



Wyoming Library Association
Executive Board Minutes
Holiday Inn - Sheridan, Wyoming
September 30, 2003 -- 7:05 P.M.

Kay Carlson called the meeting to order. Individuals in attendance introduced themselves. Those present were: Kay Carlson, Carey Hartmann, Trish Palluck, Richard Landreth, Jennifer Mayer, Susan Cuthbertson, Lesley Boughton, Cynthia Twing, Mary Coffin, Shari Haskins, Katie Jones, Jo Winkel, Carla Hardy, Val Roady, Laura Grott and Dail Barbour.

A quorum was declared by Susan Cuthbertson and Kay Carlson.

Agenda

The agenda was approved, with changes, by consensus.

Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2003 Executive Board Meeting. There was a second. Motion passed.

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2003 Executive Board Meeting. There was a second. Motion passed.

President's Report

Kay Carlson gave a quick rundown of happenings throughout the year. Some of the highlights were: reduced conference registration for guests, firming up contracts, looking at Library Districting, successful legislative reception, writing a letter of thanks to Laura Bush for her support of Libraries, the writing of the Patriot Act Statement, and updating the WLA Manual of Procedure by Trish Palluck, Laura Grott and Kay Carlson.

Kay was also involved with the Rural Library Task Force.

Kay is looking forward to a great conference. Many thanks to Carey Hartmann and the local arrangements committee. She also asked that we continue working to encourage members to be involved on committees.

Treasurer's Report

It was noted that there was a sizable McMurry Grant. Carey Hartmann talked about how Carol McMurry wants the library community to be more aware that there is money available to them.

Katie Jones made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Mary Coffin. Motion passed.

Reports

The following reports were submitted:

Government Information Section, Academic and Special Libraries Section, School Library Media Section, Children's/Young Adult Section, Public/Trustee Section, Paraprofessional Section, ALA Councilor, MPLA Representative, State Library, Communications Committee, Awards and Grants Committee, Intellectual Freedom Committee, Legislative Committee, Indian Paintbrush Committee, and Financial Audit Committee.

The following was noted:

Jennifer Mayer stated that the ALA Report was on the WLA website and that she was getting very limited response. She stated that she would be more proactive with getting information out to the members.

Lesley Boughton added that LSTA was reauthorized for 5 years and talked about how \$490,000 was recommended to be included in the next budget, including 5 additional databases.

Cynthia Twing stated that the Legislative Reception would be February 12, 2004 at the Plains. She also talked about how Kay had charged the committee in July with looking at Library Districting. A committee meeting was held and it was decided to poll the library directors at their annual retreat. There was general, but cautious support.

Library Districting

The reason for looking at this issue was to put together a proposal to consider changing from the current county commission system to a library district system. A question was asked about whether the mineral rich counties still have a concern over this. At that point Cynthia gave a brief background of the issue, explaining that this was pursued several years ago and the outcome at that time. (Thanks to Cynthia and the Legislative Committee for all the hard work on this!)

Lesley Boughton stated that another unknown in this equation was the school construction funding and the impact on future state budgets.

It was agreed by consensus that more education on this topic was needed and that the feelings of the mineral counties needed to be pinned down.

Strategic Plan

Kay read through the current strategic plan (1996). Carey will pursue updating this plan over the next year.

Conference 2003

Jill Rourke did a fantastic job with the public issues forum and lining up the 3 great speakers.

2004 Conference

Katie Jones made a motion that September 8-11 be the dates for the 2004 Conference in Laramie, seconded by Carey Hartmann. Motion passed.

2005 Conference

Dail Barbour talked about the October 5-8th 2005 Conference at the Snow King in Jackson. The resort originally wanted \$3500/day for the event center, but changed to \$1000/day. (There was something about crying in this agreement.) Things to possibly expect:

- Food will possibly be included in registration.
- Exciting technological events.
- Possibly streaming video of conference, live and archived (working with MPLA on this)

If you have questions/ideas/concerns about the 2005 WLA/MPLA Conference please contact Dail Barbour.

Table fees for nonprofit organizations

Katie Jones made a motion that non-profit organizations apply for a table at conference. They may have the table free with a request to donate for a coffee break. The table is contingent on available space. Seconded by Carey Hartmann. Motion passed.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was called at 8:30 P.M. and ended at 8:56 P.M.

Carey Hartmann, seconded by Shari Haskins, made a motion to evaluate the executive secretary using the following guidelines:

- *Each Section Chair and the ALA Councilor will complete an evaluation and these will be compiled into one evaluation.*
- *Legislative Chair will complete an evaluation.*
- *Officers will complete an evaluation.*
- *All evaluations will be returned to Kay Carlson by Friday, October 3rd.*
- *Kay, Carey, and Trish will share results of evaluation with the Executive Secretary prior to end of conference,*

Saturday, October 4th.

Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Landreth

