

NLA Paraprofessional Section Board Meeting
August 27, 2004

Present: Janet Greser, Maria Medrano-Nehls Robin Brooks, Rienne Johnson, Jacque Crocker, Mary Geibel, Jenni Puchalla, Deb Ham, Nancy Meyer.

The meeting was called to order by Robin at 10:00 am. Rienne moved and Maria seconded to add to the agenda: "Para of the Year" under Citations and "Attendance" under Bylaws. Motion carried.

Maria moved and Jacque seconded to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

Jenni presented the budget report (see attached report) with an ending balance of \$423.74. Motion carried to accept the report.

Chair Report: No report. Robin will be attending the NLA board meeting on September 10, 2004.

Vice-Chair Report: Maria reviewed the programs for NLA/NEMA Fall conference that the paraprofessional section is sponsoring. 1. The Importance of a Reliable Interpreter. 2. Medical Information in Spanish. 3. Migrant Resources for Nebraska. 4. MS word Workshop (2 sessions). Room hosts are still needed. We will give each presenter a "para bag" as an honorarium. There will be a raffle of a flower arrangement, bags and possibly other items during the convention and at the Paraprofessional Section table. Nancy will prepare a schedule for workers at the table. Janet will contact Kathy Dukes to see if she would be willing to make the flower arrangement.

Bylaws: Jacque presented her report (see attached report). Jacque made motion #1 "The Bylaws Chair moves to delete the last clause of the last sentence in Article VII, Section 4 Treasurer and Article X Section. 3 Audit Policy, and at the same time change the citation for Fiscal Policy to Article X, Section 3." Maria seconded. Motion carried. Jacque made motion #2 "The Bylaws Chair moves to delete the third and fifth sentences in the Bylaws Committee duties section, and to delete the word 'then' in the resulting final sentence and replace it with the word 'further.'" Janet seconded. Motion carried. The motions will be printed in the next Keynote and voted on at the general meeting in October. There was a discussion on the importance of attendance at the board meetings. Jacque will look into the NLA attendance policies and board duties and adding a new committee, "web page," as possible additions to the bylaws.

Nominating: No report.

Citations: (Robin Brooks excused herself) Discussion was held on the Para of the Year Award. One of the nominations was disallowed, as the nominee was not a member of the paraprofessional section. A vote was taken for the remaining nomination and Mary will announce the winner via email. Mary moved and Janet seconded to include the

nominations not awarded from the previous year in the following year's nominations. Motion failed. Jacque moved and Rienne seconded to allow a person to be selected as Para of the Year no more than once every 5 years. Motion carried. Nancy moved and Jacque seconded to disallow any nominated (para award) member of the board to vote. Motion failed.

Membership: Maria reported that there are 2 new members of the para section.

Newsletter: Janet has added a new column, "Around the Country with Paraprofessionals" and will advertise for para scholarships to the NLA/NEMA pre-conference. Maria moved and Mary seconded to make available 3 - \$25 scholarships. Motion carried.

Publicity: Mary reported that 300 pens were purchased for give-away at the NLA/NEMA conference (to be put on the para table and given at the luncheon).

Spring Program: Rienne presented a written report (attached) on the Spring Conference. It will be held March 16, 2005. The theme is "Reaching Out @ your library." Rienne will prepare a promotional flyer for distribution at the NLA/NEMA conference. NLC has set aside money for the para spring conference this year instead of offering a grant.

Preconference Report: Maria reported that there will be books to sell at the preconference and that the bags will be stuffed with T-shirts, magazines, pins and note pads.

New Business:

A discussion was held on proxy voting and the revision of the handbook, bylaws and webpage. Further action was tabled until the next board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Next Meeting:
Paraprofessional Section Luncheon
October 8, 2004 in Grand Island

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Meyer
Paraprofessional Section Secretary