



WLA Executive Board Minutes--December 1999

PRESENT

Vicke Hoff, Mary Rhoads, Laura Grott, Lucie Osborn, Brian Greene, Trish Palluck, Keith Cottam, Isabel Hoy, Mary Lynn Eisenmenger, Carol Deering, Diana Oedekoven, Sue Knesel, Mary Jayne Jordan, Ada Anderson, Vickie Hoff, Mary Rhoads.

CALL TO ORDER

President, Vickie Hoff welcomed those present and called the meeting to order. Introductions were made by those present.

Lucie Osborn made a pitch for the Laramie County Library Foundation and asked members to consider buying either a pin or a book bag.

MINUTES

Lucie Osborn moved to accept the Minutes of the October 16th meeting as corrected. Second by Keith Cottam. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vickie passed out a list of potential Committee members. She asked the Board for their input. She also discussed the fact that Laura Grott will be doing the Exhibits Chair job and will have increased duties with the conference, and that her pay may need to be adjusted. Vickie thanked Isabel Hoy and her crew for doing such an excellent job year after year with registration. She thanked Laura for her extra work, and wanted to convey her thanks to the Kinney's, although not present, for their work on the web site. Vickie said she'd gotten some inquiries already for the 2000 conference for exhibits.

Vickie indicated she had sent a letter to Paul Smith at the Hitching Post thanking him for a job well done, and indicated that with all of the technological advancements going on in the workplace, that it would be helpful if the motel would upgrade the facility and equipment to address the needs of the technological age.

Lucie Osborn suggested sending a similar letter to Lynn Birleffi, who is the Director for the Hotel/Motel Association. It was also suggested to send that letter to John Reardon at the Business Council.

Vickie discussed her plan for the year as far as getting some newspaper columns written for the newspapers in the state. Her topics will cover funding for libraries. She indicated she's already gotten some local press on their library.

ALA COUNCILOR

Lucie Osborn discussed some of the upcoming events of the American Library Association. She expressed to the Board that on the 2nd of February (Ground Hog Day), there would be a Job Shadow Day. She asked the Board to consider getting involved in this. Since it is becoming harder to recruit and retain people in the library field, this is an excellent opportunity to bring someone into the workplace to show them and talk to them about the library profession. For more information you can contact: www./acrl.html or contact msutton@aol.org.

Brian Greene indicated that when Boys State meets in Cheyenne, a similar program takes place with the participants and the State Library. He said it was a very worthwhile program. LAMA is looking for Best of Show winners for Swap and Shop. Any awards libraries have been given could qualify. This is a good way to brag about what you do.

Lucie described her job as ALA Councilor and how the process works at ALA. She wanted to get some feeling from the Board on the issue of the Distance Learning Programs. She described some of the questions that have arisen on this subject, and wanted the Board's input.

Keith Cottam indicated that he felt that Council shouldn't have any influence in the matter and that we should embrace, improve and support distance learning.

It was the feeling of the Board that this is a positive step and could greatly benefit Wyoming librarians.

MPLA

Ara Anderson indicated her first MPLA meeting would be in Denver on the 11th of December and that she would have more to report at our next meeting. She encouraged people to use the MPLA & MyCause.com website..

STATE LIBRARY

Briane Greene presented the report for Lesley Boughton who was currently attending the Western Council of State Libraries meeting in Phoenix.

The biennial budget was discussed. The governor has sent two proposed budgets to the Legislature. He has endorsed the exception request for \$240,000 for state-wide licensing of databases in both budgets. This was reduced by Frank Galeotos from the initial request of \$480,000 as part of the A & I proposal.

If the exception money is approved, Lesley will reactivate the Resource Sharing Council to participate in decision making since the databases will not be solely available to WYLD member libraries.

ALTA/ALA Advocacy Honor Roll. There has been little response from the letter send. The deadline is December 13th. Linn Rounds, Jerry Krois and Lesley have done a preliminary list based on their knowledge of library advocacy and Wyoming will be represented.

A relationship is being built with the Dept. Of Education and US West on issues regarding WEN.

SECTION REPORTS

ACADEMIC & SPECIAL LIBRARIES

Carol Deering reported that they would have no Spring meeting. Carol indicated that it would be helpful to have an ALA link from the main WLA site. Vickie Hoff asked Brian Greene to have this done.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT

Sue Knesel reported they would be having a two day spring workshop with a tentative date of May 5 & 6th. Funding sources such as grants will be sought when the budget is finalized.

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

A brochure is currently being designed for the Government Information section.

PARAPROFESSIONAL REPORT

Trish asked how any of the grant money left over from the State Library will be issued. The Board will take up that issue with an action later in the meeting.

A Spring meeting will be planned for sometime in early April, probably in Casper. A list of topics is being sent to section members to see what they are interested in.

PUBLIC REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Mary Jayne Jordan is working on developing a brochure for all of the sections. She indicated that she had students who would be able to do some work on these for community service hours. These brochures will be used by the sections to recruit and inform new members. The brochures would also be on the web.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Vickie Hoff will be working with the Constitution and By-Laws Committee to bring to 2000 Conference a proposal on membership categories for dues, dues structures, etc. This is in conjunction with the discussion during the recent Constitution and By-Laws changes made at the 1999 Conference. She will send a charge to the Membership Committee to work on the current categories.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Brian Greene reported for Scott and Erin Kinney. To date, the site has been hit 14,507 times since they switched servers and has been registered with most search engines. Brian reviewed the costs associated with the web site.

The Board discussed the need to follow through as a group to make sure if any of us sees outdated information to contact the Kinney's so it can get changed.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

The newly adopted policy statement is on the web site. A newsletter will go out to all members of the Committee.

Mary Lynn Eisenmenger asked if there was a Wyoming Intellectual Freedom Handbook? Lucie thought Jerry Krois may have a statement from one of his books. It was suggested to look at other states with current information. Brian indicated that Colorado's was just updated.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No report.

There was a question as to if we needed to send a news release on the proposed budget.

Sue Knesel moved that the Wyoming Library Association and the Wyoming State Library present a press release supporting the Governor's supplemental budget request for the State Library and emphasize the positive impact on every student in Wyoming. They will work together for a common message. Second by Mary Lynn Eisenmenger. Motion passed unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

No report.

REVENUE COMMITTEE

Keith Cottam is working on Revenue Enhancements for the coming year, including an endowment for the Nora Van Burgh Development Grant. He has recently met with the Van Burghs and they are very interested in helping. Other ideas regarding advertising are also in the works.

2000 CONFERENCE

Mary Rhoads passed out the budget for the Exhibitors at conference and moved they be accepted. Second by Keith Cottam. Discussion followed that the Exhibitors phone line fee be accepted with the change of \$100 for phone lines being the minimum, but if the phone lines are higher than \$100, they will be billed at cost. Motion was amended to include the \$100 being the minimum and if higher the lines will be billed at cost. Motion passed.

Mary Rhoads moved that conference rates stay the same for 2000 as 1999. Second by Keith Cottam. Motion passed.

Keith Cottam moved that for anyone wishing to attend only a pre-or post conference, set pre and post conference fees to cover the cost of a program plus the one day registration fee based on the Board approved one day registration fee. Second by Lucie Osborn. Motion passed.

The Program Council will design a registration form to make the new pre and post conference fees workable.

INFORMATION POWER

Vickie Hoff passed out to the Board information from Jan Segerstrom on Information Power. There was discussion on the WYLD library card catalogs via the Internet. The kids cannot currently use the WYLD cards at their school libraries because of possible copyright infringement.

Mary Jayne Jordan thought Jan's Power Point presentation would be excellent at the legislative reception.

Lucie Osborn talked about a recent conference she attended on how to integrate technology into the school classrooms. The conference would be in Denver next year on October 25th - 28th. It was suggested that someone from WLA attend next year.

VISA/MASTERCARD

Laura Grott reviewed the charges associated with our current VISA account with ELAN. She also presented options for allowing dues and convention registration on-line to be able to accept payment with a credit card. Lucie Osborn moved to drop the VISA account. Second by Isabel Hoy. After much discussion, the Board felt they may need more information the cost of start-up, etc. The motion was tabled.

The Board discussed the possibility of a larger group being able to handle our payments. Either MPLA or ALA. Ara Anderson will check with MPLA and Lucie Osborn will check with ALA.

BUCKAROO AWARD

Sue Knesel said she would work with the Constitution and By-Laws Committee to work on the wording in regards to the financial responsibilities concerning the Buckaroo, Indian Paintbrush and Soaring Eagle Award. The Reading Council pays half of the costs of each of these awards, and the Children's Author Fund pays the other half.

2002 CONFERENCE

Bill Nelson submitted a request to the WLA Executive Board to host the 2002 Conference in Casper. Casper College indicated they did the conference several years ago and would not be interested in helping at this point. He submitted two different dates: October 2-5 and October 9-12.

Lucie Osborn moved to accept the invitation to have the conference on October 2-5, 2002 in Casper. Second by Trish Palluck.

Keith Cottam moved to accept the proposal from Natrona County Public Library to hold the 2002 WLA Conference in Casper, the exact date to be determined. Second by Carol Deering. The motion passed.

Lucie Osborn moved to set dates ASAP for 2001, 2003, 2004 and 2005. Second by Carol Deering. Motion passed.

Laura Grott will notify ALA of all dates for conference.

BUDGET

Laura Grott reviewed the financial statements and the current status of the profit from the 1999 Conference, as well as reserve money in Oppenheimer. Laura presented the 1999 current budget and the Board went line by line to budget for 2000. Keith Cottam moved to balance the budget. Second by Lucie Osborn. Motion passed.

STATE GRANT MONEY

Vickie will assign an Ad Hoc Committee to put together an application process for any remaining funds from the State Grant. Jerry Krois will be consulted to make sure the guidelines for the money are followed.

NEWSLETTER

Laura Grott reminded everyone that the deadline for the upcoming newsletter would be December 20th, 1999.

The next Board meeting of the WLA Executive Board will be held in Cheyenne on March 2nd, 2000. Time and place to be determined at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Grott
Acting Recording Secretary

