

WYOMING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
Business Meeting  
September 26, 2014

President Richard Landreth called the meeting to order @ 9:07 a.m.  
A quorum was determined.

**AGENDA: *A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.***

**MINUTES: *A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.***

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Richard Landreth thanked everyone involved in the Association the past year. Monica Brennan and Rebecca Lehman did a fabulous job. He also thanked Ryan Brennan for all the trouble shooting and work he was doing for the conference.

**MemberClicks:** Richard talked about MemberClicks and said we still have a few rough spots that we will continue to work through. All members will be sent an "all" message. Also, interest groups subscribe to those lists. Rebecca made a great flyer. We will also work on the website, so we can have a special e-mail for that to get things on the web with specific instructions on web postings.

Richard thanked every single person involved in WLA.

**ALA Report – Carey Hartmann:** Carey indicated there is an updated handbook for Intellectual Freedom. Heated debate on the floor about whether the industry ratings should be done on catalog records. Carey's report will be on website. Carey will be on the Chapter Relations Committee and hopes to make contacts on that for more info back to ALA. She'd like to get back to ALA to let them know how relevant ALA is to Wyoming as a chapter.

Carey also reported on outstanding Section funds and the scholarships. The money has now been expended. They distributed over two years, 15 scholarships. If you are here will you please stand. She named off the recipients.

**MPLA Representative – Steve Boss:** Steve has been active in attending MPLA over the past two years. Several are attending AZL MPLA joint conference in Arizona in November. He indicated he is spending a lot of time working on 2015 conference.

**State Library Report – Lesley Boughton:** The Wyoming State Library has had an important and active year. Have developed the Wyoming people, places and things. Those databases are amazing. If you are in a school environment you'd like to explore them. This was funded by a request by LSO to digitize all legislative 1869 to 2000 all the journals. They did it very cost effectively. They also digitized all of the bills as well. They are supporting a request for another \$40,000 to digitize the enrolled acts. Those should be available immediately. It's an amazing database. Paul Goodson is the manager of that database. He spends a fair amount of time on it. Paul curates the database. They are learning a lot

about state government that is not recorded anywhere. They are going to post a full report on the website.

The WSL is hosting a meeting of Chief Officers of State Libraries. They are hosting this Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> in Jackson. Senator Enzi will come to address the group. The group is anxious to come. Susan Hildreth will finish her term in January. The next Director will be someone with museum expertise.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Steve Rzasa – Awards: It will be online as well. Successful banquet. Major changes were renamed the meritorious to community supporter award. This better reflects support of a library. We still have nomination forms out there. If you have any ideas, please submit to any committee members.

### **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Lori Phillips reported that the Legislative Committee held a retreat in Casper in Cheyenne. She named those in attendance. Focus was to take a look at the Endowment Challenge Legislation and to see if we should extend it. They will be looking at exploring it. It will expire in 2017. Unclaimed funds will revert to general fund. After the meeting, Public librarians were surveyed on whether or not their foundations would support legislation and are looking at expending their funds. They also sought out comments on legislators on how to think about extending the program and possibly making it permanent. That has been the work up-to-date. A plan going forward is to start to work with the WLA Lobbyist that could possibly work on the current sunset date and to work with partnerships with those that have met their goals and those that haven't. There are many good questions on the table, yet to be answered. Also working on library certification and impact on student learning. Looking at how to get information to legislators and get the conversation started about certified school librarians. Report will be posted to the web. LSO – Legislative Reception is Thursday, January 22, to be held at the WY State Library in Cheyenne.

### **INTEREST GROUP REPORTS**

J/YA\_ - Submitted a report.

L.E.A.D. – Online report . The L.E.A.D. implemented a \$10 group fee to be more active in bringing in programming. They helped off-set the fees. We also got a \$500 MPLA grant. If you are interested, the LEAD group will be having an on-line discussion on Quiet Influence and other books. Katrina Brown will be the lead next year.

Library Instruction – Submitted a report.

Marketing – No one present.

New Tech in Libraries – Steve Boss – Posting on the listserv. It would be great to have more posts. This conference had a lot of great ideas. Ryan Brennen will help on this.

Quickbooks/HumanResources – No report.

Reference – Karen Kitchens – Put out a call for anyone for someone to coordinate this group. They have been inactive and would like someone to get this group going. There are 57 members.

School Library Interest Group – Lori Clark-Erickson – They now have 50 some members. Highlights – we became an AASL affiliate. Thirteen librarians attended the AASL meeting in Connecticut. Jennisen Lucas presented on the Common core. It was a proud moment for her to do that. Initiated a newsletter which they publish three times per year. They have monthly calls via UBER.

Information Power – These programs have been super successful using the talent of our members.

Recognized the committee members. It was good to be on the planning committee for this conference.

Monica Brennen will be co-leader with Laura Miller.

AASL Delegates will be Jennisen Lucas, Sally Hoover and Lori Clark-Erickson.

We need a registrar for UW Credit. Kathy Bjornstad will be the new registrar. Jennisen Lucas gave a summary of the UW Credit and PTSB for continuing education.

WY Literature & Literacy – Sally Mack – Submitted a report. Book awards will be announced at the luncheon. They had 8,770 voted this year. That is a good number. Book awards and guidelines, there will be a discussion for input for possible changes. The basic principles will not change, but some of the guidelines, possible can be adjusted.

Communications Advisor – Elizabeth Thorson pulled all of the publications together and did a fabulous job.

Constitution and By-Laws – No report – No Issues

Financial Audit – We haven't completed an audit yet because of change in committee members, but we will get it done soon.

Nominations & Elections Advisor – Susan Mark - Susan thanked the four people that stepped up to run. She encouraged anyone to please talk to her and talk to the past presidents on what is needed. It's a great opportunity.

WY Library Leadership Institute – Chris Van Burgh – Thanked everyone for participating to support the baskets and fundraising. If you feel you need to set a better base for yourself, consider applying in 2015 for the institute. Institutes are held every other year. The cookbook is available for sale. This cookbook has so many great recipes. Cookbooks from around the state, legislative reception, etc.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

2014 Conference – Monica Brennen. She thanked everyone for coming. 219 people registered with 36 vendors. It was great to do the 100 year anniversary. We had to cancel 21<sup>st</sup> Century Digital Learning in WY Room. Storytelling is in Wyoming room – 2 to 4.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

MPLA Conference – 2015 – MPLA/WLA in Cheyenne at Little America. Steve Boss is the Conference Chair for MPLA and WLA. Steve posted a report on the site and will continue to update. The document is the planning document for the conference. As they get done, they will be noted as green, yellow and red. Conference is at the Old West Museum in Frontier Park. There are pictures in his report. We've worked on the contract and it has been signed and goes to MPLA. Changing Libraries in the New West. The UW – Maggie has some pre-marketing materials and a sign to promote and market to get people excited to come. The MPLA table has post it notes with the theme and logo and we will have book marks. All materials will be at AZ/MPLA. Any materials left over will go to county libraries to promote in libraries.

Sept. 23 – 25, 2015. We look forward to seeing you there.

Richard passed the gavel to Rebecca Lehman, who will be the incoming President.

Meeting was adjourned.