

**North Carolina Library Association Executive Board Meeting
Friday, April 30th, 2021**

ZOOM Online Conferencing Platform

Attending:

Shaun Bennett (Business Librarianship in NC), **Dawn Behrend** (Assoc. of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)-NC Chapter), **Jennifer Seagraves** (Community and Junior College Libraries), **Laura Davidson** (Constitution, Codes & Handbook), **Paul Birkhead** (Finance), **Rebecca Freeman** (Government Resources), **Brandy Hamilton** (Leadership, Administration and Management), **Anthony Chow** (Library Advocacy & Legislative), **LaJuan Pringle** (Library Advocacy & Legislative), **Breanne Crumpton** (Literacy), **Rachel Olsen** (Marketing & filling in for Amanda Glenn-Bradley, New Members), **Ralph Scott** (Editor, NC Libraries), **La'Nita Williams** (NC Library Paraprofessionals), **Mike Crumpton** (Past President, Nominating), **Lorrie Russell** (President), **Sandra Lovely** (Public Library), **Susana Goldman** (Reference and Adult Services), **Jeanne Hoover** (Regional Director [Eastern] / Membership), **Juli Moore** (Regional Director [Piedmont] / Membership & Leadership Institute), **Marcellaus Joiner** (Ethnic & Minority Concerns), **Brittany Champion** (Ethnic & Minority Concerns), **Kristin Calvert** (Resources and Technical Services), **Julie Raynor** (Secretary), **Gerald Holmes** (SELA), **Jennifer Daugherty** (Special Collections), **Timothy Owens** (State Librarian [Ex Officio]), **Sarah Jeong** (STEM-LINC), **Chad Haeefe** (Technology and Trends), **Amy Harris Houk** (Treasurer), **Lara Luck** (Treasurer-Elect), **Erin Holmes** (Web and Technologies Support), **Michelle Hildreth** (Women in Libraries), **Lisa Donaldson** (Youth Services), **Morgan Pruitt** (NCLA Administrative Assistant), and Guests: Noah Lenstra and Kate Kraft

The meeting was called to order by Lorrie Russell at 10:02 a.m.

President Lorrie Russell thanked everyone for coming. Because of conducting the meeting virtually, Lorrie asked Secretary, Julie Raynor, to take attendance by roll call. Julie determined that there was a quorum of board members present.

Motion to adopt the Agenda. There were no additions or changes to the Agenda. Agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

Motion to approve the Minutes of January 29 Meeting. There were no additions or changes to the Minutes. Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Update on IMLS Grant for America Walks—Noah Lenstra and Kate Kraft

Lorrie introduced Noah Lenstra from UNCG and Kate Kraft from America Walks and reminded everyone that they had come before the Board to discuss a cooperative grant opportunity last summer. The LSTA grant was unable to be completed because NCLA needed to have a physical address in order to apply. Since the association doesn't have a physical address. UNCG agreed to supply the physical address for the grant application.

Lorrie asked Noah and Kate to give an update on the grant and mentioned that they would be coming to the July 2021 meeting to provide any additional updates. Noah explained the intention and details of the grant to select eight libraries across the state (2 from each of the 4 regions) through an application process managed by NCLA. These grants will be to support walkability and Citizen Science related programs at these libraries. America Walks has put together a Walking College curriculum that they would adapt for the grant libraries. The goal is to encourage the libraries to implement new program and create community partnerships, with one of the primary outcomes being to share the successes and challenges of the grants after the projects are completed.

Kate added that there would be an application process for these grants. The funds are intended to help facilitate learning opportunities and to allow the libraries to complete "quick build" projects on library grounds. The concept of walkability includes transforming communities and expanding already existing StoryWalk projects. America Walks would provide guidance and best practices on for these projects.

There was a question about the grant timeline and Noah shared the following: the CFPs for the 2-page grant proposals will open in June 2021, with the deadline for those being the end of Sept. 2021. If accepted, the full proposal is due in mid-March 2022. The acceptance letters will be sent in Summer of 2022, with the funds being made available in the Fall of 2022. There were no more questions, but Lorrie encouraged people to contact Noah or Kate with any that may arise. They'll report again at the July meeting.

Treasurer's Report—Amy Harris Houk

Association Budget

Fund Accounts

Amy mentioned that she had sent out the Fund Account reports to the Section Chairs and to contact her if you hadn't received it (treasurer@nclaonline.org). The email message comes from Quickbooks (Intuit eCommerce).

Financial Report

She shared that the endowment had a good quarter (reminder that we are always a quarter behind on those figures). The foundation income was up this quarter (*Line 12*). The administrative fees were paid this quarter as well.

Budget

Income

The membership dues are a little behind what was expected, but she Amy anticipates that many people will renew closer to the time of the Conference (*Income-Line 6*).

Expenses

The fees for Wild Apricot were paid this quarter. We paid for a 2-year subscription up front before they raised the subscription prices.

Finance Committee—Paul Birkhead

Paul presented a Motion for an amendment to the 2021 budget. Income and Expenses will each be increased by \$500.00. The Advocacy and Legislation Section approached the Finance Committee with a request for additional funds in order to travel to Washington D.C. in the fall. The Finance Committee has considered this request and we are now proposing to amend the 2021 NCLA Budget as follows: Line 67 Statewide Advocacy Support Increasing the budgeted expense line from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 (a difference of \$500.00) To assist in funding travel to Washington D.C. in support of all North Carolina libraries, which increased expenses above totaling \$500.00, we propose amending: Line 6 Membership dues Increasing the expected revenue generated from membership dues from \$36,203.00 to \$36,703.00 (a difference of \$500.00) The above amendments would keep the NCLA 2021 budget balanced (\$38,053.00 in Income and Expenses).

Lorrie asked for any comments or questions about the proposed budget motion. There were no seconds needed since it came from the Finance Committee, so Lorrie asked for a vote to be conducted in Chat. There were 26 votes in favor of the motion, so the motion passed (the chat record will be saved and included with the Minutes).

President's Report—Lorrie Russell

Lorrie mentioned that the report about the AmericaWalks grant was most of her report.

She also mentioned that there has been a request from the NC Department of Information and Technology to help spread the word about a [Broadband survey](#). Please complete the survey and encourage co-workers and patrons to complete the survey. The more information submitted about this, the better it will be for our state. Lorrie will be sharing this in her President's column for the May NCLA newsletter.

Section Reports

Business Librarianship—Shaun Bennett (for Summer Krstevska)

The section hosted our most recent virtual workshop on March 31st, included presentations from ProQuest & Reference Solutions. They will be hosting our next workshop in July, exact date TBD. They will also have a special interest event focused on the business behind the Cannabis industry on May 27th from 1-4pm via Zoom.

Assoc. of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)-NC Chapter—Dawn Behrend

Their biennial virtual conference, "Transforming Our Future: How Our Practices Today Inform Our Future Tomorrow", will be held on May 6th from 9AM to 4PM. This is a follow up to our mini-conference, Bridging the Digital Divide, held in October 2020, the video of keynote speech and first session on the NCLA YouTube channel has received 334 views to date. The additional four sessions have received a combined total of 86 views.

The conference will include a keynote speech from ACRL President, Dr. Jon Cawthorne, as well as three concurrent sessions at each scheduled time slot. Information covered in the conference will include presentations on instruction, outreach, equity, human resources issues, cataloging, and technology. We are pleased to have presenters from across the United States and from a variety of institution types. Registration opens on April 5th. Attendance is free for NCLA members and is limited to 500 attendees.

Community and Junior College Libraries—Jennifer Seagraves

The Section had a breakout session at the NCCCLA conference where members got together and had discussions. They are collaborating with ACRL NC Chapter on the Transforming Our Future Conference which is on May 6th, 2021. They are meeting to work on plans for the NCLA Conference and they are considering offering a webinar on leadership.

Distance Learning—Vacant

No report

Government Resources—Rebecca Freeman

They offered several Help! Webinars this Spring. They are making progress in moving the Help! Webinars series over to ALA Government Documents Round Table (GODORT).

Leadership, Administration and Management—Brandy Hamilton

The LAMS board met on March 30th. Programming: Board reviewed forms created for programming including a detailed checklist for planning programs and a LAMS Speaker Form. They are continuing their work with NCLive, possibly hosting a webinar on mindfulness for leaders before the Conference, offering a small stipend to a presenter.

They reviewed proposals and discussed general conference planning. They are exploring hosting recent transplant to NC, Amy Climer, who speaks on creativity. Fees are a bit high for a conference presentation, and her workshops typically run longer. We will explore possibly partnering with another section and/or offering her workshop for a fee. They are offering 10 scholarships for the NCLA conference. The next issue of the newsletter will be published at the end of June and the intent is to publish in February, June, and late September going forward - approximately every 4 months. The focus of next issue will be elections for the next Board. They are looking for LAMS members to highlight in a newsletter piece. They are exploring ways to make their website more robust. Elections Committee will call for Board nominations in early July, with a deadline of the end of July. Voting will close in Sept., giving members 6 weeks to vote.

Library Advocacy and Legislative—Anthony Chow and LaJuan Pringle

LaJuan shared that they held their first official meeting as a section. They are continuing to support federally proposed funding for libraries, including LSTA and IAL. They are meeting with members of Congress as arranged by ALA to support library funding. They had many applications for their Student Ambassador program, with students in a wide variety of age ranges. Members of the Advocacy Section will be speaking at ALA's Virtual Conference on the subject of Advocacy Internships in LIS programs.

In mid-April, Anthony, Timothy Owens, and LaJuan met with Rep. Ross and Rep. Manning to gain their support for the Build America's Libraries Act. By the end of that week they had the support from Rep. Ross, Rep. Manning and Rep. Adams. They've asked to setup a meeting with Senator Burr to lobby his support and that is still in progress. They have a virtual meeting tentatively setup with Rep. Adams on June 2nd.

They will also be requesting a collaboration with the Diversity and Inclusion Section (REMCO) to provide resources for libraries to address the issues surrounding violence against Asian Americans.

They have 13 new Student Library Ambassadors. The grand prize winners include 2 4th Graders a 10th Grader and an 11th Grader and they will be announcing those very soon. You'll be impressed with the creativity and passion our youth have for their public library.

He wants to thank the Board for supporting the travel funds for the section because this will allow them to travel to Washington, D.C. and host larger celebrations in Raleigh.

Anthony thanked Martha McGehee and Elizabeth Ellis. Elizabeth took a leadership role in arranging 15 visits to members of Congress' local libraries. If she reaches out to you, please support her in any way you can. She will be coordinating the visits between the legislator, the Library Director and hopefully a student library ambassador. Lorrie added that High Point Public Library participated in this and it was beneficial for the library and the legislator.

Literacy—Breanne Crumpton

Breanne shared that there are several projects pending and they will be meeting soon to discuss those.

New Members—Rachel Olsen for Amanda Glenn-Bradley

The section has been making plans for the Conference. They completed their outreach to students in NC LIS schools and they will be reaching out to LIS programs in SELA member states next. Their virtual trivia nights programs for the Conference are being planned. They will benefit the NCLA Endowment. They are reaching out to local businesses to create cocktail/mocktail kits for interested people to purchase to enjoy during the trivia events.

NC Library Paraprofessional Association—La'Nita Williams

They had a COVID-19 Roundtable discussion on Zoom on Jan. 14 with 43 attendees. They met on Feb. 11, 2021 and they have been working on upcoming conference plans and looking for nominees for elections. They would like to host a yoga event and another roundtable discussion (topic to be determined).

Public Library Section—Sandra Lovely

Public Library Section had four meetings to discuss Conference plans. They agreed to sponsor 10 scholarships to the Conference. Their goal this biennium was to be more visible and interactive with our members. In February and March, we put out a call for committee volunteers that was very success. We want to thank the members that volunteered to serve on a committee, and we look forward to incorporating their talents and moving PLS in a new direction.

Reference and Adult Services—Susana Goldman

Their Spring Buzz Sessions will include National Library Week recollection and idea sharing and Summer 2021 programming and projects discussion. They are working on Conference plans and recruiting people to serve as Officers for the section.

Roundtable for Ethnic Minority Concerns—Marcellaus Joiner and Brittany Champion

Marcellaus reported that they collaborated with RASS on a program: Black History Month in North Carolina Libraries: A Discussion and it was well attended and sparked good conversations. They also collaborated with STEM-LINC on a program in March: Branching into STEM: Expanding Retention and Improving Diversity in STEM Librarianship that had about 40 attendees and was an excellent program that addresses recruiting people of color into STEM library positions. They published a call for nominations for the Roadbuilder's Awards, which recognizes a librarian of color who is making significant contributions to the library field. He encouraged Board members to submit nominees or to nominate themselves for this award.

REMCO is working with the State Library to create a Diversity & Equity Toolkit and more information will be coming about this. They will be collaborating with NC Live on a series of presentations in June to encourage recruitment and retention of librarians of color.

REMCO had two motions to present.

Motion #1: REMCO moves to establish the Constance Hill Marteena Diversity Award given biannually at the North Carolina Library Association (NCLA) conference or whenever deemed appropriate. Marcellaus read the [award description](#) and a [biography](#) of Constance Hill Marteena.

Lorrie called for a second to the motion and Sarah Jeong and Rachel Olsen seconded it. Lorrie then asked for any discussion about the motion. There were questions about how the funding of the award would be obtained and Marcellaus explained that the initial funding would come from REMCO, but he hoped there would be matching funds from the NCLA Endowment to support it. Since this would be an ongoing contribution it was suggested that a time limit be placed on the contribution, such as 10 years. Several Board members expressed support of this award.

It was also determined that this might be able to be handled in a similar way to the Roy Moore award, by funneling the money through the NCLA Endowment. Lorrie said that if this was agreeable to the REMCO Board, it would be a good way to handle it. Marcellaus asked about an appropriate amount as a fundraising goal. Lorrie directed Marcellaus to set a minimum goal of the amount of money to raise towards this, then dedicate 10% of that amount towards the award.

With no other comments or questions, Lorrie called for a vote to be recorded in Chat. There were 21 votes in favor of the motion, so the motion passed (the chat record will be saved and included with the Minutes). Lorrie then asked Marcellaus to talk with Paul about making a budget amendment to allow for this funding to be transferred to the Endowment.

Motion #2: REMCO moves that the Executive Board support the development of the REMCO Global Travel Experience. Brittany Champion gave a presentation on this proposal (included [here](#)).

There was a question about the reason behind requiring citizenship for eligibility. Brittany responded that it would be easier to work with US citizens first to make the process as smooth as possible. This would be a pilot project and would be expanded in the future.

Lorrie called for a second to the motion and Sandra Lovely seconded it. Lorrie then called for a discussion of the motion. Laura mentioned that the prospect of changing the dues structure for REMCO is a complicated process that involved a vote from the general membership, so they might not want to do that. Libby asked how often these experiences would be offered and Brittany said that they are meeting with their travel partners and she would ask them any questions the Board had and provide answers to the Board.

There were additional questions about the travel logistics and financial tracking the funds for this. Mike suggested that REMCO offer a session at the Conference to discuss this initiative in more detail. Brittany and Marcellaus are open to that idea because they want to make sure it is completely transparent.

Lorrie shared that she supports this initiative, but she's concerned that it might be too ambitious to plan for travel in 2023. There was a suggestion to wait to vote on this at the Jan. 2022 NCLA Board meeting, but there was a concern that waiting might cause the section to lose fundraising opportunities at the 2021 Conference.

Laura added that based on the wording of the motion, they are asking for the Board to support of development of this initiative and that was a broad enough motion for the Board to vote today, with the understanding that more details would be coming.

Sandra mentioned that PLS would be interested in collaborating on the development of this program.

Lorrie called for a vote to be recorded in Chat to support the development of this program. There were 29 votes in favor of the motion, so the motion passed (the chat record will be saved and included with the Minutes).

Jennifer Daugherty asked a follow-up question about whether they needed the support of NCLA before approaching their international travel partners and Brittany confirmed that it would indicate that REMCO was serious about this project if they had the association's support.

Resources and Technical Services—Kristin Calvert

RTSS began preparing for the next biennium and put together our conference session proposal together and sent out the call for speakers. They solicited nominees for section officers and discussed potential summer programming ideas. They are considering offering a pre-conference workshop.

Special Collections—Jennifer Daugherty

They met to work on goals for next year, including how to increase interest in the group. They had an open interest meeting to share about the group and recruit officers for the upcoming biennium.

STEM-LINC—Sarah Jeong

The STEM-LINC Board met and submitted a conference proposal on STEM grants. They also discussed their upcoming joint grant program with the Youth Services Section.

REMCO and STEM-LINC jointly co-sponsored a successful webinar on "Branching into STEM: Expanding Retention and Improving Diversity in STEM Librarianship" held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 from 10:30am-12:00pm. The keynote presentation was led by Krista Schmidt from West Carolina University. Panelists included J. Denice Lewis from Wake Forest University and Shaun Rutherford from Wayne County Public Library. 60 people registered and 35 people attended the webinar.

They will sponsor a webinar on May 13th at 11:00 a.m. to celebrate creativity and perseverance of engaging with STEM programs/activities in the midst of novel circumstances over the past year. Speakers will include Ruddiyette Yisak, Children's Librarian at Forsyth County Public Library, Megan Carlton, Science Librarian at UNCG, and Jo Klein, Geospatial & Data Visualization Librarian at UNCG.

Technology & Trends—Chad Haefele

The section has met to plan its Conference events, which include continuing the Tech Trends panel discussion from previous conferences and three discussion groups. They also successfully migrated their website content from their external site to the NCLA.org platform.

Women in Libraries—Michelle Hildreth

They met twice on to plan their virtual panel discussion of past Marilyn Miller Award Winners in. They had over 50 people attend and libraries in other states expressed an interest in learning more about our panel and the award.

They are planning a session for conference that is co-sponsored with the Advocacy section. Anthony Chow will provide the content and it will be on how to be a good advocate for yourself, your community, and your library. We are also securing a speaker on the impact of COVID-19 on working women, especially working mothers.

They are seeking nominees for Director positions on their Board and the Call for nominations for this year's Marilyn Miller Award will open soon.

Youth Services—Lisa Donaldson

YSS met and has been working with STEM-LINC about items to include in the Pandemic Programming Grant Kits. They are working on submitting their conference session proposals and they will be putting out a call for Board member nominees soon.

Lorrie called for a 5-minute break at 11:46am (the meeting resume at 11:51am).

Committee and Liaison Reports

Conference 2021—Libby Stone

Libby shared that there was an error in the report that she submitted. The in-person events at the upcoming conference will be on Thurs. and Fri., not Wed. & Thurs.

She reminded everyone that the deadline for Section sponsored session proposals had been extended until May 7th. Julie, who serves on the Programs Committee for the Conference, also shared that if REMCO was interested in having a session at the conference to discuss the details of the Global Travel Experience, they may want to consider sponsoring a Discussion Group session. That format would be well-suited to that type of open meeting.

Libby also said that Conference registration will open on July 1st and the Conference schedule will be loaded into Whova on Aug. 7th. She said that we will be using the NCLA Zoom accounts to accommodate the virtual sessions and

they have all been connected to Whova now. She said that they are beginning to plan some in person events that will all be at the Benton Convention Center: the President's Dinner on Wed. evening, the Ogilvie Lecture livestreamed on Thurs. morning, and the Final Luncheon on Friday morning. The exhibits will be experienced virtually as well. Libby is also planning on offering a pre-recorded Welcome session to be available on Tues. afternoon. Let her know if you have any award winners that you would like to be included in that welcome session.

Libby presented the Motion from the Conference Committee: The Conference Committee submits the attached [revised speaker contract](#) for use by the association. The contract was one that Kathy Shields had used and Lorrie extended a big "thank you" to Kathy for her work on it and sharing it. Laura Davidson added that the contract had been reviewed and approved by the Constitutions and Codes Committee. Lorrie said that since the motion comes from committee, no seconds are needed.

Lorrie asked for any discussion about the motion and there was a consensus from the group that it was a very good document. There was also a question about the specific date and times a speaker would be speaking and whether TBA could be included if those details weren't known at the time the contract was signed. Laura shared that the contract is highly editable, so that would be fine. Lorrie said that the contracts would be shared with Julie Raynor, Secretary and Amy Harris Houk, Treasurer.

Lorrie then called for a vote on the motion to be recorded in Chat. There were 22 votes in favor of the motion, so the motion passed (the chat record will be saved and included with the Minutes). Lorrie asked Julie to share the results with Kathy and she said she would. Julie said she would share the contract document with Erin Holmes to be uploaded to the website.

Addendum to Conference Committee Report (May 6, 2021)

The following should have been included in the Conference Committee's report at the April 30, 2021 Board Meeting:

Fees for Exhibitors and Sponsors

Exhibitors:

- Library School – \$50.00
- Non-Profit (Identifying Paperwork Required) – \$75.00
- Small Business/Artisan – \$100.00
- Virtual Booth Early Bird – \$250.00

Sponsors:

- Bronze – \$250.00
- Diamond - Virtual Booth Included! – \$5,000.00
- Gold - Virtual Booth Included! – \$1,000.00
- Platinum - Virtual Booth Included! – \$2,500.00
- Silver – \$500.00

Fees for sponsors and exhibitors have been posted but the call to exhibitors has not gone out yet:

<https://nclaonline.org/event-4292123>. If anyone has any concerns about the proposed fees, please contact Lorrie and Libby.

Constitution, Codes and Handbook—Laura Davidson

Laura said that she had been working with a variety of sections on motions and by-laws questions. She wanted to remind everyone that any By-laws changes need to be reviewed by her to make sure they don't conflict with the association's By-laws. Then they need to be brought as a motion to the full Board for their approval. The final step is to send them to your Section membership for approval.

Intellectual Freedom—April Dawkins

No report

Leadership Institute—Juli Moore

The Leadership Institute Planning committee met on to plan their proposal for a panel discussion for the Conference. This would be a group of Leadership Institute participants from 2012-2018. They had no other activity since they won't have a cohort this year.

Librarians Build Communities—Nora Bird

No report

Marketing—Rachel Olsen

Rachel announced that the social media engagement is up. She also requested that as people are posting on social media about conference-related activities that they use the Conference hashtag: #ncla21. They have been promoting the conference and proposal deadlines for general sessions and poster sessions. She asked that if anyone had suggestions for places to advertise the Conference to let her know. Also, if you have content for the May newsletter, please send that to her by 5pm today.

Membership/Regional Directors—Juli Moore and Jeanne Hoover

No updates at this time.

Nominating Committee—Mike Crumpton

Mike has brought a motion with the slate of Officers for the 2021-23 Biennium for the Board to consider. After the slate is approved, he will be asking the candidates to send a short bio, then he'll create the voting form for the members to use.

Motion: The Nominating Committee moves that the Executive Board vote to approve [the ballot](#) for Officer Elections for the 2021-23 biennium.

Mike added that he had included the term years for each of the Officers on the form. Lorrie reminded everyone that since this is coming from committee that no second is needed. She asked if there was any discussion about the motion. Laura mentioned that she had checked and there was no information in the By-laws about a person running for two positions, but she has a concern about this. Lorrie asked Mike to take a few minutes to contact the person and ask them to choose one position. Laura offered that they could proceed with the addition of a friendly amendment to the motion "as presented and resolved duplicate candidacy." Mike said that he would try to contact the person. Lorrie decided to proceed with other reports to give Mike some time to do this.

Scholarships—Amy Funderburk

(report recorded in Chat) No big changes in Scholarships, we are continuing to take applications, so please tell anyone you know in library school about it. Thank you! We will start reviewing applications as of June 1st, so next meeting we will have more to report. Apologies for just missing my turn!

Web & Technologies Support—Erin Holmes

They have reviewed the website privacy policy, something they do each year. The committee has been reviewing the website to make sure that the Section and Committee By-laws are on the website, so you may be contacted about this if you haven't been already. They've also been working on making sure the Conference website is up-to-date.

NC School Library Media Association—Sedley Abercrombie

No report

NC Public Library Directors Association—Emery Ortiz

No report

ALA Council—Siobhan Loendorf

No report

Southeast Library Association (SELA)—Gerald Holmes

Gerald said that there had been many changes to their plans for the Conference since it would be a primarily virtual event. SELA had asked about exhibit space and they are planning one evening event that would be virtual. They are not planning on offering a Breakfast, as they had done in years past. They only have \$250 dedicated for that event. Gerald asked about transferring his travel funds to SELA to help cover the cost of a speaker. There was a discussion about this and after the budget had been reviewed, it was determined that he had not requested any funds for travel.

Considering this and due to the desire of SELA to sponsor a speaker at the Conference, Lorrie asked if the Board would be agreeable to contributing funds to SELA to assist with sponsoring a speaker at the Conference. Several Board members expressed support for this idea. Lorrie then made a motion for the Board to support Gerald's request

and move \$500 to the Conference budget to support SELA sponsoring a speaker at the Conference. Lorrie asked if there was a second and Lara Luck seconded it. Lorrie asked for discussion about the motion and there was a question about how this would be handled. Lorrie said that this would be funds coming from the NCLA operating budget and moved to the Conference budget, so this would need to be included in the budget amendment along with the other financial adjustments mentioned previously. Paul said that he would get the Finance Committee together to work on a motion for this and to look at REMCO's Travel Experience funding, to be presented at the July meeting.

Lorrie called for a vote on the motion to be recorded in Chat. There were 23 votes in favor of the motion, so the motion passed (the chat record will be saved and included with the Minutes). Gerald thanked the Board for its support and Lorrie asked Gerald to let SELA know about this funding support.

Editor, NC Libraries—Ralph Scott

Ralph reported that he has begun working on the 2021 Issue of NC Libraries. He asked if anyone was interested in joining the Editorial Board or submitting an article to let him know. He also shared that he's been in the process of learning new Open Journal Software, recently installed, which had presented some challenges but those seem to be resolved now. Sarah Jeong expressed interest in serving on the Board and she will send Ralph an email about this.

State Library—Timothy Owens

Timothy mentioned that you may be aware of the American Rescue Plan funding designated for libraries and museums. There will be \$4.3 million dollars designated for North Carolina and the State Library has launched a grant program for these: SLNC ADAPTS grant program: <https://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/services-libraries/grants-libraries/slnc-adapts>. The applications will be due on June 15th. There will be an information session on May 10th about this and he will share the recording with anyone who's interested. The primary target is digital inclusion, just like the CARES funding. More information is also available on the State Library's website.

He also reminded everyone that the deadline for the COVID response mini-grants is coming up tomorrow, May 1st. This grant is to support library re-opening plans, etc. and it is an easy process. They've awarded 66 grants so far, but they have funding for a few more. Their regular grant program is in the review process right now. Grants were due March 1st and will be announced June 3rd.

Related to the SLNC ADAPTS grants, they've been offering a series of Fiber Fridays events, primarily for public libraries, related to digital inclusion, project ideas for connectivity and promoting digital inclusion in communities. These will be available as recordings on the State Library website and are being provided in partnership with the NC Broadband Infrastructure Office and the NCPLDA Broadband Task Force.

Related to personnel, they are in process of filling the Director of Library Development position and an announcement will be coming soon about that position. They have launched a new website for the State Library and he provided a [survey](#) about the new website and he would appreciate any feedback on that survey that will help them to continually improve their communication to stay better connected. They are adding in some MailChimp newsletters that will improve their communication as well.

Marcellaus mentioned the Library Development Staff are working on an EDI Toolkit that is being prepared and that will be launched later this year. This is in support of their statement on social justice and racial equity and they want to do more than just make a statement about this. They are trying to take deliberate actions whenever they can.

They will be submitting a request soon for a proclamation from the Governor designating September as Library Card Sign-Up Month.

There is an opening on the Public Library Certification Commission. These representatives are nominated by NCLA and he will be reaching out to the Public Library Section to get that started. It will come to the Executive Board for approval, before being submitted.

Timothy mentioned that they've been working with PBS North Carolina and River Run International on a series of PBS Indie Lens Pop Up events and the next one will be May 4th and it is a conversation with Durham District Attorney, Satana DeBerry, and a special appearance by Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner. This is in conjunction with the Philly DA series currently airing on PBS. This Tuesday there will be a special screening of a documentary: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-conversation-with-durham-district-attorney-satana-deberry-tickets-149081650229>.

Ralph made a comment about the issue of communities relying on public libraries for their main internet access. His library has to limit patrons to an hour. What is an appropriate time limit and what can we do to help people get access? Timothy acknowledged that this was a good question. He said that it was largely a local issue, working with library Boards and hopefully the grant programs that are available will increase capacity: libraries extending Wi-Fi into their parking lots or people using their own devices and connecting to the library's Wi-Fi network.

Nominating Committee—Mike Crumpton

Lorrie came back to Mike and he indicated that the person had selected one of the positions, so he had updated the [motion](#) to reflect that. He added that if the slate of officers was approved by the Board it would be sent to the Member listserv and there would be a 30-day window for members to vote. Lorrie called for a vote to be recorded in Chat for the revised motion. There were 24 votes in favor of the motion, so the motion passed (the chat record will be saved and included with the Minutes). Mike asked if the motion had been revised on the website and Julie mentioned that she would be uploading the revised motion document to the website after the meeting.

Old Business

NCLA Listserv—Chad Haefele

Chad reported that due to the uncertainty in the UNC Chapel Hill server continuing to host the NCLA listserv, he is recommending an alternate product for our listserv, SimpleLists based on positive reviews and recommendations made to him.

He obtained a quote from them of \$570 per year for up to 5000 members (this quote is valid through May 17th, but he feels like he can ask for that to be extended). This would accommodate migrating the NCLA membership listserv, the NCLA Board listserv, as well as any interested Sections or Committees. Lorrie asked if there was any discussion around this and several questions were raised about quotes for nonprofits and any special pricing for multi-year options. Lorrie asked Paul if he had any concerns or questions about this and he didn't. Lorrie asked Chad to follow-up with SimpleLists with these questions and report back to the Board. She also asked how quickly this could be implemented and Chad indicated that it should be a quick turn-around.

Lorrie suggested that once the questions were addressed that the Finance Committee review it and if approved, make a motion that could be voted on by the Board electronically in May. Lorrie asked Chad to work with Paul and Lorrie on this, with a deadline of May 15th for the motion to be written and submitted. She suggested that we try to get this done by mid-June so that it would be in place before the Conference registration opened on July 1st.

New Business

Statement on Anti-Asian Violence and Racism in North Carolina and the United States – Anthony Chow

Anthony presented his request for asking NCLA to generate a statement on Anti-Asian Violence and Racism. He feels like libraries could serve as a vehicle for communicating this in their communities. The statement would focus on education and raising awareness. He expressed that there has been genuine fear and anger about the recent treatment of Asian and Pacific Islanders.

Lorrie thanked Anthony for his work on this and she encouraged him to continue collaborating with REMCO on drafting this statement. She asked if anyone wanted to work on this statement to contact Anthony. She asked Anthony to bring this statement as a motion to the July meeting. Rachel asked that Anthony share the statement once it was approved, and she would include it in the newsletter.

Lorrie reminded everyone that the next meeting would be on July 30th at 10am and she is working with Libby on finding a location to possibly hold the meeting in person. They would find a venue that could provide a virtual option as well. Lorrie thanked everyone for their patience with the longer meeting.

With no other business, Lorrie adjourned the meeting at 12:47pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julie Raynor, Secretary, May 10th, 2021