prize – an overnight package for two on the Delta King for Suspects Mystery Dinner Theatre in historic Old Sacramento. The \$300 prize proved to be quite attractive to the participants; some folks came in to get library cards just so they could take part in the program.

A book discussion night, a murder mystery, and an awards ceremony/party were planned in addition to the reading portion of the program. A book summary was required to be submitted for each book read. Some newspaper advertising was purchased; however, the majority of promotional material was done in-house or through public service announcements in the newspaper and on local radio stations.

A spreadsheet program helped with keeping track of the number of books and pages read. Local businesses were contacted for donations of items that could be used as prizes for the mystery night and the awards ceremony. A bookstore sponsored the mystery night and three businesses supplied the refreshments for the final party.

The program was a tremendous success. Over 80 adults participated in the six-week long event. More than 400 books with pages totaling 139,736 were read during this time period.

Luise C. Davis Support Services Librarian: Douglas County Public Library

**HELP SUPPORT
I ♥ 2 READ
NEVADA
LIBRARIES PLATES**

Nevada Libraries

Introduce

I ♥ 2 READ License Plate



Fees from special edition plates will benefit libraries throughout state

Carson City, Nevada. Nevada drivers may now get a “license to read.” A new *I ♥ 2 READ* special edition license plate is now available to registered drivers through the Department of Motor Vehicles. Funds raised by the plates will support summer reading programs and educational opportunities for librarians throughout the state.

“These plates are an exciting new way for Nevada drivers to show their love for libraries,” Nevada State Librarian Sara Jones said. “They will generate important revenues while serving as a consistent beacon for literacy.”

Design of the plate includes the phrase *I ♥ 2 READ* in red over a stack of books. The plates are available for \$61 at initial registration and \$25 to renew. Thirty dollars from the initial registration fee and \$20 from each renewal will go to support libraries. For more information on obtaining the plate visit the DMV website at www.dmvnv.com.

Libraries and Friends of Libraries throughout the state worked to gather the signatures needed to establish this special edition plate. Nevada law requires a minimum of 1,000 interested users before issuing a specialized license plate. Jones said library officials and volunteers stopped collecting signatures after the first 1,000. However, due to word-of-mouth and an overwhelming show of support, nearly 500 more signatures were collected within a matter of days.

“We knew there would be support,” Jones said. “But even those of us intimately involved with the process were surprised to see the amount of enthusiasm generated by the plate. It’s moving to see so many people get behind such an important project.”

Henderson Libraries Executive Director Tom Fay led the effort to design the sample plate. After choosing a design, librarians took their signatures and concept to the State Commission on Special License Plates. They worked closely with the Department of Motor Vehicles to finalize the design of the plate.

The Nevada State Library and Archives is a division of the Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs. The Department serves Nevada’s citizens and visitors through preservation and promotion of cultural resources, cultural and information management, and education. The Department also includes the Division of Museums and History, State Historic Preservation Office, Nevada Arts Council, Comstock Historic District Commission, and the Commission for Cultural Affairs. For more information, please contact Teresa Moiola at (775) 687-8323 or visit the department’s website at NevadaCulture.org.

2006 NEVADA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION AWARDS

By Nancy Hutchinson, 2006 NLA Awards Chair

It's time to start thinking about all of the wonderful individuals that you know that work hard each day in support of Nevada's Libraries.

We want to recognize them for all that they so unselfishly do. So, please take a moment and read over the criteria for each award and send your nomination in to the committee by June 1, 2006.

LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR & TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR

- For constructive accomplishments toward the advancement and extension of library service and the development of sound library policies; creative and effective interpretation of the library on a regional, local or national level.
- For notable activity in library legislation, recruitment, statewide planning, published writings, outstanding participation in NLA, ALA, MPLA, Friends of the Library etc.
- For broadened scope of service to the community, specialized services to children, young adults, senior citizens, the handicapped etc.
- For an outstanding contribution to library education, library techniques, library building, library management, establishment or organization or a new library or library system, or expansion and revitalization of an established library system or library.
- For a substantial financial assistance or endowment.

SPECIAL CITATION AWARD

- For constructive accomplishments toward the advancement and extension of library service and the development of sound library policies or the creative and effective interpretation of the library on a local or state level.
- For praiseworthy contribution to library education, library techniques, library building, library management, establishment of a new library system or expansion and revitalization of an established library or library system
- For a substantial financial assistance or endowment.

DOROTHY McALINDEN AWARD

- For outstanding service to, or on behalf of, the Association which is rendered by a member who is not a professional library employee.

NOMINATION FORM:

Person being nominated: _____

Library of Nominee: _____

Award Selection: _____ Librarian of the Year: _____ Trustee of the Year:
_____ Special Citation Award: _____ Dorothy McAlinden Award

Reason for nomination: (Additional text may be submitted on a separate page)

** Please email, fax, or mail in your nomination by **June 1, 2006** to: Nancy Hutchinson at hutchinsonn@lvccld.org

West Las Vegas Library 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89106

Phone: 702-507-3990 Fax: 702-507-3996 Please call if you have any questions. Thank You.

The Board of Trustees of the Nevada Library Association held its winter 2006 meeting on January 17, 2006, at the Sahara West Library, Las Vegas, Nevada. Kim Clanton-Green, President, presided.

Treasurers Report

The Board voted by e-mail on December 28-30, 2005, to accept the bid of Bullis & Company to perform an internal audit. Joanne Ross, NLA Treasurer, reported that the auditor has asked for many records of the association covering several years. She then discussed financial transactions for using Memberclicks and the merchants' gateway, Cardservice International, as well as the electronic membership noticing that went to most members last fall. This was followed by a discussion of the operating account in general terms, including the license plate and some outstanding scholarship monies pending from the state.

Ian Campbell moved that \$3500 be approved for the audit contract; Joanne Ross seconded; approved. No other action.

OLD BUSINESS

Memberclicks

The Board reviewed how well Memberclicks is operating for the association. NLA Treasurer Joanne Ross informed the Board that fees for using Memberclicks will increase if NLA membership goes over 300 and that the membership database has been reviewed, including making some memberships inactive. Ian Campbell, Immediate Past President, commented that Memberclicks shows that NLA has 286 active members. Kim Clanton-Green, NLA President, asked if a line is included in the budget for Memberclicks. Joanne replied that the fees are covered under the Webmaster budget request; confirmed by Finance chair Mary Lohnes. No action.

NLA Strategic Plan

The Board noted that members of the Planning Committee and Interest chairs are responsible for implementation of the Strategic Plan but that no specific amount is allocated for implementing the strategic plan. President Kim Clanton-Green asked for a volunteer to chair the Planning Committee. No action.

NLA License Plate

The Board held a conference telephone call with Sara Jones, Nevada State Library and Archives, to learn the progress on sales of the NLA license plate. She reported that 300 license plates have been sold since April 2005. Members are urged to contact Mona Reno for postcard or bookmarks. Kim Clanton-Green volunteered to send cards to those who signed the original petition. Sara also reported that cards were sent to school libraries. No Action.

NEW BUSINESS

2005 Conference Report:

The Board agreed to accept the final report from Ian Campbell on the 2005 conference by e-mail at a later date. Mona Reno commented that the conference made money and that inviting school librarians was a good idea.

2006 Conference Planning

Leo Segura, 2006 NLA Conference chair, presented preliminary plans for the 2006 conference, which will be held at Texas Station in Las Vegas on August 16-19, 2006. Rooms will be available for \$57/night for the conference, with pre- and post-conference rates at \$49/night. He indicated that preliminary responses from vendors was good and that vendor charges are the same as 2004. The Board then voted to accept the proposed vendor charges. Leo explained potential vendor ads for the conference program. Discussion followed. Leo also noted that exhibits open Thursday morning and close Friday evening; tours to local venues are planned; the President's dinner is planned for the new Aliente Library (North Las Vegas Library District). Finally, he noted that pre-conference on technology will provide continuing education credits.

2007 Conference Planning:

Karen Eggers, reported that American Association of School Librarians (AASL) will hold its 2007 conference in Reno and that AASL has asked Ann Aas to work on the planning at ALA mid-winter.

The Board agreed to investigate holding its 2007 conference in Reno in conjunction with the AASL conference.

Susan Williams asked if the Board might be interested in holding a joint conference with Virtual Reference Librarians. The board indicated interest. No action.

Legislative Update

Ian Campbell reported that all bills that affect libraries were approved in the 2005 Nevada legislative session, including \$250,000 for the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District High School Homework program.

Full-time lobbyist

Ian Campbell reported that much of the work of the Nevada legislature is done during the Interim between legislative sessions. With a full time lobbyist, the association has a better chance at assuring that an item in the Governor's Budget remains intact. The Board agreed to direct the Government Relations Committee chair to continue discussions with the current lobbyist.

Proposed Bylaws changes

The Board briefly discussed increasing membership fees to cover the increased cost of using Memberclicks. No action.

The Board then discussed two proposed changes to the Bylaws.

The first proposes a change to Article III Officers to provide for electronic or mail ballots by December 1 of each calendar year. Tammy Giesking moved that the Board accept the proposed change; Ian Campbell seconded. Passed.

The second provides for a change in the membership year to correspond to when payment of membership fees are made. The new wording would permit membership to expire 1 year from payment of dues rather than a set date. Discussion followed; Greg Robinson suggested investigating what other organizations are doing in this regard. No action.

Ian Campbell moved that the Board accept the proposed By-laws change. Mona Reno second; Yea 5; Nay 2. Passed.

2006 Operating Budget

Mary Lohnes, Finance chair, noted that the association archivist has over 75 boxes of records and has requested funds for a storage unit. The Membership Committee requested \$200 for Memberclicks fees. The Board agreed that the funds for Publications should be retained even if Nevada Libraries (newsletter of the association) becomes a fully electronic publication. Publicity's budget request covered radio announcements in 2005.

Ian Campbell moved to accept the budget as proposed. Gregory Robinson seconded. Passed.

Ian Campbell moved to amend the budget to include \$500 for the Northwest District. Mona Reno seconded. Passed.

2006 Conference Budget

Mona Reno requested that \$2000 be added to budget for the Northwest District

Susan Williams requested that \$200 be added for NNAG.

Leo Segura noted that if the association spends more than \$18,000 on meals, Texas Station will waive facility/exposition charges.

Ian Campbell moved to accept the amended 2006 Conference Budget. Mona Reno seconded. Passed.

Interest Groups

The Board heard informational reports from Interest Groups. Floricia Hagendorn reported that ACTION, an interest group for paraprofessionals, is slowly dying. Susan Williams indicated that NNAG, another interest group, currently consists of one member. The board then discussed interest groups within the association and their relationship to the NLA Strategic Plan. Patrick Dunn, new Northeast section chair is promoting membership in NLA. Susan Williams suggested that NLA should have a booth in the Exhibitors area for interest groups to use.

NLA Scholarships Committee

Jen Fabbi, outgoing chair of the Scholarships Committee, introduced Sidney Watson, incoming chair. Jen then reported that The University of North Texas (UNT) has again agreed to match amounts awarded by the association for persons to pursue the library science degree. Applications for the UNT scholarship are awarded in May. She also reported that NSLA provides \$5000 for the rural certification program. The Board applauded Jen on her 4 years of work on the Scholarships Committee and NYRA.

Other Reports

MPLA: Martha Greene reported that MPLA is seeking a moderator/host, as the University of South Dakota can no longer host the MPLA list. Any organization willing to host the list should contact her. Joanne Ross noted that the Kendall Reading Fund is a "wash." (NLA programs the funds) but that the program is in flux.

Respectfully submitted,

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