

North Carolina Library Association Business Meeting
Friday, October 20, 2023
Winston Salem, North Carolina – Benton Convention Center

Attending: Members of the North Carolina Library Association

The meeting was called to order by President Libby Stone at 12:49 p.m.

Welcome - Libby Stone

Libby thanked everyone for joining us in person for the 65th Biennial Conference. She also acknowledged the Local Arrangements Committee, and Forsyth County Public Library. Libby thanked the Executive Board and the Conference Planning Committee, and Dawn Behrend for planning a great conference and expressed her gratitude to them for their hard work. Libby announced the winners of the raffle basket drawings. She announced winners of the LAMS table raffle and the Passport to NCLA winner.

Treasurer's Report – Lara Luck

Lara began her report by thanking Libby, and the rest of the Finance Committee. She also thanked Amy and Lorrie for their help and advice. This year our finances have gone up and down, and come out financially stronger than we started. Thanks to all the members for attending and supporting workshops and sessions. Section finance reports went out last weekend; if you didn't get your report, please email treasurer@nclaonline.org. The scholarships have been given already. The Leadership Institute is still in the black, all the bills are paid. Conference profits stand at \$51,000, but that number will change. All the activity that has happened the last few weeks goes out in the fourth quarter. \$228,882.54. Budget is on track, there was an amendment regarding liability insurance.

Section Chair reports are due November 30. Submit in the same way you have before on the website <https://nclaonline.org/executive-board-submissions>.

There is a [motion](#) pending from NCLA Constitution, Codes and Handbook Revisions Committee. Opening the floor for discussion or questions, none were brought forward. They were sent out 30 days before via email. All members were encouraged to use QR code on the tables to vote. Libby will email the results next week. Updated results, 114 unanimously voted to approve the motion.

Personal reflections and future advice, I am stepping into a new role as Past President, as this is a six year commitment. For the first two years, I planned a conference during a pandemic. My second two years were challenging with hybrid meetings. We made it through, kept close to our goals and initiatives. New graduates coming in from Leadership Institute, some stay on in supportive roles. I'll be looking for new board members as the Past President, please answer my call!

Libby asked Lorrie Russell to come forward to administer the oath of office. Special presentation about Lorrie. Currently SELA representative, Treasurer, Membership Committee, LAMS Chair, Past President. Libby presented Lorrie with a gavel.

Swearing In- Lorrie Russell

As a member in good standing, swears in the incoming board, it was her honor. Lorrie asked for all past presidents to stand. There are a total of 15 still with us, even though not all present today.

1987-1989: Patsy J. Hansel

1989-1991: Barbara A. Baker

1995-1997: David Fergusson

1997-1999: Beverley Gass

1999-2001: Plummer Alston "Al" Jones, Jr.

2001-2003: Ross Holt

2003-2005: Pauletta Brown Bracy

2005-2007: Robert Burgin

2007-2009: Phil Barton

2009-2011: Sherwin Rice

2011-2013: Wanda Brown

2013-2015: Dale Cousins

2015-2017: Rodney Lippard

2017-2019: Mike Crumpton

2019-2021: Lorrie Russell

She read off each of the 15 names. Extended gratitude to Libby Stone as newest Past President.

Installation of officers for 66th biennium. Recognized incoming Board Members; President: Dawn Behrend, Lenoir Rhyne University; Vice President/President-Elect: Lara Luck, Forsyth County Public Library; Secretary: Jonathan Furr, Highpoint Public Library; Treasurer: Kate Engelbrecht, STV company in Charlotte; Treasurer-Elect: Mark Sanders, Eastern Carolina University; Regional Director Western, Breanne Crumpton, Appalachian State University; Regional Director Piedmont, Kathy Shields, Wake Forest University.

Dawn introduced Alan Bailey. Professor at East Carolina University. Alan Bailey has served as a public school librarian, a branch manager of a public library, and has worked in community college and university libraries. He is the author of the book, *Building a Core Print Collection for Preschoolers* and considers serving on the Randolph Caldecott Award Committee and the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Jury two of his career highlights. He has been an active member of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee for 17 years and served as the committee's 2019-2020 Chair. Upon his retirement from East Carolina University, he was appointed Professor Emeritus and currently serves as an adjunct Teaching Professor for ECU's Master of Library Science Program.

Closing Keynote Speaker

Alan Bailey introduced Kwame Mbalia, whose debut middle grade novel was awarded Coretta Scott King and Children's Africana Award, *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*. Other titles include 'Last Date of the Emperor' series, and *Black Boy Joy*. Howard University grad, survives on dad jokes

and Cheez-Its. His presentation focused on, "Everyone Needs a Story." Equity equation: information + access = opportunity is the takeaway. Empathy= treat each book like it's someone else's birthday party.

The Business Meeting ended at 1:13 p.m.

Dawn resumed the meeting at 2:22 to make closing remarks about the 66th Biennial Conference Oct 13-17, 2025. Winner for conference registration drawing, Kathryn Nesbitt. Dawn Behrend adjourned the closing session at 2:23 p.m.