



WLA Executive Board Minutes, January 29, 2003

Wyoming Library Association
Executive Board Minutes
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Laramie County Public Library - Cheyenne

Present: Kay Carlson, Trish Palluck, Carey Hartmann, Lesley Boughton, Carla Hardy, Jo Winkel, Scott Kinney, Erin Kinney, Troy Rumpf, Katrina Jones, Mary Coffin, Susan Simpson, Cynthia Twing, Susan Cuthbertson and Laura Grott.

Agenda

There was a motion to approve the agenda as amended. There was a second. Motion passed.

Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2002 Executive Board Meeting. There was a second. Motion passed.

There was discussion on the Executive Secretary's duties as far as Exhibits was concerned and arranging for connectivity for presenters and vendors. It was decided that the Convention Handbook should reflect that the local arrangements committee should have an electronics professional on hand to deal with all the connectivity issues.

President's Report

Kay Carlson discussed the committee chair assignments she has made. Kay discussed the Patriot Act and Copyright issues. She reported that she and Dail Barbour of Teton County Library had finalized the MPLA 2005 contract with the Snow King. She indicated they were able to negotiate some of the fees for rooms to a lower rate.

Kay announced that Deb Bruse was newly appointed to the Raising Readers in Wyoming committee and that Jennifer Mayer would be attending the ALS Symposium on Advocacy. Kay wrote a letter supporting a WLA member to go to a Literacy and Early Childhood Conference in England.

Kay discussed rural issues and has made contact with Dwight McInvall to work on rural library issues.

She reported that she sent a congratulatory letter to Dave Fruedenthal on his election victory and invited him to the Legislative reception. He indicated he would attend.

Treasurer's Report

Laura Grott discussed the 2002 year-end financial report. She reported total assets for the association of \$78,579.25 and Restricted Funds total of \$22,305.08. Total cash available for WLA's general use was: \$56,274.17.

Laura also reported on current year-to-date figures, which included only the partial month of January. She also included in her report all 2002 budget final figures as well as an updated 2003 budget as approved by the WLA Executive Board in November.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. There was a second. Motion passed.

Other Reports

State Library - (Will submit a written report.) Lesley Boughton, State Librarian, discussed A & I's role in the State

Library and that the new Director was Earl Kabeiseman. She discussed other important people that will be at the legislative reception. Lesley also discussed the music producers lawsuit and that the settlement may include some product, and that CD's may be available to libraries because of this suit. She was going to monitor lawsuits more closely with the Attorney General's office to see how they may impact libraries.

Lesley also discussed LSTA funding and Senator Mike Enzi's position. Senator Enzi will prepare a reauthorization bill for introduction. She is waiting for the language of that bill and will e-mail the Executive Board once that becomes available.

MPLA – Written report submitted.

ALA - Jennifer Mayer is at ALA Mid-Winter and will report at the next Executive Board meeting.

SECTION REPORTS

Academic/Special: Written Report

Children/Young Adult: No Report

Public/Trustee: Carla Hardy indicated they may be looking at Jeanette Woodward for a possible presenter for a Spring meeting and that they would be meeting with the Paraprofessional Section.

SSLMP: No report

Government Information: Written Report Kay Carlson congratulated Katie Jones on her MLS.

Paraprofessional: Jo Winkel indicated that they were looking for dates for their Spring meeting, possibly May 9th. The Public Section and the Paraprofessionals would probably meet together. They are looking for someone to do a readers advisory for adults. They asked if anyone knew of someone to contact them. Katie Jones suggested looking at the ALA public resources.

Committee Reports

Awards: No report

Communications Committee: Troy Rumpf indicated he was working with Erin and Scott Kinney as well as Laura Grott to come up with some sort of financial reimbursement to the Kinney's for maintaining the WLA web site. Troy will propose something at a future WLA Board meeting. A written report was also submitted by the webmasters, Erin and Scott Kinney.

Legislative Committee: Cynthia Twing indicated that the committee was concerned that there have been various position statements adopted by WLA, but that they are not published on the web site. The committee felt it would be helpful to gather all of those position statements and put them on the site, so that they were easily accessible to members. The committee felt there needed to be better communication on positions. The recording secretary should go through the minutes to find these statements.

Cynthia indicated that a recent survey she conducted at a Director's Retreat showed that many people don't understand the issues and steps to take to talk to legislators. The Legislative Committee will be putting together a kit for Directors and others that may include a timeline, talking points and activities that they could do with their legislators or public officials.

Cynthia addressed a policy procedure from the Legislative Committee that she would like the Board to consider in regards to non-WLA members at the Legislative Luncheon at conference.

The Legislative Committee moved that the Wyoming Library Association shall allow non WLA members to attend the Legislative Luncheon of the Annual WLA Convention, if they are included in the following groups: legislators,

dignitaries and their entourage. The cost of the attendance will be the price of the meal and gratuity as determined by current registration fees. WLA will pay costs associated with the luncheon meal for the featured speaker(s) plus one person of the speaker's choice.

A friendly amendment was made to change the wording. The amendment was voted on and passed. The total statement was voted on and passed.

Lesley Boughton brought up the WYLD network meeting because of possible conflicts that may arise for both section meetings and legislative meetings. She indicated the first choice for the meeting would be June 5th & 6th and that the second choice for dates were May 29th & 30th. She said to check with Lynnette Anderson for confirmation on the date.

Manual of Procedure:

Kay said the manual was useful, but somewhat outdated. Kay Carlson, Trish Palluck and Laura Grott will work via e-mail to update the manual.

Library Districting Study

Kay Carlson thought that this study deserved some attention from WLA. She will assign the Revenue Committee to look at it.

Strategic Plan/Continuing Education

Kay Carlson also thought that it might be time to take another look at the strategic plan. She also indicated that there was a statement made in 1985 supporting continuing education and then reaffirmed in 1987. Susan Simpson said she would try to find that information and report back to the Board.

Dues

Kay was wondering what the Board thought about our dues and opened it up for discussion. Suzi Cuthbertson was involved in the previous discussion on dues and indicated that WLA was average compared to other states regarding dues. Trish Palluck thought if anything, our convention structure is too low.

2003 Conference

Carey Hartmann reported that the Program Council met in Casper on January 10th. The conference will follow the same format as in Casper. The council is planning an author's night at the WYO Theatre and that she is working on a Keynote Speaker. The theme for 2003 is: Every One A Leader: Libraries in Challenging Times.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was called at 2:30 p.m. and ended at 3:05.

A motion was made to approve Executive Secretary Agreement and Position Description. There was a second. Motion passed.

2004 Conference

Kay Carlson read a letter from Albany County inviting WLA to Laramie in 2004. Trish Palluck indicated that Rock Springs had already offered for 2004. Susan Simpson said they would be interested in 2006. There has been a tentative offer for 2006 by Laramie County Public Library. Kay Carlson indicated the Board would take the offer under advisement and will consider it and will make a decision this Fall. She thanked Susan for her generous offer.

Patriot Act

Kay Carlson said she would like to see a group study this and report back to the Board, perhaps in the form of a statement. Kay assigned the Legislative Committee to study this and make recommendations, if needed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Grott
Executive Secretary/WLA

