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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

West Virginia Libraries - 1963-2063: "Meeting the age of change in the new century." This is the theme for the annual meeting to be held this year April 18-20 in Huntington and we look forward to seeing each of you, so make your reservation NOW.

The Legislature has gone home, and meetings with committees and hearings concerning the Library Commission budget is a thing of the past. Mr. Scott and Mrs. Bobbitt of the Legislative Committee and I, as president, represented the association in support of the Library Commission budget. I urge every member to bring to the attention of their legislators when they return home that the Commission was not given an increase in budget. This will mean the Library Commission will not be able to expand as rapidly as you and they would like. The Association would like to know the reasons for this lack of support, when most every other agency of government was given an increase. Each member of the Association can help by speaking to their trustees and citizens in every community.

Miss Virginia Dober, Supervisor of Library Services in the State Department of Education, has arrived and we welcome her to West Virginia. I know that her arrival culminated many years of effort on the part of many persons and we wish her much success in working with school librarians over the state.

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Jane Brugger  
President  
West Virginia Library Association

CAPITOL COMMENTS

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WVLA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

State Legislative Network

The network has been organized and there are now 64 active lay members across the state. One hundred and fifty letters of invitation were sent out, but some were unable to accept and others have not replied.

This network should prove to be an invaluable tool for support of library legislation on the federal, state and local levels. We thank all WVLA members who helped make this network possible by suggesting the names of interested citizens who are invited to participate.

Library Commission Budget

On March 11th the Legislature approved the final budget document. The Library Commission was given a budget of \$122,000, a far cry from the requested \$220,290. It is important to note that the Board of Public Works recommended \$131,290 and the Senate Finance Committee recommended \$129,560, but the House Finance Committee recommended no increase. This indicates that the members of the House of Delegates must be informed concerning the importance of library services at every opportunity from now until the next session of the Legislature. It is up to each and every member of WVLA to start talking library service to your legislators now.

College and University Library Budgets

The committee supported the budgets of the academic libraries by sending letters to the finance committees, including advanced data collected for "Library Statistics of Colleges and Universities, 1961-1962," from the U. S. Office of Education, comparing the West Virginia academic libraries with ALA standards.

Exact budget figures are not available at the time this is going to press, but we know that we must keep the ALA standards ever before the legislators until such time as West Virginia academic libraries attain their goal.

Federal Library Legislation

ALA endorsed the National Education Improvement Act of 1963 (HR3000) & (5580) which was introduced January 29th in the House and

