

Wyoming Library Association Executive Board  
Conference Call  
Thursday, December 11, 2008

Cynthia Twing called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.  
She thanked all in attendance.

Attendees:

Cynthia Twing – President  
Jamie Markus – Vice President  
Brian Greene – Past President  
Deb McCarthy – MPLA Representative  
Meg Martin – Recording Secretary  
Katie Jones – Academic/Special Library Section Chair  
Ian Lindeman – Children/YA Section Chair  
Gloria Brodle – Para-pro Section Chair  
Karen Hopkins – Public/Trustee Section Chair  
Laura Grott – Executive Secretary, ex officio  
Cathy Butler – Legislative Committee Chair, ex officio  
Maggie Farrell – 2009 Conference Chair, ex officio  
Marian Schulz – Lobbyist

Unable to attend:

Sandy Barstow  
Peggy Jording  
Kathy Carlson  
Lesley Lipska  
Lesley Boughton

Cynthia clarified an item on page 3, from the minutes from the October 1, 2008 meeting. Gloria Brodle moved to approve the minutes. Katie Jones seconded. Passed.

Reports:

Fall conference – financial final report from Laura Grott. Written report was submitted and reviewed.

Evaluations – Ian Lindeman – report available upon request.

Grant from the City of Casper - \$1056 given to the conference which paid for the tote bags; Bill Nelson wrote it, submitted report and arranged for payment.

ALA Update – Sandy Barstow - none

MPLA Update – Debbie McCarthy – reminder of KLA/MPLA Mtg.; MPLA has decided to continue with the Leadership Institute in 2010 with a different location and format.

Committees:

Legislative Committee – Cathy Butler: not much activity; \$2M in budget for public library foundation – may be different because of current economic situation. Don Richards from UW Office of Legal Affairs proposed legislation for foundations. He's calling public libraries

about supporting a bill concerning allowing use of 5% of corpus of foundation monies (as opposed to limiting to earnings only) especially in times of economic downturn. This allows for greater flexibility. Maggie Farrell said that during good economic times, the earnings would rebuild. Cathy Butler stated that MT and other states have done this. Marian Schulz noted the Governor intends to release the revised budget in January. She will report when she hears more. She will work with Don Richards on proposed legislation. She is currently watching the sex offender law changes; property tax bills; and sales & use tax bills which provide 1% collection credit (1% of total amount collected with cap of \$10,000.)

2009 Conference – Maggie Farrell: report posted on WLA website. Laura Grott noted the intention to have registration and registration cards online through VenueQuest.

State Library – Lesley Boughton – none

WLA appointments from Cynthia Twing:

Awards and grants Committee

Mary Rhoads, Chair  
Lucie Osborn  
Sally Mack  
Tina Lackey

Communications Committee

Leslie Lipska, Chair  
Tina Lackey  
Dolores Koch  
Jackie Darnall  
Isabel Zumel  
Troy Rumpf

Constitution and Bylaws

Katie Jones  
Jerry Krois  
Scott Kinney

Intellectual Freedom Committee

Sukey Hohl, Chair  
Sue Knesel  
Laura Crossett  
Deb Adams  
Elaine Hayes  
Lalia Jagers

Legislative Committee

looking for one new member

Membership Committee  
Brian is working on this

Mentoring Committee  
Jill Rourke, Chair  
Ara Anderson  
Kristin Herr  
Trish Palluck  
Sarah Prielipp

Nominations and Elections Committee  
Erin Kinney, Chair  
Mary Ann Bayers  
Looking for two more members

Revenue Committee  
Looking for 3 new members

Finance Committee  
Cynthia stated she needed more education on this committee as it has not been active for some time.

Old Business:  
2010 Conference Chair is Richard Landreth – he is currently observing.  
Need chair for 2011 in place 18 months prior to the event.  
Could get chairperson in place earlier by appointing them Member-At-Large.

Status of bylaws changes from 2007:  
Integration of 2007 revisions and revisions from general session 2008  
Copy has been submitted to Cynthia Twing and Jamie Markus  
Strategic plan is responsibility of the past president  
Align wording to actual practice  
Changed quorum from 10% to 15%  
Added language that conference committee chair will be ex-officio board member  
In summary, the Committee is working on items previously approved at general session in 2007.

Clarification of 2010 and 2011 conference locations:  
Casper Parkway for 2010

Spring Section meetings:  
At the October 2007 meetings the decision was made to let each section decide about where and when to hold the section meetings.  
Child/YA/school will be held April 17-18 in Riverton  
Para-pro and Public sections are talking about early June date and holding their meeting together. Jamie Markus has recommended that section meetings should happen earlier.

Academic/Specials – Katie Jones said they want to organize a meeting; possibly in April, possibly in Riverton. Yet to be announced.

WLA is not going paperless yet. Consideration has been given to moving to paperless for newsletters, conference information, nominations, elections and the 3 book awards. Plan is to eliminate beginning January 2009 – and continue to push for more electronic access. Savings of \$1000 to \$1500; if include book awards, the savings could rise to approximately \$2000. Laura and Cynthia will continue to work with the Communications Committee. Katie Jones suggested changes to new member form to include that all members are automatically subscribed to all@wyla. Jamie Markus agreed with that and suggested that Laura’s database be used as a double check to be certain all members are subscribed.

New Business:

WLA is considering assuming ownership of WLLI (Wyoming Library Leadership Institute)

WLA has become a “conference” association but not all members can attend.

WLLI was initially funded by Carol McMurray foundation but no longer.

WLLI offers tangible reward to WLA members.

If we do take ownership – would want to tailor it.

Jerry Krois comments: \$8500 for 16 participants; will need an outside revenue source because grants are tough; investors should have a say about content and outcome so program may change.

Cynthia recommended we think about it and possibly implement in 2010. Need ad hoc committee to attend to the question.

Jamie Markus said that theoretically it is possible to choose cheaper, different speakers and that there were lots of possible directions that WLLI can take in future.

Laura Grott noted that she often suggests when she is negotiating a fee that she represents a “smaller association” and sometimes speakers reduce their fee.

Cynthia said she did not want a charge for attendees.

The OVERRIDING concern is to continue to make it accessible to all!

Katie Jones said it’s been a competitive process in the past and should continue to be so.

Jamie noted the fee for food/lodging and meeting room was \$2000.

Cynthia named a committee to research and who will report at the Feb. Exec. Board meeting.

Members include:

Debbie McCarthy

Katie Jones

Chris Van Burgh

Jamie Markus as chair.

WLA Crossroads Taskforce:

Cynthia suggested the taskforce to look at what is in place that has been successful for WLA in the past but isn’t working so well now.

- Develop a list of questions based on workforce study data and members’ opinions to incite discussion and thought
- Consider less cumbersome models of operation

- If necessary, seek input and guidance from outside WLA
- Bring a completed study before the Executive Board by 2009 Conference

Members include:

Cynthia Twing – WLA Pres.

Jamie Markus – VP

Brian Greene – Past Pres.

Meg Martin – Recording Secretary

Section Chairs or representatives (5)

Several at-large members

Representatives from WLA Committees including – Constitution & By-laws, Mentoring, Membership, Communication, Intellectual Freedom

Tentative Timeline for the Taskforce:

- Executive Board permission to proceed TODAY
- Taskforce members identified by mid-January
- Jamie Markus and Susan Vittitow will prepare information and questions from workforce study data by mid-January
- Face to face meeting of the taskforce to coincide with the Legislative Reception on Feb. 5, 2009
- Face to face meeting at the Public/Para-pro spring section meeting. This could include a consultant of our choice as an observer
- Early June face to face meeting at a yet to be determined location with a facilitator
- Pre conference program at WLA if necessary
- Report to Executive Board at fall conference

Katie Jones moved to allow Cynthia proceed with creating the Taskforce. Debbie McCarthy seconded. Motion passed.

2009 Budget Review. Line by line review from Laura in preparation for February meeting. An expense line item for \$8000 was added for WLLI program.

No other new business.

Next meeting to be held – same day as legislative reception – Feb.5, 2009 at 9:00AM

2010 Annual Meeting at Casper Parkway; Richard Landreth to decide on specific dates of 9/29 - 10/2 or 10/6 – 10/9.

Meeting adjourned at 3:53PM.

Respectfully submitted by Meg Martin, Recording Secretary.