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A new year provides the opportunity to reflect upon the past and to anticipate the future.

In 1979, SCLA experienced its first full year of operation under the new changes in its Constitution and By-Laws. It was a time for learning and gaining experience. There was increased section and round-table activity in sponsoring an unprecedented number of workshops and programs. Unfortunately, we ended the year with a deficit in the general operating fund.

Looking to 1980, the Executive Board sets as its primary goal the attainment of financial stability for the Association. If such stability is not reached during this year, the Association will have to consider significant changes in its organization and general activities if we are to remain solvent. Other goals we will be working toward in 1980 include increasing personal membership, developing an active publicity and public relations program; revising the SCLA handbook; and establishing an archives committee responsible for the organization of the Association's official records.

We welcome your comments and suggestions concerning the work of the Association. Your interest is vital if SCLA is to become the strong, visible professional association needed in South Carolina.

John Landrum

DOCUMENTS LEGISLATION PASSES HOUSE

Despite heavy opposition from two influential Representatives, legislation enabling the establishment of a depository for South Carolina state documents passed the House of Representatives January 16, raising hopes that a depository will become a reality within the not-too-distant future. Success in the passage of the legislation was attributed in part to a telephone campaign on the part of librarians throughout the state, and led by State Librarian Betty Callaham. The last-

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FLASH!!!! SCLA WINS PR GRANT!

Just as this issue was ready to go to the printer, SCLA President John Landrum called to announce that SCLA had been awarded a $1,000 public relations grant by the Grolier Educational Corporation. The grant is awarded annually for "the best public relations program for the coming year." Announcement of the award was made at the ALA Midwinter meeting on January 22.
minute campaign is said to have gained the legislation at least 30 additional backers.

Describing the legislation as "unnecessary, stupid, and expensive," State Representatives Russell (Lexington) and Marchant (Greenville) fought vigorously against the proposal, claiming it would force expansion of the State Library in order to store the documents. Russell and Marchant claimed also that additional expenses would be incurred by increased printing costs and that documents are "already available to every citizen by a simple phone call to his local representative." Marchant alone introduced at least 10 amendments aimed at weakening the bill.

The telephone campaign was mounted several days before the House vote on the legislation. Miss Callaham and others called librarians around the state, asking them to contact as quickly as possible their local Representative. Emphasis was placed on contacting those Representatives who might be convinced to support the legislation, while bypassing those obviously set against it.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where it was referred to the Senate Education Committee chaired by Senator Harry Chapman of Greenville.

Among other library-related legislation, S334, which deals with changes in criminal law to include the use of electronic book security systems, was introduced into the House and sent to the House Judiciary Committee. Committee Chairman Robert McFadden referred the bill to the Subcommittee on Criminal Law, chaired by Senator Houghs. Librarians monitoring the legislation say there will "probably be no flack" to hinder the passage of the bill.

The House Ways and Means Committee has recommended that state aid to public libraries be set at $.75 per capita, instead of the $1.00 urged by the state's public librarians. That legislation will be taken up the week of the 21st. County library directors will be continuing their push for the $1.00 level in the Senate.

No action has yet been taken on the legislation dealing with the membership of the State Library Board.

SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 8, 1979

The Executive Board of the South Carolina Library Association met in the auditorium of the Richland County Public Library on Saturday, December 8, 1979 at 10:30 a.m. Those present were: Mr. Martin Pautz, Mr. John Landrum, Mr. Thomas Marcil, Mrs. Frankie Cubbedge, Mrs. Etrulia Dozier, Mr. Dan Festa, Mrs. Ruby Crook, Miss Ann Shaver, Miss Robin Mills, Miss Ilene Nelson, Mr. Frank Hite, Mr. Charles Curran, Mrs. Frances Ellison, Miss Betty Callaham, Mrs. Gerda Belknap, Mr. Laurance Mitlin, Miss Susan Roberts, Mrs. Sylvia (Lou) Whitmore, and Mary Frances Griffin.

In-coming Board Members present were Dr. William Summers, Mrs. Penny Albright, Miss Jan Buvinger, Mrs. Martha Evatt, Mrs. Drucilla Reeves, Miss Mary Aiken, Ms. Patricia (Trish) Ridgeway, Betty Williams, Ms. Thelma Clark, and Mrs. Susan Derrick. Also present was Mr. Larry Nix.

The minutes of October 11, 1979 meeting were accepted as mailed. The minutes of the SCLA Convention October 11-13, 1979 were accepted as mailed with the following correction: On page 6, paragraph 6, line 3, nil should be changed to nihil.
TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Thomas Marcil distributed copies of the Treasurer's report which presented an income of $22,876.87 and disbursements of $23,918.63. He stated that the deficit for the year is about three times as large as the previous year.

The Convention receipts netted approximately $2,200 although a few expenses have not been presented to the Treasurer as yet. During the past year, the general budget for the Association has a deficit of $3,161.01. The general fund balance for the Association is $9,116.99.

The sections, in general, have a surplus of approximately $2,119.25.

The Treasurer's report listed the amount of income, expenses and balance for each section.

The Association does not have any bonds at present. A question was raised whether the Association should buy a bond. Mr. Marcil stated that the Association has the money to buy one and could buy one at the end of December 1979.

Mr. Dan Festa raised the question: What happens to sections' deficits? Mr. Martin Pautz commented that the Committee on Financial Affairs to be appointed at the end of this meeting will consider the question and attempt to provide a solution or an answer to the question. The Committee will be requested to make a report in time for the Constitution Committee to make the necessary changes in the Constitution prior to the Call to Convention so that the Constitutional changes could be made in 1980.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

President Pautz called attention to the Executive Secretary's report which outlined the primary duties of the Executive Secretary immediately following the Annual Convention to the present date. The duties were as follows:

1. To update the present membership list by submitting computer entries for 1979 renewals and new members who joined during the Convention in Charleston. There were 44 who renewed or joined at the Registration desk.

2. Assisted the Special Library Section Chairman with a mail ballot to the Section's members to elect a Vice Chairman and Secretary for 1980.

3. With the results of the Official Ballot and of elections which took place during the various Section and Round Table meetings at Convention, compiled a list of the 1980 Executive Board.

4. Notified ALA and SELA (including the editors of AMERICAN LIBRARIES and THE SOUTHEASTERN LIBRARIAN) of the newly-elected officers.

5. Mailed the 1980 Executive Board list to the 1979 and 1980 Board members, along with the minutes of both the October 11 Board meeting and of the General Sessions of the 53rd Annual Convention.
6. Prepared and had printed the 1980 application/renewal card and the combined postal-card acknowledgement and wallet-size, Personal Membership card.

7. Handled the very first bulk mailing at the Association's new non-profit rate of 3.1c per piece...which was the No. 5 issue of NEWS & VIEWS. Also, enclosed with that issue of NEWS & VIEWS was the 1980 membership renewal and/or application card. Renewal/Application have been received from 47 members.


The Association's 1979 year-end membership figures are:

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Of the 920 total, 185 were new members in 1979.

SPECIAL REPORTS

1981 JOINT SCLA/NCLA CONVENTION--LARRY NIX: Mr. Nix stated that the Committee (Larry Nix, Dennis Bruce and Shirley Tarleton) wanted the SCLA Board to firmly establish who would have the authority to speak for the SCLA on planning for the 1981 Joint NCLA/SCLA Convention, and the Board's action on the matter should be included in the Association's minutes.

After much discussion, Ilene Nelson moved that the present Committee, Larry Nix, Dennis Bruce and Shirley Tarleton, have the authority to act on behalf of the Executive Board of the South Carolina Library Association in making arrangements for the 1981 Joint NCLA/SCLA Convention. Robin Mills seconded the motion. Mrs. Etrulia Dozier offered an amendment to the original motion: that Mr. John Landrum and Dr. William Summers be added to the Committee. The amendment did not receive a second. Then a vote was taken on the original motion. There were six who favored the motion and two opposers; therefore, the original motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

INCREASED TRAVEL ALLOWANCE: Mr. Pautz stated that for the benefit of new board members, reimbursements are made for one way travel to the Executive Board meetings and Committee meetings. It had been suggested that the present .15¢ per mile one way should be increased to .18¢ per mile. After a brief discussion, Miss Robin Mills moved that the travel allowance remain the same. Mrs. Frankie Cubbage seconded the motion.
NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AFFAIRS: Mr. Martin Pautz appointed the following persons to serve as members of the above stated Committee:

Dr. Lennart Pearson, Chairman, Presbyterian College, Clinton; Mr. David Paynter, Florence Public Library, Florence; Mr. Mitchell Reames, Francis Marion College, Florence; Miss Pat Scales, Greenville Middle School, Greenville; Miss Beverly Brooks, Trident Technical College, Charleston.

This Committee will look at all matters related to the finances.

The Executive Board unanimously approved the Committee.

1980 BUDGET: Mr. John Landrum distributed copies of the SCLA Proposed Budget for 1980, A Proposed Convention Budget for 1980, and an explanation of the Proposed Budget. He called attention to a few items pertaining to the budget. The proposed budget will be discussed at the January 12, 1980 Executive Board Meeting.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Mr. Martin Pautz read a letter from Mr. Dennis Bruce, Spartanburg County Public Library, concerning a request for reimbursement for hotel expenses of Mr. Carlisle Bean, Recipient of the 1979 Friends of the Library Award. Then Mr. Pautz read his response to Mr. Bruce which stated that in the past, the policy has been not to pay the hotel bill or other expenses of the recipient of the Friends of the Library Award. The reasoning has been that many individuals are honored at the Convention. It would not be possible to pay the expenses of all of them. In the past, the library which selected the individual has paid the individual's expenses. After a brief discussion, Mr. Dan Festa moved to pay transportation, lodging and banquet expenses of the recipient of the Friends of the Library Award at the Association's Convention. Miss Ilene Nelson seconded the motion which passed. Mr. Dan Festa amended the motion to include paying the invoice submitted to the Association this year beginning with the 1979 Convention and going forth.

Mr. Thomas Marcil presented a similar request from the Public Library Section concerning whether the Section could reimburse travel expenses for one of the speakers who is an Association member. Mrs. Drucie Reeves suggested that Mr. Marcil suggest an honorarium which would be paid from the section's money.

SECTION ACTIVITIES DURING ANNUAL CONVENTION: Mr. Pautz stated that the Convention Committee will consider Sections' activities during the Convention.

REQUIRED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Mr. Pautz stated that there will be some changes in the Constitution and By-Laws. For example, NEWS & VIEWS should be included in the Constitution and By-Laws.

RESOLUTION ON PUBLIC LIBRARIES: Mr. Martin Pautz stated that the Resolution on Public Libraries was sent forward to the Governor and to all members of the Legislature. Mr. Pautz read a letter from Governor Riley which stated that the Budget and Control Board recently made its recommendations for the 1980, 1981 Appropriation Bill. The Board recommended that the State Library receive a $20,000 increase for books and $29,258 increase for rent. Therefore, the resolution did not do what was requested of it. Miss Callaham stated that there will be a hearing before the last of December this year.
RESOLUTION IN REGARD TO S. C. SENATE BILL 334: Mrs. Frankie Cubbedge made a motion that the Executive Board concur with the Resolution concerning library theft and direct the Executive Secretary to send the Resolution which was unanimously approved by the College/University Section to the Chairman of the House of Judiciary Committee through Lou Whitmore, Executive Secretary.

A RESOLUTION

Because theft from libraries is an increasingly serious problem, and Because present laws do not effectively deal with the problem of theft from libraries,
Be it resolved:
The College and University Section of the South Carolina Library Association urges passage of South Carolina Senate Bill 334, a bill to define theft from libraries as larceny and to exempt library personnel from liability for arrest of persons suspected of larceny.

SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING--JANUARY 12, 1980

The Executive Board of the South Carolina Library Association met in the auditorium of the Richland County Public Library on January 12, 1980, at 10:30 a.m. Those present were: John Landrum, William Summers, Penny Albright, Thomas Marcil, Martin Pautz, Martha Evatt, Carl Stone, Drucilla Reeves, Daniel Festa, Mary Aiken, Martin Pautz, Martha Evatt, Carl Stone, Drucilla Reeves, Daniel Festa, Mary Aiken, Jeff Rippel, Charles Curran, Betty Callaham, Gerda Belknap, Nancy Davidson, Susan Derrick, John Sukovich, Louise (Lou) Whitmore, and Jan Buvinger.

John Landrum made brief introductory remarks on the manner in which Board meetings are conducted and announced the appointment of Gerda Belknap as Parliamentarian of the Association for 1980. He also outlined the goals of the Board for the coming year as follows:

1) To obtain financial stability for the Association,
2) To increase personal membership in the Association,
3) To develop a more active publicity campaign for the Association,
4) To establish an Archives Committee,
5) and to revise the SCLA Handbook.

The minutes of the December 8, 1979, Board meeting were approved as mailed. The minutes of the SCLA Convention, October 11-13, 1979, were corrected as follows: page 6, paragraph 6, line 3, "nil" should read "meal".

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thomas Marcil distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report for 1979. The statement showed an income for the Association of $23,071.77 and disbursements of $24,099.78.

The financial situation of the Association sections was summarized and showed a total of positive balances to be $2,087.80 and a total of negative balances to be $267.19. Those sections with a positive balance will carry over that balance into the new year. Those with negative balances will begin 1980 with a zero balance in their accounts.
The general budget for the Association during the past year has a deficit of $3,310.74, leaving a general fund balance of $8,985.81.

A Federal Farm Credit Bond for $5,000.00 was purchased at the beginning of January at 13.150 per cent interest.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Lou Whitmore reported that membership renewals are coming in as a result of notices placed in NEWS AND VIEWS issues Nos. 5 and 6. The Association has 238 dues paying members at present, 209 of whom are personal members and 29 institutional members. Of this total, 25 are new members. Together with those listed as life members, the total membership numbers 309 to date.

Other activities of the Executive Secretary since the last Board meeting have been:

1) Conveyance of the College and University Section's Resolution on larceny with a covering letter to the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee on December 14, 1979,

2) Renewal of SCLA membership in ALA and SELA for 1980,

3) Mailing of Issue No. 6 of NEWS AND VIEWS to the membership on December 27, 1979, and the minutes of the last Board meeting on January 8, 1980,

4) Following up on a request for refund of bulk rate fees paid at the 8.3¢ rate as opposed to the 3.1¢ rate made possible by our obtaining non-profit status.

REPORTS FROM SECTIONS AND ROUND TABLES

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: Martha Evatt reported that the Section is considering a pre-conference at the 1980 Convention on the topic--the impact of technology on college and university libraries in South Carolina. Joint sponsorship with the Public Services Section will be investigated. The Section plans to actively support the Association's legislative program for the year.

PUBLIC: Carl Stone stated that the Public Library Section is undergoing a reorganization due to constitutional changes made in 1979, whereby the vice chairman is now chairman-elect. Additional constitutional changes were made necessary and will be presented at the 1980 section membership meeting. Appointments to committees are being made. The Section plans a May workshop, possibly on the topic of collection development.

SCHOOL: Drucilla Reeves said the School Library Section is working on their constitution this year and is planning a workshop session for the convention.

SPECIAL: Dan Festa reported that this Section will continue the Special Libraries Directory as a project this year.
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE: Mary Aiken reported that the membership was being polled on its preference for a workshop topic. Two topics are now being considered. A committee will be appointed to study the Section's by-laws.

LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION: No report.

PUBLIC SERVICES: Trish Ridgeway stated that the Section plans a March 28 workshop sponsored by the On-Line Interest Group and featuring demonstrations of on-line searching at various libraries in the Columbia area. The Interest Group is also revising its Directory of South Carolina On-Line Users.

A joint conference is being considered with the School Section on the topic of coordination of bibliographic instruction programs, standards, and competencies between school and academic librarians for presentation at the convention.

TECHNICAL SERVICES: No report.

TRUSTEES: Thelma Clark reported that representative trustees across the state have been invited to a January 23, 1980, meeting at the State Library to assist in planning meetings to be held in each area of the state this spring.

JMRT: No report.

LERT: Chuck Curran reported that the Section is considering a program topic for the 1980 Convention. Due to the large audience turn out at the last section meeting, a similar topic may be used this year.

GODORT: Susan Derrick reported that GODORT must elect a vice-chairman and is planning a spring meeting of depository librarians in South Carolina.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDITORIAL: Nancy Davidson, Business Manager of the SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARIAN, reported for Larry Mitlin that more ads were being solicited for the publication.

LEGISLATIVE: Betty Callaham made the report for Mary Toll, Chairman of the Committee. She summarized the current status of the legislation which passed the Senate in the 1979 session and now must pass the House. The bills are: Documents Depository legislation (H2389), which comes up for a vote in the next week; Library Security legislation (S334), referred to the Criminal Law Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee; and the State Library Board Appointments legislation (S438).

In addition, the public libraries are seeking an increase in per capita state aid from 50¢ to $1.00. The House Ways and Means Committee is recommending an increase to 75¢. The State Library has revised State Aid Regulations and is seeking approval of the changes. The legislation on regulations has been referred to the Senate Finance and House Education and Public Works Committees.
PUBLICITY & AWARDS: John Landrum read Ilene Nelson's report. The Committee plans, in addition to sponsoring the annual Friends of the Library Award, to pursue a more active publicity campaign for the Association. The Committee has applied for the Grolier National Library Week Grant for 1980. Other goals include development of a 5-year public relations program, creation of an association logo, and production of a permanent portable display to be exhibited in any setting where publicity for South Carolina Libraries is appropriate.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: Penny Albright stated that she will be working with section chairmen during the year to increase membership. Trustee and institutional memberships are particularly sparse at present. The Committee is open to suggestions for a membership campaign.

1980 CONVENTION: Bill Summers stated that the 1980 Convention will be held on October 9-11 at the Carolina Inn in Columbia. He asked Board approval of the theme: "Information: the inexhaustable resource". Sections will be contacted for time of sessions and program topics. Joint meetings are to be encouraged due to space and time shortage. The format of general sessions will remain the same.

A motion was made by Dr. Summers and seconded by Carl Stone that registration for the 1980 convention be fixed at $10 for pre-registration and $12 for conference registration for members of SCLA. During the discussion, it was pointed out that Georgia charged $15 for members pre-registration and $20 for conference registration, and that the North Carolina Association charged $10 and $12 respectively. The motion was carried.

A motion to establish the exhibitor's fee at $95 was made by Dr. Summers and seconded by Dan Festa. The motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS

ALA COUNCILOR: Betty Callaham announced that David Warren has been appointed ALA Federal Relations Coordinator for SCLA. She also urged members to write to the new Secretary of Education, Shirley M. Hufstedler, and request that the library division be established at the Assistant Secretary's level in the department.

SELA REPRESENTATIVE: Gerda Belknap stated that the SELA Board will meet in Chicago on January 21, 1980, and that the next SELA Convention will be held November 20-22 at the Hyatt House in Birmingham, Alabama.

NEWS AND VIEWS--John Sukovich stated that deadlines for issues have been set as meeting dates of the SCLA Board. Issues will be mailed to members within two weeks of a Board meeting.

A motion was made by Penny Albright and seconded by Jeff Rippel that:

1) A full listing of the previous year's membership be included in the archival records of the Association, i.e. the Secretary's notebook, maintained at Caroliniana Library,
2) A listing of those whose dues have been paid by March 31 of each year be separately published and distributed to all members for the previous year and the current year.

The motion passed after lengthy discussion.

A motion was introduced and seconded that issues of NEWS AND VIEWS not be distributed to non-members of the Association. In the course of discussion, the consensus of opinion was that the matter be referred to the Editorial Committee for a policy statement. The motion was withdrawn and the matter referred.

OLD BUSINESS

1980 PROPOSED BUDGET: The following changes were recommended in the proposed budget:

Under Income--
Interest on Savings be changed from $500 to $650
Total Income be changed from $12,700 to $12,850

Under Expenses--
Executive Secretary Salary and Social Security
be changed from $3,400 to $3,120 as we are no longer required to pay social security.

Officers Expenses--
Federal Relations Coordinator changed from $25 to $75

Addition of a line item to be called "Other Operating Expenses" funded at $380 to cover unforeseen increases

Total Expenses be changed from $12,700 to $12,850.

Penny Albright moved the adoption of the proposed 1980 budget as amended. Carl Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HANDBOOK REVISION: Paul Dove of Francis Marion College has been appointed Chairman of a special committee to study and make recommendations on revision of the SCLA Handbook. Appointments to the committee are to be made from librarians from all types of libraries in the Pee Dee Region of the state. The names will be presented to the Board for approval in accordance with constitutional requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

ALA WASHINGTON OFFICE CONTRIBUTION: John Landrum read a letter from the ALA Legislation Committee Chairman, Ella Yates, requesting an increased donation in 1980 from the state chapter. In view of the action just taken by the Board to increase the contribution to $75 for Legislative Day, it was decided to postpone additional contributions until the financial conditions of the Association could be determined for 1980. Other suggestions were that individual sections might wish to make donations.
STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: A list of standing committee appointments for 1980 was distributed for Board approval. Possible activities for the committee were pointed out. Carl Stone moved and Mary Aiken seconded the acceptance by the Board of the appointments. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Martha Evatt asked for the Board's reaction to a change in the time frame of the annual convention--from that of Thursday, Friday, Saturday to Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. The general feeling was that many librarians would not be able to attend earlier in the week and a change would not be made.

Daniel Koenig announced that the Association for Educational Communications & Technology of S. C. convention would be held in February and made applications and sample newsletters available.

The next meeting will be held on March 8, 1980.
SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
BUDGET 1980

Adopted by SCLA Executive Board January 12, 1980

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WORKSHOPS, MEETINGS, AND SUCH

January 30: "Emerging Roles for Supervisors". (Postponed from Nov. 13) USC College of Librarianship.

March 6-7: Third Southeastern Conference on Approaches to Bibliographic Instruction. College of Charleston, Charleston, S. C. Registration limited to 150. For details, contact Ms. Cerise Oberman-Soroka, Robert Scott Small Library, College of Charleston.

March 28: On-Line Users Interest Group Workshop. 10:00 a.m., USC Medical School Library. Data base review and comparison of major on-line systems will be included in the program. Contact Sarah Clark, Richland County Public Library, Columbia.

April 3: "Getting Ready for AACR II". USC College of Librarianship.

April 4: "AACR II Rules". USC College of Librarianship.

(The USC College of Librarianship workshops are detailed in the December 1979 issue of News & Views. For further information, contact the College.)

ALSO: Frankie O'Neal and Drucie Reeves have been working with a travel agency to put together a package plan for the upcoming ALA convention in New York this Summer. The total package includes roundtrip air fare, transfers, rooms at the convention hotel for five nights, hotel service fee and sales tax, and baggage handling at the hotel. Prices are $435 per person double occupancy, $389 per person triple occupancy, and $364 per person quad occupancy. For complete details and registration forms, contact Frankie O'Neal at 781-6586 or Drucie Reeves at 782-9569.

SCLA 1980 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING DATES:

Saturday, January 12
Saturday, March 8
Saturday, May 24
Friday, August 15
Thursday, October 9
Saturday, December 6

All meetings, with the exception of the October 9 convention meeting, will be held in the Conference Room of the Richland County Public Library, 1400 Sumter Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

TRUSTEE SECTION PLANS AREA MEETINGS IN SPRING: Officers of the Trustee Section are working with library board members all over the state toward a goal of holding area meetings of interested trustees in each section of the state this Spring. It is hoped that this area meeting will become an annual event in the Spring and that trustees from all over the state will meet together each fall at the SCLA convention.

A planning meeting of representative trustees from each area met at the South Carolina State Library on Wednesday, January 23. Miss Julianne Phillips of the State Library staff is working with the group, aided by other members of the staff.
Thelma C. Clark of Marion is chairman of the Trustee Section this year. Edwina Tripp of Simpsonville serves as vice-chairman and Joyce Dowis of Florence as secretary.

ETC:

Each year the South Carolina Library Association accepts nominations for its Friend of Libraries Award which seeks to recognize a lay person who has given unselfishly of their time and talents in the support of South Carolina school, public, or academic libraries for a sustained period. Nominations of friends of school and academic libraries are particularly encouraged. Any member of the South Carolina Library Association can make a nomination by sending to the SCLA Publicity Committee, c/o Ilene Nelson, Spartanburg County Public Library, Post Office Box 2409, Spartanburg, S. C. 29304, a letter of recommendation accompanied by a concise statement of the nominee's specific contributions which demonstrate his distinguished service to libraries. Nominations for the 1980 Award which will be presented at the Association's annual convention should be submitted by June 1, 1980.

Kimbel Library, USC-Coast Coastal Carolina College, has a duplicate set of Characteristics of Physicians (by state), 1975 to give away to any interested library, agency, individual, etc. This is a 51 volume, paperback set containing statistical information on physicians. Contact Mary Bull, Public Services Librarian, Kimbel Library, USC-Coastal Carolina, Conway, S. C. 29526.

ABOUT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please note that the Executive Board, at its January 12 meeting, voted to set March 31 as the deadline for membership renewal. After that time, persons who have not renewed their membership will no longer receive SCLA mailings (including this newsletter), and will not be included in the 1980 membership directory.

Second Vice President Penny Albright urges one and all to renew or enter their memberships by March 31. By renewing early, the Association will be able to tell sections what funding base they will have to support planned workshops and convention programs.

Your membership is tax deductible, but that should be an incentive on a minor scale. Besides the most obvious reasons for supporting one's profession, what is important is saying, "yes, I am a librarian, or I work in a library, or for a library (trustees and friends), and I do believe in what they stand for, all types of libraries."

Only through a strong professional organization will our wants be heard.

No gossip this time. Somebody please send us some!
DUES ARE DUE FOR 1980

Please sign up now, if you have not already done so.

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- Individual $10.00 (Includes membership in two Sections)
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**SECTIONS**

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Mrs. Lou Whitmore
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Thank you!