The Southeast Chapter of the Music Library Association held its annual meeting on November 15-16, 1974 at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Music library advocates and librarians from all regional states except Alabama and Mississippi ratified the proposed chapter by-laws and elected officers, Pauline Shaw of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville as Chairperson and Patricia Keyser of the Atlanta Public Library as Secretary-Treasurer. An executive Board, including the Chairperson, Secretary-Treasurer and past president, Kathryn P. Logan of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Valeries Burnie of Converse College at Spartanburg, South Carolina, and Dale Hudson of Florida State University at Tallahassee, was also established.

Besides the business meetings, the Columbia program featured two panel discussions. The first dealt with the perils, problems and some tried and tested solutions for the one-person show in the small college or university music library, and the second covered the trials, tribulations and some successful procedures for the public library music librarian. A special highlight of the meeting was Bill Ivey's appearance as banquet speaker. Mr. Ivey, who is President of the Country Music Foundation in Nashville, described the archival, research and publishing concerns of the organization and promised all a warm welcome to the annual meeting of the Music Library Association when it is held in Nashville in 1978.

Of primary importance and value to the individuals attending the Columbia meeting, however, was the opportunity to communicate with one another; to exchange ideas, problems, and procedures; to learn of new services, materials and procedural methods of potential use to music librarians. James Pruett, past-president of the national organization, was on hand to offer bibliographies and M.L.A. publication announcements and to communicate concerns and practices of other music libraries and chapters of the Music Library Association.

Because the chapter meeting was seen as such a helpful catalyst for communication, the assembled members felt that the first objective of the chapter should be to improve and increase communication not only among its members, but also throughout its regional constituency. Therefore, opportunities for cooperation between this chapter and state library associations will be investigated. Also, the chapter will endeavor to publish a regular communication letter dedicated to the exchange of ideas, problems, suggestions
and news of music libraries, their advocates and librarians in the southeastern region.

Unfortunately, the chapter is not so financially solvent that it can afford to disseminate such a publication free. Membership dues ($2) have been paid in the past by meeting-goers only and have covered only past mailing expenses. To support this and future mailings of the Southeast M.L.A. News, the chapter requests your help. If you are interested in contributing

1) to provide a means for the exchange of ideas and discussion of problems and progress encountered by those concerned with music libraries

2) to promote the growth, use, organization and administration of music collections and libraries in this area

and 3) to promote cooperation among libraries concerned with music materials in this area, (Southeast Chapter By-laws, Article II)

please fill out the following and send it to Ms. Pauline Shaw
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I am interested in the purposes of the Southeast Chapter of the Music Library Association and am submitting two dollars ($2.00) in order to become a member*** and to receive this year's issues of the Southeast M.L.A. News, the communication exchange publication of the chapter.

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***Membership in the national organization, Music Library Association, is not required for membership in the chapter.

QUESTION-ANSWER EXCHANGE: (The Executive Board of the Southeast Chapter feels that a key aspect of the Southeast M.L.A. News will be the forum in this section of the publication for questions, answers to previously published questions and answers to unasked questions submitted by each and every one of you. Please help our efforts at establishing communication channels in music library advocates of the southeastern region by including your questions, answers, two-cents, or whatever!)
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