By Lany McDonald

By a 10-1 margin, division members have voted in favor of changing the name of the division from the Newspaper Division to the News Division. According to the official results, 264 members (52 percent) returned ballots. Of those ballots, 240 were votes in favor of the name change and 24 opposed to the change.

"The name change broadens the potential for growth and service to all media information centers. We have enlarged our outlook," said Bob Isaacs, division chairman, after announcing the results of the vote. He said that Special Libraries Association has recognized and registered our name change.

Donna Scheeder (Congressional Reference Division of the Library of Congress), who introduced the motion at the 1986 annual meeting in Boston that directed the bylaws committee to propose a name change, expressed her pleasure that the name change was passed. She said, "The new name will reflect the interests of all of the active members of the division."

National Public Radio librarian, Chris Malesky, who seconded the name-change motion, also seconded the expression of pleasure in the name change. She said, "The name change will much more accurately reflect the membership of the division. It is nice for the rest of us [non-newspaper members] to feel that we are truly a part of the mainstream of the division. After all, the work we do is so similar."

This was not the first time a change of name was presented to the division. Former division chairman Andy Ippolito recalled that in 1965 at the annual meeting in Philadelphia, a group of magazine librarians made a motion that the name of the division be changed to include those members who were not newspaper librarians. The motion was sent to committee and brought up for a vote the next year. Although the motion passed at the annual meeting in Minneapolis in 1966, objections were raised about the procedure used to change the name. The group of magazine librarians left the meeting and the division, and the name change remained an unresolved issue.

When Andy became chairman in 1968, he appointed Jim Scofield chairman of a committee to survey the membership on name change. When the division met in Montreal in 1969, a vote once again was taken to determine the name of the division. When both the votes of those present at the annual meeting plus the survey responses were tallied, members had voted to change the name of the division to one that would reflect a broader membership. However, this was a short-lived decision. The following year at the annual meeting in Detroit, a majority of those members present voted to rescind the name change and return to being the Newspaper Division.

Homer Martin receives his company’s highest award

Last year, the chairman of the board of the Record (Hackensack, N.J.) instituted an award to be given to one outstanding employee each year to honor extraordinary contributions to the newspaper. This year the prestigious award went to chief librarian, Homer Martin. Chairman Malcolm Borg announced...
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After hearing the news of the name change, I felt as though the division finally had made an honest woman of itself. (Perhaps in this liberal day and age, that allusion needs some explanation. If you do not understand, ask an old person.) For many years, the members of this division have come from various types of libraries—newspaper, magazine, broadcast, photo, and government, to mention a few. What we have all had in common is that we deal with news—current information and current graphics. And because we deal with news, we have the need for methods and madness different from our colleagues in other divisions of SLA. We usually move at a different pace and speak a different language. Although not all of us are from newspapers as the name formerly implied, the members of our division came together because of what we have in common. We joined together because we understood each other and we learned from one another. Now, as we formally recognize that our membership has a broader scope yet retains a mutual focus, we can share the same last name without denying our own identities.

I am very proud to be a member of the NEWS Division.
Greetings to all NEWS Division members! Yes, the results are in and the division overwhelmingly approved the name change. Official results reported by Mary Kate Leming was 240 voting for the proposed change and 24 voting against. Fifty-two percent of the members returned their ballots. I believe this is a record. Elections Committee chair is Gary Lance and other members besides Mary Kate are Elaine Raines, Carol Campbell and Nancy Ganahl.

Chair-elect Richard Geiger of the San Francisco Chronicle and his committee have been working like trojans on an exciting program for Denver. If you know former members who are retired, give them a call and ask them to plan a vacation during the Denver conference. Contact person is Lou Thomas, 440 Bancroft Way, Baton Rouge, La. 70808 (504) 766-5065.

Membership has increased from 505 to 529 since the annual conference. Our goal is 550 members by June, 1988. Please work with the committee members toward this goal. They are: Cary Kenney, chair; Christine Malesky, Mary Crockett, John Sinclair, Alfred Thomas, Theresa Redderson, Joan Douglas, Diane Spooner and Rosalina Stier.

Martin Manning has agreed to be our SLA government relations representative. He serves as division contact when an important piece of legislation is under consideration by alerting members who, in turn, would help government officials better understand the issues before them and the impact these would have on the library and information community.

Diane Miller is not only busy with the awards banquet plans (considering a club called the Rattlesnake Club, no less), but already has sent me part of the procedures manual update she is writing. This will help future chairs and chairs-elect. Please send her any information from your past experience as a chairperson or member of committees.

I have asked Harish Trivedi to serve as our international exchange liaison. Harish will serve as a contact person and will begin plans for an expanded program in New York in 1989. He has been communicating with Sybil Noras and will be sharing information about our division at a session of news librarians in Sydney, Australia, during the IFLA conference in the fall of 1988.

I was in Philadelphia on Oct. 13 and met with M. J. Crowley, our new archivist. Our archives are being shipped from St. Louis, Mo., and M. J. will be selecting a committee and delegating the work of cataloging and microfiching the collection. Our goal is to fiche all records for quick availability to members and then donate the original records to a university in the Washington, D.C., area. This project will take a few years, so please don't turn M. J. down when she calls you for help.

The Houston Chronicle hosted a regional seminar in Houston on Oct. 23. Margaret Neu of the Corpus Christi Caller Times and Sherry Adams of the Houston Chronicle put together an excellent program. I visited the Raleigh News & Observer (Lany McDonald) and the Durham Herald-Sun (Barbara Semonche) libraries in June. You don't think I'm partial to North Carolina, do you?

Speaking of seminars, what a group of dedicated members we have! Rosie Stier of the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Journal-Gazette called to ask if she could put together a regional seminar in late April or early May. Plans are progressing for the Washington, D.C., seminar in the spring and Diane Mirvis is talking to Toronto librarians about a seminar in their area.

Sharon Ostmann and the Student Stipend Committee are busily getting out the brochures for entries. The Audio/Visual Committee is working on a new brochure advertising the new show. Joy Hill is having new slide sets and tapes made for presentations. Call Charles Campo, chair, or other committee members: Peter Ford, Clare Peckham, Susan Fifer-Canby, Theresa Butcher and Joe Mehr.

Please get your nominations for chair-elect, secretary and director of publications to Anne Legler, Ann Kinken Johnson, Mary Ann Skinner, Kathy Trimble or Sandra Vance.

We can be proud of our latest publication, Automating the Newspaper Clipping Files: A Practical Guide. Urge librarians and management to purchase copies. They can be ordered from SLA. The order form was included in the last issue of NLN on Page 6, or call SLA and they will send you order forms to distribute. A special thanks to the 1986-87 Automation/Technology Committee, M. J. Crowley, chair, SLA and U.S. News & World Report. We were honored to see Carolyn Hardnett elected to the SLA board. Now, get out your campaign gear and start working for Cathy Jones. Cathy is a candidate for SLA treasurer. Call your SLA friends and urge them to vote for Cathy. Get a special T-shirt silk screened (i.e., CATHY JONES FOR SLA TREASURER) and wear it as you attend your state or regional chapter SLA meeting. Call cross-country to people in other divisions and urge them to vote for Cathy.
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"PRO" AND CON

By Barbara Newcombe
Library Consultant

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was written in response to a point made by Jim Hunter in the "Conclusions" on Page 9 of the 1986 Survey Issue of News Library News (June, 1987) in which he states: "The complete lack of distinction between clerical and professional work in newspaper libraries is an issue which must be addressed by the division. ... Library assistant or assistant librarian can mean anything or nothing. This lack of professional definition is crippling the professional standing of our staff. Until these often skilled and educated people are designated professionals by the Newspaper Division and the idea of a professional-level.

What does professionalism mean, and are we "it?" A lot of thought and some talk has led me to the copout conclusion that we are if we act as if we are, but that no diploma will automatically bestow that condition upon us—or anyone. The dictionary definition allows anyone following a vocation that requires knowledge of some body of learning or science to be a professional. At this point in time, news librarians cannot point to any such body of learning. We need pass no tests that we know what it means to be a news librarian.

Many libraries, including those in the news field, are one- or two-person affairs. There is little to separate a professional job from a clerical one. If the parent organization values that function, the job-holder will be encouraged to attain professional status, probably by funding to pay for courses or time off to go to classes. The latter was my happy situation. If there is no respect for the function on the part of management, little can be done—until pressure from outside sources (reporters, other news organizations) work the miracle.

Job descriptions and qualifications can do much to eliminate "the complete lack of distinction between clerical and professional work." These also can provide a path for an ambitious person to follow. The division already has provided guidelines for professional and nonprofessional staff qualifications. Is the time ripe for an update? Any one of us who has had to handle the "whole show" knows how a real professional must perform. We know that there is no degree available anywhere that can guarantee that performance.

Ben Bagdikian recently observed that "American news organizations do not train their journalists. But they expect news reporters to be instantly productive, to be competent...." The same situation also applies to the news library. Who has the time to nurture a new hire while they learn both librarianship and journalism? Anyone can walk into an editor's office and apply for a reporter's job. Lots of luck! Anyone can apply for a library job. Realistically, one looks for someone who has demonstrated an interest in library work. The true picture of continual clerical grind will soon enough separate the men from the boys.

Carl Morgan referred to another aspect of what I look at as true professionalism. He said, "Many of you really don't have any deep understanding of the newsroom chemistry." If you missed his talk last June 9, or forgot, or sublimated, then I recommend getting a copy from ANPA. (EDITOR'S NOTE: See Point of View column in the fall issue of NLN, Page 29, for a reprint of Mr. Morgan's talk.) At least library schools teach that a library serves the parent organization and the librarian must know the clientele. Or else!

As a division, we have done a lot to raise the level of performance of our members. We can do more. We should do it more aggressively. Nothing I am going to say is new—but it bears repeating.

Qualified members can offer their services to local library schools to give lectures on news librarianship. These

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lectures should include approved ways of setting up subject headings and controlling them; using good news judgment in assigning headings to clips, photos, videotapes, graphics, and negatives; explanation of methods of storage and their impact on preservation; indepth discussion of indexing, copyright and libel; how to research the information resources of the community. The hot topic now is electronic storage and retrieval. Evaluating the alternatives, gathering statistics, writing reports, making recommendations, understanding database design, understanding the organizational politics involved are once-in-a-lifetime (one hopes) challenges. Our division already has a treasure of research on these subjects. Finally, all of this must be related to the primary goal of gathering and processing news. Mentioning regional seminars again embarrasses me, but they are quite important. Many colleges and universities solicit summer workshops to keep their facilities in use.

If this rash exposure of my views leads to the conclusion that I have no respect for an MLS, let me assure you I do.

Perhaps what I love most about news librarianship is that it goes so far beyond “cataloging and classification.” It dares one to be innovative and different, to look at the situation and create a solution—whether or not that fits Dewey or LC. I would certainly recommend a library degree if one expects to stay in the library game. Outside the news racket, things can get mighty sticky without it.

At the risk of beating a dead horse, I think the division should:
- develop job descriptions,
- update qualifications,
- develop a packet of lecture material for members to use,
- continue regional seminar/workshops,
- pursue local press associations/wave the SLA banner.
Reread Guidelines, especially Chapters 1, 2 and 4.

Special Libraries: A Cumulative Index, 1981-1986, is a cumulative author/title/subject/member information index to all issues of Special Libraries from 1981 through 1986. Compiled by Joyce A. Post, this extensive index cites all articles, book reviews, software reviews, and letters to the editor published in Special Libraries in the last six years. Articles are indexed by author, subject, or subjects, and title. SLA activities and conferences, as well as references to candidates for SLA office, are included. This index will serve as an important reference tool for librarians, information specialists, library science students, and all readers of Special Libraries.

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Librarian Karen Anderson (Austin American Statesman) is busy converting current clips to microfilm and developing a computerized index to the clip file. Karen says that retrieval, especially when the stories are crimes or accidents, is about half the headache it used to be.

Every year he's swamped with radio commentators calling about Ask a Stupid Question Day, some from as far away as Vancouver and Australia. It sounds like good librarian public relations, too, since Dave has explained its purpose on live radio several times now.

Anne Leggett (Advocate and State Times) is keeping things alive in Baton Rouge. Mona Hatfield is Anne's new, competent, assistant library director. Frances Thomas, her former assistant, moved with her husband's transfer to Magnolia, Ark. Anne says anyone in that area looking for a good assistant should latch onto Frances. Additionally, Anne and Mona are investigating establishment of a database for negatives using Basis software. Anyone with experience in such endeavors should give Anne a call, because she's looking for all the insight she can get.

Personal Glimpses talked to a few librarians of small- to medium-size libraries to see how the pope's visit to the United States affected them. The comments ranged from "it didn't affect us in the least" to "oh, you must be referring to all my gray hair!" Following is some of what the librarians involved agreed to have printed.

Elaine Raines (Arizona Daily Star) sent assistant Angela Soto to Phoenix with the news team covering the pope's visit to that city. Angela retrieved information for the reporters and photographers and was available to help with the dozens of last-minute details required to file their stories. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, Elaine was performing a nifty librarian juggling act. Not only was the pope just down the road, but Tucson's election primary was on the same day! Does anything more need be said about that?

Mary Kate Leming (Palm Beach Post) staffed the news library later than usual to take care of late-night questions and may wish she hadn't. One of her requests was to find how many people normally attend the...
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Orange Bowl Parade. After figuring out it’s really called the King Orange Jamboree and that it’s on New Year’s Eve, not Jan. 1—deadly when data searching—Mary Kate found article one of one in the Miami VuTEXT database. The lead: “It’s anybody’s guess how many people attend the King Orange Jamboree!”

Kudos to Nancy Burris (Times Picayune/States Item) for running the library operation during the pope’s visit like a German clock. Nancy and her staff began three months in advance, meeting with the news teams and working with them to provide information the reporters felt would be necessary. Database searches, trips to the public library, and dozens of phone calls later, the librarians distributed packets of information that the news teams could use on the road or at their desks. Additionally, librarians sorted through photos of Pope John Paul II and delivered them to the news desks prior to the visit. When the day came, there were no surprises and no information float, thanks to Nancy’s detailed efforts and the hard work of her staff.

Those of you who know Dargan Richards (The State and The Columbia Record) know that almost nothing gets her flustered. Note the almost. On good days, the State-Record building suffers from assorted gremlins, paramount among them, faulty air-conditioning and a cantankerous copying machine. With temperatures outside in the mid-90s, the air-conditioning wheezed and died, leaving the company with 100 hot and grumpy reporters and two equally hot and grumpy librarians. Not to be outdone, the copying machine sang its swan song. By Wednesday afternoon of pope week, when the black hole of Calcutta was looking good, the Lektriever belched, smoked, shuddered and died. And not on Row 18 where the 12 inches of John Paul II, Pope lived. If you want to know how all this turned out, ask Dargan. She’s pretty calm now.

David Rhydwen was one of the former employees of the Toronto Globe and Mail recently honored at a formal gala at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club. He received one of the first publisher’s awards given by publisher A. Roy Megarry. In his tribute to Dave, Megarry said, “An editor-in-chief once told an audience of librarians that he worked for David Rhydwen, and that was hardly an exaggeration.” Megarry further praised Daveo for his emphasis on access to information and his pioneering in the area of electronic libraries, which resulted in Info Globe. Dave worked for the Globe and Mail for 45 years, and was chief librarian for 34 of those years. Congratulations, Dave.

From ex-“Personal Glimpse” reporter Ellie Briscoe comes yet another “glimpse.” Many of you will recognize former division chair, Sandy Hall. Ellie saw Sandy briefly in Tucson enroute home from Anaheim. Ellie emphasizes the word “briefly” because, she writes, “It’s hard to see someone moving as fast as Sandy does! We offer as evidence her FOUR business cards: SKH—Sandy Hall’s marketing organization (her primary business); Sandra K. Hall, Advertising and Promotion for Boeckeler Instruments; Export Resources International, Sandra K. Hall (she’ll tell you how to go about exporting your products from the United States), and Sandra K. Hall, Writer, her newest and personally most exciting project. Sandy has a contract to write a cookbook on cold soups, and is planning ahead to concentrate on writing as a career. She is in good health and good spirits, and enjoying her two kids, Andrew and Katie.”

As for Ellie herself, she started work Oct. 26, as supervisor of the news collections for the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C. David Beveridge, who was formerly in that position, is now the supervisor of acquisitions / systems for National Geographic. Ellie’s work address is 1146 16th St., NW., Washington, D.C., 20036, and her phone number is (202) 857-7050. Ellie’s husband, Mel, will be joining her when he is transferred from Massachusetts to the Washington area the first of December.

Southern hospitality a la Semonche greeted SLA president Emily Mobley when she visited the Research Triangle area of North Carolina in September. Mobley spoke to the two schools of library science in the area and addressed a meeting of the N.C. chapter of SLA.
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Barbara and Jack Semonche entertained Mobley, the library school deans, faculty, students and N.C. SLA board members for dinner in their home in Durham. Barbara had a busy September (not to mention the other 11 months of the year). She also spoke to the N.C. Associated News Council for its first-ever program on newspaper libraries at its fall meeting in September in Atlantic Beach, N.C.

Margaret Neu and her husband Tom Fisher are the proud parents of Jack Neu Fisher, who was born June 16 and weighed in at 6 pounds, 2 ounces. “The open adoption process through Lutheran Social Services has been a very supportive program,” Margaret wrote. “We are delighted!” Since this photo was made, Jack has grown one-half inch of reddish-blond hair and weighs 10 pounds more. Congratulations, Margaret and Tom!

Seven San Francisco Bay area news librarians met for pizza and an informal exchange of ideas at the Contra Costa Times on Aug. 26. Contra Costa Times librarian Elyce Eisner followed through on the “why-don’t-we-get-together-more-often” talk that had been voiced ever since Richard Geiger last hosted the area news librarians. Joining Elyce for the session were Steve LaVole of the Marin Independent Journal in San Rafael, Richard Geiger and Bill Van Niekerken of the San Francisco Chronicle, Sharon Falstenson of the West County Times of Pinole, and Kathy Drewke and Karen Enor of the Contra Costa Times.

Arising from the Phoenix newspapers is a monthly newsletter entitled “Inside Information.” Librarian Paula Stevens and her staff have put together an informative and attractive publication to enlighten the newsroom about the resources available in the library. For those of you who are interested in starting a similar publication, you might persuade Paula to send you a copy of one of the issues. Her address is P.O. Box 1950, Phoenix, Ariz., 85001.

BOOK REVIEW

‘No Pictures’ offers candid picture of legal issues

Barbara Semonche
Harald-Sun Newspaper Library

No Pictures Please: It’s the Law; By Michael Sherer; National Press Photographers Association, 1987; $5.50, including postage. Contact: Charles Cooper; Executive Director, NPPA; 3200 Croasdaile Dr., Suite 306; Durham, N.C. 27705.

“No Pictures’ offers candid picture of legal issues

Quick Watson, grab the camera and get the pictures! But don’t forget to keep it legal.”

Such is the lead in this valuable guide into the issues facing photojournalists when they peer through their cameras into the accidents, disasters, events and tragedies reflecting human drama in today’s news.

Although it is hard to believe, unless you’ve done your homework, even images of diving pigs have led to libel litigation. This report explores news photography and its impact on privacy, libel, copyright, subpoenas and the rest of the legal maze confusing all of us in this industry.

Each of the eight chapters clearly states the issues, offers examples and suggestions for coping with these problems and supplies extensive case notes and legal citations. There are five appendices, including one with an index to appropriate articles in News Photographer magazine.

Regrettably, but perhaps understandably, there are no photos or related illustrative material. Nonetheless, this report is highly recommended for news libraries. The value is unquestioned.

News librarians may want to check with their own photography staffs about this report.

Surace and Semonche Appointed to National Committees

Cecily Surace, Los Angeles Times library director, has been selected for the 1987-88 Mead Data Central Customer Advisory Committee. The committee, which will meet four times during the year, is responsible for making recommendations for the improvement of NEXIS.

Barbara Semonche of the Durham Herald-Sun Paper has been appointed by SLA President Emily Mobley to chair the SLA Committee on Committees. Barbara takes over the responsibility from Elizabeth Knauff of the U.S. Department of Treasury Information Services Division.
The News Division of SLA is the professional organization for news librarians. Since 1924 the Division has provided continuing education in the form of seminars, conferences and publications. The Division offers its more than 450 members opportunities for sharing ideas, sharpening professional skills and staying current on new technology. Our membership ranges from one-person newspaper libraries to libraries at the largest metropolitan dailies. We include news magazines as well as broadcast networks.

The News Division encourages graduate students in library science and journalism to explore careers in news librarianship. Our program at the annual SLA conference provides opportunities to meet and exchange ideas with professionals in the news library field, to visit news libraries and to learn of developments within the professions. This year the News Division in cooperation with Bell & Howell offers a $1,000 stipend enabling a graduate student interested in news librarianship to attend the 1988 SLA Conference in Denver.

1988 Conference Program

The 1988 Special Libraries Conference will be held in Denver from June 11 through June 16. This year's theme is "Expanding Horizons: Strategies for Information Managers". The Division program will provide opportunities to meet and exchange ideas with professionals in the news field, visit news libraries and see the latest in new technology. Among the highlights of the News Division Program:

**Previous Stipend Winners**

1978 - Anita Gauthier Dorsett
1980 - Gloria Colvin and Chris Kucharski
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1983 - Patricia Anne Wood
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1985 - Christine S. Malesky
1986 - Elaine J. Campbell
1987 - Teresa Leonard

"Attending an international conference is a uniquely valuable experience for a student. I consider it an essential part of my library science education and very enjoyable one"

- Christine S. Malesky
  National Public Radio Tape Library
  Washington, D.C.

"In a field as specialized as news librarianship, the two greatest teachers are experience and colleagues. By attending the SLA conference, I was able to take advantage of the tremendous knowledge and experience of the professional community and to meet some remarkable people in the process."

- Teresa Garrard Leonard
  Research Librarian
  The News & Observer/The Raleigh Times

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3. Applicants must be graduate students interested in a career in news librarianship.
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5. Applications should include a reference from a news librarian, a news editor or a faculty member.
6. Applications should be accompanied by a resume including a list of course work undertaken and a statement of professional goals. The applicant should also include what he or she expects to gain from attending the conference.
7. Applications must be submitted no later than March 1, 1988 to: Sharon Ostmann
   Library Director
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Minutes 1986-1987 Executive Board Meeting, Part II

Tuesday, June 9, 1987 Anaheim, Calif.

PRESENT: Bob Isaacs, Diane Miller, Mary Jane Handy, Richard Geiger, Lois Doncevic, Anne Legett, Lany McDonald, Sharon Stewart Reeves, Jim Hunter

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 p.m. by Bob Isaacs, chair, in the division suite, Anaheim Hilton and Towers Hotel.

Mary Jane Handy read the minutes of the June 6 executive board meeting.

In response to the section of the June 6 minutes that raised the question of what price to charge for the Survey, Lany McDonald reported that the Survey already had been published and that the price of $12 was advertised therein. Further discussion was dropped.

In his remarks by the chair, Bob Isaacs said that he was looking forward to working with the new board, and that he planned to have all committees in place and working hard by July 1.

OLD BUSINESS: Cost of Survey: McDonald said that only a partial presentation of cross tabulations was selected. More data can be gleaned from the available data, if funds are made available to Jim Hunter. Hunter added that the data can be manipulated to compare any fields, and that the possibility exists for generating tailored reports in response to special requests. Hunter credited Lany for her outstanding editing.

Discussion ensued. Hunter said that although he felt there would not be a huge demand for specialized reports, he had no objection to preparing them. Moreover, massaging the data did not represent a high cost to the Columbus Dispatch. McDonald suggested that we consider what the Survey can do for us: it is a credit to our division, and extremely useful to the industry. Our purpose was not to make money. She encouraged us not to overprice a report that was going to be circulated to News Library News subscribers virtually free of charge. Further, McDonald recommended that although we should keep the cost of the general survey low, we could charge a higher fee for specialized searches. She suggested that we charge what any other online commercial database would charge. It was suggested we protect the results with copyright.

Bob Isaacs suggested that the Publications Committee be asked to set up guidelines for responding to, and charging for, specialized reports. McDonald recommended that Isaacs appoint a special committee to do this, rather than involve the new Publications Committee, which has had little involvement with the project. She named herself, Hunter, Anne Legett, Lois Doncevic and Bob Isaacs as possible special committee members. Bob said that he would prepare the information and present it to the board for approval.

NEW BUSINESS: Isaacs asked for board approval on the new Nominations Committee, comprised of:

Anne Legett, chair
Mary Ann Skinner
Sandra L. Vance

Moved—Lany McDonald; seconded—Diane Miller. Motion carried (unanimous).

Isaacs reported that he has asked Gary Lance of the San Jose Mercury News to be the Elections Committee chair.

Lany McDonald, Publications Committee chair, said that this past year had been spent working on the reorganization of News Library News, and getting the Survey and Guidelines published. Many things, therefore, had been pushed to the second year of Lany's chairship. She made the following recommendations:

THAT we establish an editorial board to critique News Library News and to recommend guidelines for publishing special publications, including the establishment of a publications review board. That we develop a procedure for selection of NLN editors. THAT we continue to solicit more advertisers and subscribers to same.

Seconded—Diane Miller.

DISCUSSION: Jim Hunter supported McDonald's recommendations by telling the board members that the project (Survey) would have run more smoothly had there been an editorial board to provide a publishing plan. Lany added that, re: NLN, the assigning of copy editors had proved to be very difficult.

Motion carried (unanimous).

Isaacs recommended that we create an ad hoc committee to study a method of encouraging retired members to attend conferences and share their experiences with younger members. The motion was made.

Seconded—Mary Jane Handy.

DISCUSSION: Richard Geiger asked Bob if he had something financial in mind, a grant perhaps, to help offset the costs of attending the conference. Isaacs replied that he would instruct the ad hoc committee to come up with guidelines re: financial aid. McDonald mentioned that she would like to have a column in NLN for our retired members. Isaacs mentioned that the SLA directory has a special symbol next to names of retired members. McDonald suggested that a

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member of the ad hoc committee work with NLN in preparing such a column.

Motion carried (unanimous).

Isaacs recommended that we establish an ad hoc committee to work on developing a speakers bureau. Bob would ask John Cronin to chair the committee, as John has expressed an interest in this project.

Isaacs said that he would like to strike a committee to study, and report upon, the possibility of separating the position and duties of program chair from those of chair-elect, as recommended first by Shirley Mooney in 1982. Several other chairs since Mooney have made the same recommendation. Isaacs, and others, feel that this separation is necessary for the chair-elect job to be done as well as it should. The task of planning the conference program takes approximately 18 months, rather than the 12 months served by the chair-elect. McDonald suggested that we consider creating a new position, that of “program chair,” and that the program chair work closely with the incoming chair. Diane Miller said the program chair would not have to attend the winter meeting. Isaacs closed the discussion by asking the chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, Sharon Stewart Reeves, to talk to past chairs for ideas, and to incorporate the notion of creating a program chair position into the Long-Range Plan report to be submitted for the Denver conference.

Lany McDonald asked for advice from the board re: a procedure for selecting an editor for NLN. She said that since the duties are now divided, she would like to find someone who really enjoys editing. McDonald does not feel that the director of the publications committee should necessarily be the editor. She recommended that this task of defining a procedure for selecting an editor be one of her responsibilities this year. Isaacs agreed. McDonald ended the discussion by stating that the next publications director would, of course, have the choice of assuming the duties of editor if they so wished.

Isaacs announced that he will be naming a new archivist. He was unable to reveal the name, as he had not yet had the opportunity to discuss the appointment with the intended. The new archivist would be expected to sort, organize, and microfilm our division’s records, and then to donate the archives to a school of library science in the Washington, D.C., area. It was agreed that this would be “money well spent” at this time, because the chair and committee chairs need access to the archives.

Isaacs reported that he will be instructing the Audio-Visual Committee to convert the A/V slide show to videotape for ease of distribution and handling.

Isaacs ended the meeting with the comment that when the ballots are received for the division’s name change, all division stationery will have to be changed. Mary Jane Handy groaned.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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To consist of a plaque and a $500 grant. This award, the highest recognition of the division, is given for major achievement in the field of newspaper or other media librarianship and for outstanding service to the News Division. It is awarded to a member or a former member who has actively participated in the division's programs and projects for a continuous period of 10 years or more. This award is given at or near the close of an active professional career.

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"By establishing this award, the association can recognize and promote outstanding writing on the field of special librarianship,” said David Malinak, SLA director of communications. “We anticipate that this award will increase the coverage of the profession in the general media.”

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For additional information on SLA’s public relations award, contact David Malinak, Director of Communications, SLA, 1700 18th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20008 or by calling (202) 234-4700.

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