

## North Carolina Library Association Executive Board Meeting

Friday, July 28, 2023

at 10:00am

Hybrid model: in person at Rudisill Library, Lenoir-Rhyne University Campus in Hickory, NC and on ZOOM Online Conferencing Platform

### Attending in person:

**Dawn Behrend** (Vice-President/President Elect), **Ronald Headen** (Paraprofessional), **Katy Henderson** (Scholarships), **Tim Hunter** (Community College), **Siobhan Loendorf** (ALA Councilor), **Lara Luck** (Treasurer), **Pamela Mason** (Archives), **Michelle Osborne** (Reference and Adult Services), **Libby Stone** (President), **Devon Waugh** (NCLive).

**Attending via ZOOM: Paul Birkhead** (Finance), **Rodrigo Castro** (Diversity), **Brittany Champion** (Ethnic & Minority Concerns), **Mike Crumpton** (Development), **Jennifer Daugherty** (Regional Director-Eastern), **David Durant** (Government Resources), **Kate Engelbrecht** (Treasurer-Elect), **Amanda Glenn-Bradley** (Marketing), **Sam Harlow** (Web and Technologies Support), **Brandy Hamilton** (LAMS), **Tiffany Henry** (Resources and Technical Services), **Kate Hill** (Technology and Trends), **Jessica Janecki** (Special Collections), **Denice Lewis** (STEM-LINC), **Sandra Lovely** (Public Library), **Anne Mavian** (Intellectual Freedom), **Megan Mead** (Administrative Assistant), **Rachel Olsen** (New Members), **LaJuan Pringle** (Library Advocacy & Legislative), **Morgan Ritchie-Baum** (Business Librarianship in North Carolina), **Lorrie Russell** (Past-President), **Mark Sanders** (Constitution & Codes), **Jenneffer Sixkiller** (Secretary), **Joseph Thomas** (NC Libraries), **Michelle Underhill** (State Librarian), **Velappan Velappan** (ACRL), **Amanda Weaver** (Youth Services)

This meeting was called to order by Libby Stone at 10:00 a.m.

President Libby Stone thanked everyone for coming and shared her screen to pull up the agenda.

Motion to adopt the Agenda by Lorrie Russell. Seconded by Lara Luck and Motion carries. Agenda was adopted and approved as read.

Motion to approve minutes of April 28, 2023 by Morgan Ritchie-Baum. Seconded by Lorrie Russell. The Minutes were approved as read.

### President's Remarks – Libby Stone

This is my last Executive Board meeting as president! I have a few reminders; the President's Dinner invitation will be sent out in September. The dinner is on Tuesday, October 17 from 6-9pm. Section chairs, your biennial reports are due after the end of Conference. It's not too early to start making notes about what you would like to have in those reports. You will submit those through the website, just as you would your quarterly reports. Biennial reports are published in *North Carolina Libraries* and are an important record of our association. Please be mindful of this and be working with your Vice-Chair or your incoming Chair to make sure that gets done. And if you don't have a Vice-Chair or incoming Chair yet, it's time to have elections! I will be meeting with Committee Chairs to discuss the biennium on Tuesday, August 1. The web committee removed all email addresses on Simplelists, our listserv managing software, and added back only current members. Megan will add new/renewing members monthly going forward. Scholarships/Development Task force met and discussed changes to handbook wording for scholarships; we have a clearer understanding of Development and the Endowment Dinner, I emailed the group on May 8th. Mike, Katy, Wanda, Lorrie, Lara, Dawn and I met after the executive board meeting on April 28th to discuss development and scholarships. We have addressed what we need to accomplish with this task force.

DCLA - ALA statement, please read at this link <https://dcla.org/DCLA-Statement-of-Support-for-ALA/>. Opening the floor for discussion and questions regarding this topic: Marxism being conflated with Montana's withdrawal from ALA, clarification from State Librarian Underhill.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/nbc-out/out-news/montana-state-library-withdraws-national-library-group-presidents-marx-rca94130>. Calls for more unity, reminder that NC is still a member of ALA, and we need less divisiveness. There is concern from members with the way ALA is handling advocacy issues, as if it were a one-sized-fits-all solution. Reports of a panel discussion at Coastal Carolina in South Carolina headed up by Richard Moniz was shared, and UNCG LIS is hosting

a joint conference where ALA President Emily Drabinski will be a speaker. Discussion about the controversial site selection for [JFLA to host the WLIC](#). ALA Councilor Loendorf explained the hours of discussion behind the decision. ALA's stance is that it is not directly connected to the World Library Association, you can read the report [here](#).

### **Special Guest from NC LIVE - Devon Waugh**

We are preparing a grant writing workshop, and pulling together a panel. Look for a call for presenters. A program regarding recruitment and retention of BIPOC library staff is in the works. Difficult Conversations workshop coming up at UNCC, call for topics and presenters. Suggestions from board members were project management and DEI facilitators. Please email [devon@nclive.org](mailto:devon@nclive.org) with any questions and ideas. Brandy Hamilton suggested her supervisor, Christy Settle as a panel presenter. Through the LSTA grant, NC LIVE now has access to JSTOR materials and Infobase materials. New resource cycle news forthcoming.

### **Treasurer's Report – Lara Luck**

We opened two Truist accounts, moved our money from SECU checking to make sure our money is fully insured. Our net worth is \$217,347.07 (this isn't including fund accounts), and we are up \$18,000 since last quarter. Regarding fund accounts, email [treasurer@nclaonline.org](mailto:treasurer@nclaonline.org) if you aren't getting emails. The biggest "loss" this quarter is the BLINC pitch competition awards.

There was no further discussion of the budget.

### **Financial Report- Paul Birkhead**

The committee will meet in the next few weeks to discuss workers comp and liability, and update travel reimbursement forms. We are doing great financially, seeing memberships roll in. Via email after the meeting, a motion was made with the following information shared: This committee is investigating updating our worker's comp insurance as well as obtaining general and executive liability insurance. We've gotten quotes from Hartford and we feel these policies would be more than adequate to protect our organization's sizeable assets. Unfortunately, the 2023 Liability Insurance line item in the budget is not large enough to cover the cost of these new policies. So, the Finance Committee would like to make a motion to amend the 2023 NCLA budget. The Finance Committee proposes these amendments to the 2023 NCLA Budget. There would be a net increase of income and expense each by \$2,560.00. See the documents [here](#). Line 22 Liability Insurance We will increase the amount of expense budgeted by \$2,560.00 So, to offset this expense: Line 6 Membership Dues We will increase the amount of revenue budgeted by \$2,560.00 Still within reason for a Conference year. The above amendments would keep the NCLA 2023 budget balanced. \$52,045.00 in Income and Expenses. Motion passed with 23 out of 29 eligible votes of yes.

No old business to discuss.

New business: Lara Luck presented the idea of a SCLA/NCLA joint conference: reasons to combine are increasing worth, dual memberships, joint conference. Lorrie suggests appointing a committee to look into this combination: Velappan Velappan, Kate Hill, Amanda Glenn-Bradley and Lorrie Russell volunteered. Siobhan made the motion to appoint the committee, Lorrie seconded the motion, No objections. **(Unanimous aye from in person attendees, see chat record for attendee votes).**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Archives - Pamela Mason**

Pam, Dawn and Libby will meet later today to discuss archives.

#### **Conference - Dawn Behrend**

The Conference Planning Committee met three times over the past quarter via Zoom on 4/12/23, 5/17/23, and 6/16/23. Registration opened on June 1st. Accepted proposals for presentations and posters have been finalized. NCLA now has a Canva Pro account that can be used for creating conference content as well as other graphic design needs. The programs

committee is working to finalize the keynote speakers and will announce these at the end of July. Whova will be open for registrants starting July 18th. The link to volunteer is live and on the conference website. An online vote of the executive board approved Benton as the site of the 2025 conference to be held October 13-17. The next Conference Planning Committee meeting will be via Zoom on 8/10.

### **Constitution, Codes & Handbook - Mark Sanders**

Information about the charge and composition of the new DEI Committee co-chaired by Rodrigo Castro was added to the online NCLA Executive Handbook. Lorrie Russell has graciously agreed to take the role of chair for the Constitution, Codes, and Handbook Revisions committee during the upcoming biennium. Mark Sanders will stay on as a member.

### **Development - Mike Crumpton**

The Endowment Dinner, which costs \$65, will be held Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at UNCSA in the 2nd & 4th floors room with city view. There will be transportation from Benton at the 5th Street entrance, starting at 6pm to Campus/library circle: UNCSA will provide transportation buses; Free parking is also available in the flat lot behind the library. Tentative schedule: Wine/beer on 2nd floor with Contemporary Dancers & visit from the Pickle, Dinner at 7pm with Piano music, Dinner menu is forthcoming, including the following options: one of three plated choices, bread, iced tea, and dessert. Wine/beer self-serve. Mike Crumpton will speak at 7:30pm on the value of philanthropic support. Faculty or student performance planned at 7:45-8pm. Music or Drama. The following areas will be open for tours; Music library collection and Makerspace between 8-8:30pm. Buses transport back to Benton between 8-9pm. Swag bags will be provided, including: NCLA stickers, UNCSA library stickers; keychains available; card at each plate explaining what is the NCLA endowment.

### **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - Rodrigo Castro**

Assessment: Since our last report in April 2023, the DEI Committee administered a short survey to better understand the scope and breadth of support NCLA member libraries need from the NCLA's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee. This survey was distributed to NCLA member libraries' senior administrators only, to be completed by senior admin or individuals responsible for coordinating, implementing, and managing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts at member libraries. The survey was sent on April 24, 2023 to approximately 70 stakeholders. Respondents were given two weeks to complete the survey and during this period, we received 28 responses (1 per institution). The NCLA Committee is now in the process of synthesizing, analyzing, and documenting the results. These results will inform future initiatives. Political Climate: Members of the NCLA DEI Committee began discussing ways to address perceptions about DEI. DEI has become a frequent topic in partisan political discourse. We must coordinate efforts to ensure that we can uphold DEI in a way that is effective, meaningful, and safe for all those involved.

### **Intellectual Freedom - Anne Mavian**

Anne Mavian has agreed to chair this committee for another year. We created a google account for this committee, [ncla.ifc@gmail.com](mailto:ncla.ifc@gmail.com). This email was shared via our membership listserv, and all of the documents for this committee are saved in the Google drive. Quarterly emails continue to be sent out to the membership. The 2nd quarter encouraged members to get involved by signing up for Unite Against Book Bans. Allison got a request from Spectrum News for an interview regarding book policies at Wake Co. schools, but we declined, because it sounded like they wanted her opinion as an educator, not the opinion of NCLA. We organized a meeting with LaJuan, OIF's Debrah Caldwell-Stone, ALA's Jon Martin, NCLA's Libby Stone, Anne Mavian along with other interested parties to discuss strategies of response regarding legislation SB49 Parents' Bill of Rights in NC. which has been ratified. SB90 Student Searches adds restrictions for accessibility of materials in school and public libraries. Due to the increase in book challenges across the country, the OIF's State Intellectual Freedom network increased meetings from quarterly to monthly. Planning an Intellectual Freedom booth at the conference containing a selfie station and other IF and advocacy information.

### **Leadership Institute- no report**

### **Marketing - Amanda Glenn-Bradley**

Our monthly newsletters are only getting 3% open rate, so I am sending out a survey to membership about communications. We have received \$9,750 in dedicated sponsors for the conference, putting links in the chat. There are 23 exhibitors confirmed (separate from sponsors, which is \$15,000). Let us call for more sponsors, and if you send out a letter to your favorite vendor or sponsor, please copy [sponsorship@nclaonline.org](mailto:sponsorship@nclaonline.org). Shared documents relating to table layout,

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6Yn4UBOJ9YFIBB-rVzvu7Orz\\_H5wjBZTL0W6YiNwon1F8gQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6Yn4UBOJ9YFIBB-rVzvu7Orz_H5wjBZTL0W6YiNwon1F8gQ/viewform?usp=sf_link),

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefsXaRD1CP3ixV9NkO2CN3xrcXHC5txawebn-ZBks1wu3nhg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefsXaRD1CP3ixV9NkO2CN3xrcXHC5txawebn-ZBks1wu3nhg/viewform?usp=sf_link), [http://tiny.cc/ncla\\_tables](http://tiny.cc/ncla_tables), [http://tiny.cc/ncla\\_vendor](http://tiny.cc/ncla_vendor), [http://tiny.cc/ncla\\_marketing](http://tiny.cc/ncla_marketing). I have set up RSS feeds, I have kept up with legislative changes and set up a news alert to track coverage of libraries in North Carolina and am sharing those out with the President and Vice President. Moving into next quarter, I will be sending news digests as needed to associated parties.

### **Membership - Jennifer Daugherty**

Membership chairs are sending monthly emails soliciting membership renewals, and have recently emailed the call for award nominations. The awards will be presented at the conference.

### **Nominating - Lorrie Russell**

The Nominating Committee has concluded its work for the biennium and has nothing to report.

### **Scholarships - Katy Henderson**

The scholarships committee collaborated via email and Google docs to review and score the 21 complete applications we received. We have selected the following recipients for the biennial scholarships: Appalachian Scholarship - Sarah Dwyer (UNC Chapel Hill), NCLA Memorial Scholarship - Natalie Goretti (NCCU), and Query-Long Scholarship - Anna Louise Kallas (UNC Greensboro). Recipients have been notified, and will receive their scholarship disbursements upon receipt of confirmation of enrollment in library school. All other applicants were acknowledged and thanked for their applications. Katy Henderson has agreed to serve as Scholarships Committee chair for the 2024-2025 biennium. Discussions around updating the language in the handbook regarding Scholarships have been ongoing between the committee and the Executive Board. Chair Katy Henderson has drafted wording that would set a minimum award amount for each scholarship going forward, to allow for flexibility in both dollar amount and possibly the number of scholarships awarded (minimum of one each for Appalachian, McLendon, NCLA Memorial, and Query-Long). President Libby Stone recommended sending language to Mark Sanders before submitting a motion to change. Katy Henderson is still waiting to hear a response from Mark before submitting a motion before the Executive Board, probably at the next quarterly meeting.

### **Website Committee - Erin Holmes**

Conference updates have been posted. It will continue to be updated when new items become available. Just a reminder that Erin is not responsible for the content on the webpages, that is all on the sections directly. Web team can get you access to edit the webpage if you need it.

### **ALA Council Report - Siobhan Loendorf**

ALA has approved the continuation of hybrid meetings. They have updated the incarcerated/detained people handbook. Bylaws updated. Freedom to Read is an affiliate of ALA, United for Libraries is a national network of enthusiastic supporters. NCLA is not a member, but we should look at joining. Reminder about the [Merritt Humanitarian fund](#), which supports librarians who are threatened or discriminated against. Updated Core Competencies. Task force for core values identified the following: access, equity, intellectual freedom, public good and sustainability. ALA released a public statement supporting LGBTQIA+ individuals, including that ALA annual used to be in June overlapping with Pride celebrations in bigger cities to show support.

### **SELA - Lorrie Russell**

SELA is planning their annual Conference, and the Legislative Committee is tracking actions taken by various states regarding book banning and Intellectual Freedom infringements. ArLA/SELA joint conference will be held in Hot Springs, AR October 13-15. As the SELA Rep for NCLA I am a member of the Legislative Committee. All SELA representatives are coordinating information from their states, and an email is prepared and sent to all members on a monthly basis. I have also submitted a proposal for the joint conference and was accepted. My co-presenter and I will discuss the set up and duties for a successful Friends group. Requests for Anne and LaJuan to please share concerns regarding legislative and intellectual freedom for her to take back to the group.

### **NC Libraries- Joseph Thomas**

Beginning work on the next issue.

### **State Librarian - Michelle Underhill**

Was able to fund 31 scholarships to NCLA Conference, from over 60 applicants. It's never too late for LSTA grants, NCLA can apply. [Suggestion in the chat for NCLA to apply for [meeting owl](#) through this grant]. MOOK established for leadership, EDI, a library school program also signing up. Would love for NCLA to be involved in the planning of the program, since the grant has been awarded. The Center for the Book/Humanities Council pivoted to virtual programming, so the books found new homes in state correctional facilities. Medicaid expansion is rolling out, DHHS will publish the toolkit. Working on packets of information for libraries to help folks apply. Storywalk map, 25 new ones added since the launch of the project, continuing to expand.

## **Section Reports**

### **Association of College & Research Libraries- NC Chapter - Vellappan Vellappan**

We had our Board Members monthly meeting on 3rd Wednesdays in May and June. 2023-25 ACRL-NC Chapter Executive Board Nominations Open now. We are currently looking for folks who are interested in running for our open: Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and Director-at-large (2). If you are interested in one of these positions, please fill out our nomination form

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHGBizKA31IB2IZcCuze4ltjsYj9EBUsvHUZU098PV21yO1g/viewform> by July 28th. Ballots will go out in August. We had a great conversation at our virtual meeting on July 11th from 2:00-3:30 PM discussing AI and academic libraries. I am sharing some of the resources that folks shared: • AI Literacy: Using ChatGPT and Artificial Intelligence Tools in Instruction - created by Nicole Hennig and shared with permission. • Google AI search is now being tested by the public • Introducing Search Coach in Microsoft Teams - a unique approach to learning how to search online • English Teacher Grades Homework By ChatGPT • ChatGPT Transforms a Classroom and is 'M3GAN' Real? We have two in-person events to watch out for: ACRL-NC Chapter Business Meeting, Thursday, October 19th, 5:00-6:00pm, in Salem 3B where we will transition to our new Executive Board. We will also talk about plans for the next two years and, ACRL-NC & NCLINE Social, Thursday, October 19th, 8:00-8:45am. Limited food/drinks provided.

We are looking to offer scholarships to cover the registration for two ACRL-NC Chapter members. Please apply using our form

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSctNhDbN2YhRXQzeYrHUxQLYRUthj0Zd0X8d4a8WCu7QyPelg/viewform> by July 28th for consideration.

Future Ideas for ACRL-NC Chapter: While this will be a topic of discussion at our business meeting at conference, if you have any ideas for things you'd like to see from the ACRL-NC Chapter, consider adding them to this padlet

<https://appstate-lic.padlet.org/breannecrumpton/ideas-for-future-acrl-nc-chapter-initiatives-rcy9fuf3qjr2w38p> in the meantime.

### **Business Librarianship In North Carolina - Morgan Ritchie-Baum**

BLINC Election Committee is at work securing nominations for all positions. We are hosting a Hybrid Summer Workshop at the Durham Public Library Main Branch on Friday, August 11th with sessions on innovation and technology for Business & Entrepreneurship Librarians. Next ELC event is November 1st → "Refresh & Refocus: Libraries' New Trends in Supporting Entrepreneurship." Submissions are now open! Seeking speakers for both seven and 15-minute long talks.



August 11th, we will host BLINC Summer Workshop at Durham Public Library from 10am-3pm. Nov 1st we host ELC Fall Program (2-5pm Eastern via Zoom, open to all). We have scheduled our third quarterly workshop of the year and are finalizing plans for events at NCLA in October. Planning is in motion for the biennial election of new officers. Pitch competition winners have been announced, link shared in the chat <https://entrelib.org/elcpc2023/>

### **Community and Junior College Libraries - Tim Hunter**

The section is holding its elections for new officers for the CJCLS Executive Committee. The CJCLS Executive Committee needs nominations for the following offices: Vice-Chairperson, Secretary-Treasurer, Director 1, and Director 2. Dana Glauner, Library Director at South Piedmont Community College, is our incoming Chair for the upcoming biennium. Nominations should be sent to the Executive Committee via email by July 18, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. The election will be held via electronic ballot from August 1, 2023, to August 15, 2023.

### **Government Resources - David Durant for Elisabeth Garner**

We've lost seven members since the beginning of the biennium. I'll be sending out an email to NCLA listserv to ask for folks to consider serving on the GRS board for next biennium for vice-chair and secretary/treasurer positions.

### **Leadership, Administration & Management - Brandy Hamilton**

The LAMS Board Meet on 7/21/23. We went over the budget and membership and noticed we had not gotten the generated membership list recently. We will check into this. The last quarter book discussion on *Making Things Right at Work* has been going well, we all agree the book has been short and digestible and we are interested in continuing the practice going forward. We talked about multiple media formats, and other ways to have discussions such as a round table, etc. We are getting ready for our fall newsletter and our deadline is 8/31/23. Our goal is to publish by the week of 9/17/23 in time for promoting the conference sessions, and Brandy will write articles on community. We also want to include book recommendations from group and peers, and a "Get to know you" section; possibly scholarship recipients or someone on the membership list. Other newsletter pieces include promoting the business meeting and joint sessions with NMRT "Job Seeking for New Librarians," "Getting More Involved with NCLA" and "Cultivating Healthy Workplace Environments" with WILR. We will be there to introduce/promote LAMS at the WILR event. We are looking for an opportunity for a Social Event at the conference if there is time in the schedule. Our business meeting is Thursday. We will discuss the purpose of LAMS for interested members; potentially publish meeting dates for the next biennium (such as 2nd Friday each quarter, which is 2 weeks before Executive Board meeting). We want to create an Information table for the conference, which we will staff as we can. We will promote membership via email, and provide a handout of book recommendations from the biennium. We received our nominations for the election; but no interest in the Program Director Position, or the Vice Chair Position. We will talk to some of the current nominees to see if there is interest in other positions.

### **Legislative and Advocacy - LaJuan Pringle**

We are staying abreast of legislation that impacts libraries. Senate Bill 49, the Parents Bill of Rights, was vetoed early in July. Senate Bill 90 is the children's law omnibus, of which Sections 6-8 will directly impact libraries. NCPLDA, NCSLMA, and NCLA group members met to discuss strategies. Also met with representatives from ALA and Anne Mavian, and although it's dead now, it can be revived by a future legislator. It is a book banning bill. We are considering providing rebuttal statements and talking points that are non adversarial, reaching out to specific libraries in rural areas that are having problems with their boards. Connected with Guilford County Remembrance Project (GCCRP), thanks to a colleague at NCA&T. Interested in working with library groups in BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ advocacy, book bans. Ensuring unity rather than division in this battle. <https://webservices.ncleg.gov/ViewDocSiteFile/80737> for overview, entire bill can be found here <https://webservices.ncleg.gov/ViewDocSiteFile/80736>.

### **Literacy- no report**

### **New Members- Rachel Olsen**

Next week, we will have a student track meeting to discuss aspects of the conference presentations. Soliciting the Sections to sponsor two student scholarships. Want to recognize the winners and the sections at the conference. The

raffle is coming back, sections are encouraged to create their baskets together with other sections. Question: are we required to split the money with endowment? Answer: It's up to the Vice President and conference planning committee to determine if funds go back to the section, to the endowment, or just to the conference budget. Provided an overview of the student track, which is happening on Thursday of conference.

#### **North Carolina Paraprofessional Association - Ronald Headen**

We submitted a call for NCLPA Executive Board candidates for the upcoming election. Wendy Barber reached out to her region's counties. Sponsored 2 \$50 scholarships Seeking nominations for the Meralyn G. Meadows North Carolina Library Paraprofessional Association Scholarship NCLPA Executive Board met on June 29. August 8 - Sustaining Wellness Through Creative Reflection and Community Care. We are continuing to work on meeting our biennium goals. Major progress has been made in some areas.

#### **NC School Library Media Association - report submitted online**

Highlights: NCSLMA is in the middle of the Summer Learning Series Professional Development. These virtual events were held on July 11th, 18th, and 25th from 7-8 PM. The NCCBA Committee is proud to announce the 2023 winners! Children throughout North Carolina voted and the results are in! The Box Turtle by Vanessa Roeder wins in the Picture Book category and Unplugged by Gordon Korman wins in the Junior Book category. NCSLMA continues to hold monthly Brew Crews for casual conversations with other school librarians across the state in Google Meet for virtual coffee and discussions. They are held on the first Saturday and last Friday of each month, and they are another opportunity to socialize, chat, and share ideas. Booklists for the 2023-24 Battle of the Books Competitions are now available for elementary, middle, and high schools. The 2023 Annual Conference will be held on October 5th-7th at the Benton Convention Center with the theme "Magic Happens Here: A Celebration of the Magic of Stories, Libraries, and Librarians." Early bird registration ended on July 14th. Regular registration continues through August 31st. \$175 for members \$175 for out of state Associate members\* \$250 for non-members (includes NCSLMA membership) Keynotes for the Annual Conference include Amy Hermon and Donna Washington. Featured Speakers include Kathleen Burkinshaw, Jennie Liu, Amy M. Le, Kumar Sathy, Carol Bono, and David Zealy-Wright/DeVida. Authors include Jacqui Castle, Nora Shalaway Carpenter, Frances O'Roark Dowell, Halli Gomez, Alan Gratz, Jo Hackl, Robin Hall, Katrina Hayes, Kwame Mbalia, Stacy McAnulty, Ali Standish, Sheila Turnage, Gene Willoughby, and Allan Wolf. The storytellers panel will be held on October 5th and 6th at 5:45 PM. NCLA members are welcome to attend and receive the member registration rate.

Planned Events: NCSLMA is in the middle of the Summer Learning Series Professional Development. The remaining virtual events will be held on August 1st and 8th from 7-8 PM. The 1st Annual Librarian Boot Camp will be held on August 12th from 9 AM-12 PM. The 2023 Annual Conference will be held on October 5th-7th at the Benton Convention Center with the theme "Magic Happens Here: A Celebration of the Magic of Stories, Libraries, and Librarians." Early bird registration ended on July 14th. Regular registration continues through August 31st. \$175 for members \$175 for out of state Associate members\* \$250 for non-members (includes NCSLMA membership) Keynotes for the Annual Conference include Amy Hermon and Donna Washington. Featured Speakers include Kathleen Burkinshaw, Jennie Liu, Amy M. Le, Kumar Sathy, Carol Bono, and David Zealy-Wright/DeVida. Authors include Jacqui Castle, Nora Shalaway Carpenter, Frances O'Roark Dowell, Halli Gomez, Alan Gratz, Jo Hackl, Robin Hall, Katrina Hayes, Kwame Mbalia, Stacy McAnulty, Ali Standish, Sheila Turnage, Gene Willoughby, and Allan Wolf. The storytellers panel will be held on October 5th and 6th at 5:45 PM. NCLA members are welcome to attend and receive the member registration rate.

#### **Public Libraries - Sandra Lovely**

We held a ZOOM Meeting June 29th, 2023. The major topics for discussion were Programs for Biennial Conference, Nominations of Officers for next Biennial and nominations for the Roberts Award. PLS will be presenting Etaf Rum as our featured speaker at the Wine and Cheese event at the Biennial Conference. Lynda Reynolds will also have a panel discussion "Strengthening North Carolina Public Libraries in the Defense of Intellectual Freedom." Requests for nominations to fill vacant committee positions will go out July 14th – July 31st. Nominations/submissions for the Roberts Award will begin August 1st- 31st. PLS has agreed to sponsor two student Conference Scholarships.

PLS will continue to discuss and review the Purpose, Goals and Vision of the section to ensure we are staying abreast with current trends and topics in public libraries. We will develop strategies to attract and recruit new members, and to keep current members interested and involved in PLS. We sent out recruiting requests for the Marketing Committee, received two volunteers who will assist with updating PLS Marketing materials, and who will develop outreach, programming and marketing strategies to reach our members.

We would like to partner with other sections to collaborate on programs and offer additional outreach, especially programs related to library best practices for dealing with banned book issues, and providing training opportunities for professionals and paraprofessionals alike. Will continue to have conversations with REMCO and the NC Paraprofessional Association regarding programming and training collaborations.

#### **Reference and Adult Services - Michelle Osborne**

The RASS Section has gained four new members since March 2023. New officers will be voted on in August. Planning a Meet and Greet at the NCLA Conference. Next meeting is at the conference.

#### **Roundtable for Ethnic and Minority Concerns - Brittany Champion**

REMCo has been hard at work to prepare for the conference. We've solidified our sessions, connected with speakers, and finalized meals for our biennial luncheon. The nomination period for the Roadbuilders and Constance Hill Marteen Diversity awards has ended. The committee chairs are Leander Croker and Adreonna Bennett. They are now meeting with the teams to determine the recipients. Executive Board elections have begun and will be finalized on August 15th. As we get closer to October, Champion will continue to meet with the board via email.

#### **Resources and Technical Services - Tiffany Henry**

RTSS has spent the past quarter focusing our efforts to prepare for the NCLA 2023 conference. Instead of organizing a summer in-person event for the section, members of the RTSS board agreed that our time and energy would be better spent preparing for the Fall. RTSS has a sponsored panel presentation and social event for current/potential members on the conference schedule. In addition to preparing for the conference, RTSS is working to prepare for the election of new officers. We are currently working on a call for volunteers and an electronic voting ballot.

We are currently planning a preparation session for confirmed panelists in early August to get ready for the October conference. This event will be only for members of the RTSS executive board and speakers for the conference session. RTSS is making progress in holding programming for its members for the NCLA conference this year and preparing for the next biennium.

#### **Special Collections - Jessica Janecki**

Special Collections Section (like everyone else) has positions open and we will be putting out a call for nominations soon. Please join us! Other than that, we don't have any programming planned until the conference in October.

#### **STEM Librarianship in NC - Denice Lewis**

Webinar series started 7/25, rescheduled the other two. Preparing elections and finalizing workshops for conference workshops and webinars.

#### **Technology and Trends- Kate Hill**

Will be doing a table at conference, and a raffle. Will be happy to co-sponsor with another section if needed. Would like to set up a quiet place with a charging station at the conference. Trying to start the question and answer forum using Google Forms going out via the newsletter.

#### **Women in Libraries - no report**

#### **Youth Services - Amanda Weaver**

We fleeced YSS members regarding nominations for open board positions. We chose five Grant winners for our "Let's Get Creative Serving our Community" opportunity. We are in the buying phase for the winners to start utilizing their supplies in the coming quarter. Planning for NMRT and YSS Trivia Night at Conference by gathering swag and designing the gift



basket. NMRT and YSS Trivia Night is on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 PM at the Marriott Hotel. Tickets are \$30 per person for light refreshments, two drinks, prizes and a chance to win \$50 cash if your team wins Trivia. Thursday October 19 at 5:00 PM is our business meeting. YSS met via Zoom on June 12, where we discussed plans for the NCLA Conference. During the month of June we asked YSS members for nominations to fill our open board positions. We plan in August to send out an electronic ballot for positions as needed. We will welcome new or re-elected current board members at the Conference. YSS plans to host a business meeting at Conference on Thursday October 19 at 5:00 PM. The next YSS board meeting is scheduled for September 18th, 2023.

With no other business, Libby adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** *Friday, October, 2023 during the all conference luncheon, Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, NC*

**Chat vote to approve motion to establish a committee for collaboration with SCLA**

01:19:08 Lorrie Russell, NCLA Past President: Aye  
01:19:10 Brittany Champion (she/her/hers): Yes  
01:19:10 Amanda Weaver-YSS: yes  
01:19:11 Joseph Thomas: aye  
01:19:11 Velappan Velappan: Yes  
01:19:12 Tiffany Henry (she/her) - RTSS: yes  
01:19:13 Morgan Ritchie-Baum - BLINC: aye  
01:19:13 Kate Hill: Yes  
01:19:14 Sandra Lovely: yes  
01:19:21 Sam Harlow (she/hers): yes  
01:19:25 DURANTD: Yes.  
01:19:34 blhamilton: yes  
01:20:17 Jenneffer she/her: yes to motion  
01:20:24 Lajuan Pringle (he/him): yes to motion  
01:20:27 Velappan Velappan: Yes  
01:20:32 Kate: yes to motion