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**THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

SCLA's 62nd Annual Convention, November 9-11 in Myrtle Beach, set a record for attendance. Registration Chairman Mary Morgan reported 375 members registered for the conference. Vendor representatives and guests (speakers) brought the total to 445. Conference goers enjoyed a wide choice of programs; and there was standing-room only for Lieutenant Governor Nick Theodore, Sanford Berman, and Dr. Len Berger. Keynote speaker Deborah Miller, author Josephine Humphreys, and others were well received also.

Plans are already underway for the 1989 year. Association, section, and round table officers and committee members will meet on January 28 (at District Education Center, Lexington School District II, in West Columbia) for a planning and orientation session. First Vice-President Joe Boykin has begun working on the program for the 1989 conference which meets November 15-17 at the Hyatt Regency in Hilton Head. The theme for the 63rd Annual Convention will be "Information Services and Economic Development in South Carolina". Since 1989 is the Year of the Young Reader and Children's Book Week is November 13-19, we also hope to have outstanding programs on children's and youth's services and books.

SCLA's membership reached 730 in 1988. Second Vice-President and membership Chairman Helen Ann Rawlinson has set a goal of 1000 members in 1989. By the time you read this column, you should have received your membership mailing. Please renew your membership early in the year, and recruit your colleagues who are not currently members. We need to grow if SCLA is to fulfill its mission of working to promote better library service in South Carolina and to provide for the needs and welfare of the members of the Association.

The SCLA Executive Board, acting on a recommendation from the officers, voted December 9 to suspend publication of *The South Carolina Librarian* during 1989 and to publish a bi-monthly newsletter instead. Steve Johnson of Clemson University has agreed to serve as editor. We believe a timely, frequent newsletter will better serve the needs of the members. Chairman Paula Paul and the Editorial Committee will be reviewing our publication needs and will make a final recommendation at the end of the year. We invite your contributions to *News and Views* - articles, letters, or announcements of coming events. Send them to Steve so that we may have a useful, current newsletter.

- Betty E. Callaham
FROM THE EDITOR

Hey! I'm your new editor. If many of you don't know me, that's because I have not been very active in SCLA, until now. Although I have attended the state conventions dutifully, with my shrinking violet complex you probably never noticed me standing over in the corner.

Since December I have been making up for lost time. I have attended two SCLA board meetings, where I have met many of the officers and committee members for the first time. My first impression is that this is a very dedicated and talented group of people who are working hard to improve libraries and librarianship in South Carolina.

At the December Executive Board meeting it was decided to temporarily suspend publication of the *South Carolina Librarian* and revive *News & Views*. The Association simply did not have the resources to publish both and it was decided that a bimonthly newsletter would be more useful. I know this change is going to drive a few serial catalogers crazy. *News & Views* may be a candidate for the ALA worst-serial-change-of-the-year award.

I wish to thank Katina Strauch for her editorship of the *South Carolina Librarian* and especially for putting up with the merger of the two publications during 1988. Suspension of the *Librarian* does not seem like a very just reward for her superhuman efforts at handling both publications. I am sure that if it were up to the serial catalogers, they simply would not allow the current change.

At the bottom of the next column is a schedule for *News & Views* for this year. Please pay close attention to article deadlines. If you have anything that is newsworthy about your library, workshop announcements, etc., please send the information to me before these dates. Send material directly to me, at the address appearing at the right. For alternative ways of sending information, see page 11.

If you have any suggestions for changes or improvements in the newsletter, please contact Paula Paul, Chair of the SCLA Editorial Committee, or the Editor. We welcome your suggestions and comments.

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INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM WORKSHOP

This workshop is planned to improve understanding of and commitment to principles of intellectual freedom, to strengthen ties between library organizations and civic groups, to prepare participants to deal with intellectual freedom questions, and to inform them about resources and support available in censorship cases.

The program will feature several nationally known speakers including Judith Krug, Executive Director of the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom; Oren Teicher, Executive Director of Americans for Constitutional Freedoms; and Rhett Jackson, Past-President of the American Booksellers Association; as well as a number of South Carolina librarians, attorneys, and others concerned about intellectual freedom. Members of each of the sponsoring organizations as well as civic groups will be invited to the workshop.

The South Carolina Library Association will join the State Library, the S.C. Association of School Librarians, the Association of Public Library Administrators, the S.C. Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, the S.C. Chapter of the Association of Educational and Communications Technology, and the USC College of Library and Information Science in sponsoring the Intellectual Freedom Workshop. It is to be held on Friday, April 14, 1989, as the climax of National Library Week. The Town House in Columbia will be the site.

The planning committee for the workshop includes Paula Benson and Pam Robinson (SCLA), Judy Roumillet (SCASL), Cate Townsend (AECT), John Olsgaard (USC/CLIS), Deborah Hotchkiss (SLA), Julie Zachowski (APLA), and Betty Callaham and Alice Nolte (State Library).

The State Library will underwrite the cost of the speakers for the workshop. There will be a nominal registration fee for the lunch and the printed materials. Program announcements will be mailed at the end of February.

-Dennis Bruce

CD-ROM WORKSHOP

The Technical Services Section will present a workshop on CD-ROM on April 28, 1989 at the College of Library and Information Science in Columbia.

The program will include demonstrations of CD-ROM databases, a panel discussion on the pros and cons of the medium for different types of libraries and a video. Databases to be demonstrated include BIP, Ulrich's, Dialog's ERIC, OCLC's Educational Materials in Libraries, and the WILSONDISCS for Library Literature, Readers' Guide, MLA, Social Science Index, Business Periodicals Index, and Humanities Index.

Registration forms will be mailed in March.

-Nancy Washington
April 11, 1989 is National Library Legislative Day. Won't you plan to join us in Washington, DC?
Each year ALA organizes this event to inform Congress of library needs at home. We meet with each member of our South Carolina Delegation and discuss the various Federal programs that provide aid for libraries.
These activities have been especially urgent in past years due to the administrative branch's desire to eliminate library funding. Our national effort has kept this funding secure.
LSCA is coming up for renewal next year so our work in Washington is even more important. Let me know if you can help. We would like to see 50 or more attending.

A typical Legislative Day in Washington begins with an ALA briefing early in the morning. After the briefing, visits are made by each team to their delegation members. A wrap-up session is held late in the afternoon. Finally, you join your Senators and Representatives at a reception (5-7 p.m.).

It is possible to fly to Washington in the early morning, take part in these activities, and fly home the same day. Others are more comfortable with a one or two night stay. Your Federal Relations Coordinator will help arrange transportation and lodging.

If you would be willing to accept this responsibility and challenge, indicate your commitment on the form to the right. Please send this form to me and I will get back to you with details, options, and goals.

--Dennis Bruce

I want to participate in the National Legislative Day!

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☐ I would like a hotel room if you get a block.

☐ I would be interested in group rate air fares.

☐ Sorry, I cannot scrape up the $12.00 registration fee ALA requires.

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"Pro Publicus Bonum: Libraries and Information for the Public Good" was the theme of the South Carolina Library Association Convention held November 9-11 at Myrtle Beach. The convention attracted 373 of the organization's 790 members to hear speakers and presentations designed to illuminate the role libraries play in society and the role the Association plays in the library profession in South Carolina.

Featured speakers on the program included Deborah Miller, Director of Governmental Services for the Illinois Library Association, South Carolina's Lt. Governor, Nick Theodore; Charleston writer, Josephine Humphreys; newspaper columnist, Bill McDonald and a host of outstanding library professionals. Forty exhibits representing publishers and vendors of library services were available to convention participants. A special exhibit, "Adventures in Faith: Library Service to Blacks in South Carolina, 1800-1988" was funded by the South Carolina Committee for the Humanities, the South Carolina Library Association, the South Carolina State Library and the University of South Carolina College of Library and Information Science.

Deborah Miller

Keynote speaker, Deborah Miller is a library advocate, trustee and lobbyist. As director of Governmental Services for the Illinois Library Association she coordinates ILA legislative activities and has successfully guided numerous bills through the Illinois state legislature.

Ms. Miller recommended that librarians in all states participate in ALA's annual Legislative Day in Washington in an effort to make the national political process more "library-friendly." Librarians should work to increase their visibility as an intelligent, educated, articulate and active voting bloc. In the state of Illinois about 100,000 citizens are library workers or the family of members of library workers. Library users constitute a group of thousands more voters and, as Ms. Miller pointed out, the larger the perceived political influence of this group becomes in the minds of legislators, the greater its actual influence is likely to become.

Josephine Humphreys

Josephine Humphreys, a Charleston native and resident, received the 1984 Ernest Hemingway Foundation Award for her *Dreams of Sleep*. This book has since been published in England, Sweden, Finland and Norway. Her 1987 novel, *Rich in Love*, was named to this year's list of best novels by both the *New York Times* and *Publishers Weekly* and was a Literary Guild Selection. Ms. Humphreys charmed her audience at the Third General Session/Conference Luncheon with reminiscences of growing up in Charleston and the happy hours she spent reading and learning in the Charleston Public Library. She revealed that she still finds this library a good place to write and that portions of her published novels were written there.

Bill McDonald

Bill McDonald, columnist for *The State* Newspaper, is well known for the warmth, humor and compassion of his reporting. Roaming the byways of South Carolina he introduces his readers to out-of-the-way places and to individuals from every walk of life.

Mr. McDonald shared with the attendees at the Trustees/Friends Luncheon his experiences growing up in the town of Winnsboro where his family had been book lovers and library supporters from his earliest recollection. He also recounted anecdotes of his days traveling the state in search of unique people and places to feature in his columns.

Sanford Berman

Sanford Berman, Head Cataloger at Hennepin (Minnesota) County Library addressed the Joint Meeting of the College and University Section, Two-Year College Section, and Technical Services Section, on the topic "Everything About Cataloging That You Didn't Learn in Library School." Mr. Berman is a widely published author and sought after speaker on problems and solutions for present day libraries. The thrust of Mr. Berman's remarks to the Sections concerned Library of Congress practices regarding choice of subject headings and the timeliness with which they are updated in order to reflect the new and changing topics which are covered in the books being published today. His practice has been to analyze items more thoroughly and to provide subject headings which will allow the average public library user to find materials more quickly and easily.

-excerpted from Footnotes, the Newsletter of the Assembly of Librarians of the USC University and Four Year Campuses
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

1990 FEDERAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Libraries--

In its final budget request for FY 1990 the Reagan Administration, for the first time, requested funding for library programs equal to current year funding. However, the request is predicated on passage of legislation to be proposed later which would repeal the existing Library Services and Construction Act and Higher Education Act title II library programs.

According to budget documents: "For 1990, the Department proposes to submit reauthorization legislation that would better focus these programs on improving library services for the economically disadvantaged and handicapped, on promoting resource sharing among libraries, and on library research and assessment activities." Such legislation was submitted to Congress last spring as the proposed Library Improvement Act with an authorization total of $76 million, compared with $135.1 million for LSCLA and HEA II in FY 1988. Congress took no action on the Administration proposal, which will apparently now be resubmitted with a higher authorization level.

Postal--

For FY 1990, President Reagan has again requested only enough postal revenue forgone appropriations, $23,696,000, to continue free mail for the blind and for overseas voters. At first glance, budget documents show a request of $459,755,000. This is the same amount the U. S. Postal Service estimates is necessary to keep the preferred postal rates used by schools, colleges, libraries and nonprofit groups at current levels. However, under proposed legislation to be transmitted later, the revenue forgone appropriation would be eliminated except for amounts needed for free mail categories.

Budget documents explain: "Preferred rate status would be terminated or restricted for several categories which would be charged commercial rates. For remaining preferred categories the postal overhead costs formerly covered by appropriations would become the responsibility of other mail categories...." Congress did not consider this approach for FY 1989, but appropriated $436,417,000, thus maintaining free mail and preferred rates.

--Eileen D. Cooke, ALA Washington Office Director

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, AND HANDBOOK REVISION
A REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE

Four proposed changes to the By-laws and Handbook were presented to the membership of the SCLA at the annual business meeting on November 10, 1988. The proposed amendment to Article I of the By-laws, "types of memberships and dues structure shall be determined by the Executive Board," failed to receive a two-thirds vote in a hand count, by five votes.

The other amendments passed by a unanimous vote. The changes involved the following: altering the time of appointment to a standing committee from three years to a period of one to three years, adding the South Carolina State Librarian or designee as an ex officio member to the Legislative Committee, and adding the convention budget as an item which must receive Executive Board approval.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 242-5100, ext. 6010

-Joseph L. Allen
Chair, Constitution, By-Laws

RATIONS TAKEN AT THE SCLA BOARD MEETING
December 9, 1988

SCLA publications:
The Board voted to suspend publication of the South Carolina Librarian for the 1988/89 fiscal year and to publish a newsletter, which is to appear sixtimes a year.

88/89 budget
The budget was accepted with two changes. The annual subscription rate for our new publication was increased to $10.

-Evette Pierce
SCLA Secretary

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101 USES FOR AN UNUSED HOME COMPUTER

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