

**Paraprofessional Section Board Meeting**  
**August 11, 2006**  
**Nebraska Library Commission**

Chair Matt Rohde called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Board members in attendance: Janet Greser, Gayle Roberts, Matt Rohde, Nancy Meyers, and Jennifer Wrampe.

A motion was made by Gayle Roberts to accept the agenda with additions, seconded by Nancy Meyers. Motion approved.

We did not approve the minutes from the last meeting; this will be done at our September meeting.

**Correspondence**

Matt received an email from Kevin Dudeney, convener of the Australian Library Information Assoc. in hopes of establishing an international network of library technician and assistant groups (copy in secretary book). Matt will investigate the source of this email and determine if it has merit and report back to the board.

**Old Business**

**Preconference:**

In Maria's absence Janet reported, link to the registration form: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/comp/para/2006preconf/2006preconference.html> we will be at 1316 Jones in the Old Market, we have 45 registrations to date and will be doing more publicity as the date grows nearer, the preconference committee has purchased bags for attendees, and is in the midst of finalizing lunch and snacks. We had a question on whether you needed to be a member of NLA to attend the Preconference and Janet asked the committee and answer is no. Matt was sent several copies of the Preconference Flyer in the interoffice mail. If any other board members wish copies please contact Janet.

**New Business**

**Paraprofessional of the Year –**

Nancy brought 2 nominations, Mary Gubbels, and Angela Kroeger. Janet mentioned that she had put in a nomination for Maria and found the email she sent to Nancy on the deadline date. Nancy has been having some email challenges of late and the board decided that we would include Maria in the vote, Janet resent the email. Angela is not a Para member; Gayle had submitted her for her accomplishments. The board decided that we wouldn't vote on Angela for this year, so hold your paperwork till next year and Gayle will resubmit her. Nancy volunteered to send copies to Jenni & Karen, and Janet will send copies to Maria for voting purposes. Please have your votes into Nancy by September 1 so she can have her report in the *Keynote* by the deadline.

**Fall NLA/NEMA Convention –**

--<http://www.2006nla-nemaconference.info/>

--We're sponsoring these 2 sessions:

*Cultural Competence, 3<sup>rd</sup> session on Thursday*

*The Great Safari, 2 sessions, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> sessions on Friday*

-- *Great Safari, Gayle, who is also one of our speakers, will handle any printouts for this session and coordinate with Karen Hein on the details.*

-- *Cultural Competence, Janet or Maria will touch base with Jose Soto on time & pace 7 Handouts, etc. and one of them will be a host for that session*

--We voted to have Honoriums for each of our 3 speakers, \$20 from Barnes & Noble.

--Gayle will make up a Bookworm bank and Nancy will make a flower arrangement for give-aways at the Friday Luncheon.

### **Slate of Candidates -**

Currently we have Bonnie Henzel for secretary and LaRaine Cihak for Vice Chair.

Quote from Matt, "I have never in my life been told no so many times I'm getting a complex. I have no more candidates for the slate." The rest of us didn't have any takers either. From the last board meeting Janet mentioned that she was willing to add her name to the secretary position, but asked that we all votes for Bonnie since that would bring in some new members to the board. Matt will notify Joan on adding Janet's name to the roster of names.

### **Scholarships -**

We had 3 Para's apply for the \$50 scholarship to attend the Fall NLA/NEMA Conference. One of them (Martha) used the \$10 to join the Para section then she was eligible for the \$50 Scholarship. We had \$300 set aside for this and a board member asked if we should give each \$100 since we have the money. The decided to stick with what our originally intention was. Jennifer has informed each of our winners already and will let them know how the money will be allocated. Jenni sent a \$50 check to each recipient made out to NLA for Fall Conference; this way if they don't attend we will get our money back from NLA. Jenni has already send \$10 to Martha Grenzeback for joining the Para's.

-- Martha Grenzeback, PSA at the Abrahams branch of the Omaha Public Library (Plus \$10 to join Para's)

-- LaRae Worden, Northeast Community College Library

-- Margie McCandless, Bellevue University

Janet will update the web site on these names & put something into the *Keynote*.

### **Spring Program -**

Janet reported in Maria's absence. The 2007 Spring Meeting will be Wednesday, March 14, 2007. Janet or Maria will contact NET, and book the date. We'll talk about a theme next time and the sessions. Janet or Maria will bring the list of requested programs from the evaluations from 2006 Spring Meeting and some theme suggestions.

### **Fall Raffle -**

Jennifer, Publicity Chair, is in charge of our raffle. She had decided on a Game basket, and we talked her into doing 2 of them, one of them a Pasta Basket with 2 different sauces, Jennifer will shop around and she what she comes up with. We suggested some themes for Jennifer ("Dinner & a Movie", "Food, Fun, & Favorites"), but Jennifer has the

final say. Nancy will provide Jennifer will some coupons, movie suggestions “Mummy” great librarian scene, “Quest for the Spear”. Jennifer is already working on next year’s (Fall 2007) theme “Hawaiian”. Jennifer will let NLA (Beth Goble, Vice Chair) know about our raffle plans so they can advertise the raffle on the NLA Fall web site. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5, whoever we pick first gets their choice of baskets.

## **Reports**

**Nominations** – None

## **Keynote** –

Summer/Fall Issue deadline Aug 31 goes out Sept 15th

Got - Chair comments

Got - After Remarks of Spring Meeting (by Spring Program Chair

Got - Advertise Scholarship Winners

Got - Notice of Fall NLA conference dates & place & our sessions & our luncheon & Para General Meeting & non-profit table

Coming From Jennifer - Raffle basket Blurb

Got - Minutes from the Spring General Meeting

Got - News of Spring Meeting, Wed. March 14, 2007

Coming from Nancy - Winner of Para of the year

Got From Matt - “Article from Guest Paraprofessional”

Got - Board Favorites

## **Treasurer Report** -

Jenni had sent the latest budget earlier to the email group and it’s linked off of the board web site: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/comp/para/> . Nancy made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded.

## **Chair Report** –

Matt attended the Nebraska Library Leadership Reunion in Seward Nebraska. He encouraged those attending to become paraprofessional members and board members. Matt met with Dr. Rebecca Pasco’s Class of incoming librarians; he talked with them about becoming members of NLA and especially the Para section. He also mentioned the preconference that the Para Section is sponsoring.

## **Vice-Chair Report** –

Gayle is checking on the Fall NLA Luncheon details. We’re already noted on the Conference web site as a Non-Profit Exhibitor <http://www.2006nla-nemaconference.info/>. Lunch will be Penne Pasta according to the registration form <http://www.2006nla-nemaconference.info/>.

## **Informal/Misc Items**

We mentioned that we needed a new Webmaster & Bylaws Chair for next year when Gayle takes over. Janet suggested Jim Atkins as a possible Bylaws Chair, new employee at the Library Commission. Gayle & Matt conversed about a new employee at UNO that might fit the Webmaster position.

Jennifer requested permission to purchase some supplies she needs, 2 binders for the History books, plus some other misc purchases. Gayle made a motion to to give her up to \$25 for Supplies, Janet seconded.

**Action item** for next meeting, we talked about creating a “Board Award”. Each year the board has the privilege of nominating someone they feel would benefit the Para Section specifically and NLA in general for a one year membership to NLA & the Para Section. This would be a board decision. We could have a time of year, probably in the fall (Aug - Nov. board meeting) when we bring in the recommendations and then vote on who we feel best qualifies for this award. Criteria being that one of the board would mentor this person in the Para/NLA environment. This suggestion will be on the next agenda.

### **Next Meeting**

Chair Matt Rohde reported that the next meeting will be held Friday, September 22, 10:30am at UNO. Matt or Gayle would be able to provide parking permits for the day. We talked about doing a drive of the Quest center & 1316 Jones Street & where ever the Wednesday evening event will be. Matt & Gayle said to plan on lunch there at the UNO cafeteria, sound like a nice facility. FYI, Jenni you could carpool with us from the commission if you like.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Rohde adjourned the meeting.