



## WLA Executive Board Minutes, September 23, 2000

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President Mary Rhoads called the meeting to order @ 8:15 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Mary Rhoads, Susan Cuthbertson, Shelly King, Ara Anderson, Kay Carlson, Diana Oedekoven, Keith Cottam, Amy Shelley, Carey Hartmann, Lesley Boughton, Sue Knesel, Alice Hild Farris, Scott Kinney, Trish Palluck, Isabel Hoy, Erin Kinney and Vickie Hoff.

### OLD BUSINESS

Convention Wrap-Up: Cary Hartmann wondered if there was any way to compensate Renee V. for stepping in to do a program that would have otherwise been canceled. Amy Shelley suggested flowers. The section had money and could choose to do something.

Shelly King speaking for the awards committee wondered about doing something for those who are nominated but did not win. There was some discussion. It was made clear that the guidelines must be examined for guidance and that the committee must have the authority to use discretion while complying with the different guidelines.

Sue Knesel reported the book sale went well. She reported that Simon & Schuster had refused to extend credit, so Laura had put the entire bill on her personal credit card. Everyone in attendance wanted to acknowledge Laura's efforts on behalf of the Association. Lesley Boughton mentioned that if this should occur in the future we could use Jack Kilmarth's name at WSL so the problem wouldn't happen again.

Isabel Hoy reported on registration. Compliments were extended to Mary and the local arrangements committee. It was a very easy to do and most registered by the earlier deadline. There were very few late registrations or problems. One registration was done by credit card and it went well. Isabel feels we will be okay when it's time for MPLA/WLA.

Carey Hartmann mentioned the registration form was difficult to understand and somewhat misleading. This will be addressed next year.

Isabel recommended that in the future there be a separate fee for pre and post conference events, even if it is minimal. This would provide for better tracking and perhaps help with room assignments and room capacities.

Keith Cottam mentioned, and it was echoed, that the names of ALL LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS people must be included even if it requires an additional page.

Mary Rhoads stated there was some confusion about who is responsible for the program.

Erin Kinney stated she and Scott had received many changes and suggestions for the web page.

There was some discussion about the rendezvous bucks and auction. The purpose was to keep people around for the closing session and to have some fun. It was generally agreed it had been fun, but to make this a fund raiser is an additional burden for local arrangements.

Sue Knesel spoke to the need to move the children's author luncheon to Friday to help keep people there and to provide a sense of continuity. The need to relax on Friday evening is strong and keeping alert for an author dinner is difficult.

Mary Rhoads indicated how difficult it was to fit everything in the time allowed for conference.

A question was asked if Laura Grott could run a list of people in multiple sections so we can schedule with limited

overlap for individuals.

Isabel Hoy suggested that in each vendor's packet we include the option for a single complimentary meal ticket. Cost implications would be small and it might be a good tool. It would also be suggested that at such a meal the vendors would be introduced.

Amy Shelley raised concerns about vendor membership rates. Since most join simply to get the membership directory she suggested the price needs to be raised. There was some discussion, particularly given that there is a "don't sell my name" option on the membership form.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

2001 Convention will be held in Cody. Several individuals, including those not in Cody, have expressed enthusiasm and support for Cody. Space and electrical capabilities were discussed, as was the vendors concern over the site. It was suggested that we try to tap into additional vendors who might only service the northern part of the state.

Alice Hild Farris announced that the SSLMP would be conducting a survey that will be sent out in the next 2 weeks with a November 1st deadline. The purpose of the survey is multiple and the state library could also use information gathered. Postage costs are a concern given the financial status of SSLMP. It was suggested that Alice contact Jerry Krois at WSL to see about some LSTA grant funding.

Amy Shelley announced that Children's/Young Adult & SSLMP would not be holding a joint Spring Meeting this year. Shelly King did indicate SSLMP will be meeting about Information Power and will probably use a Spring meeting to train trainers.

On behalf of Karen Mydland and the membership committee, Keith Cottam presented their report. The group made several suggestions and some of them will have financial implications. Keith Cottam moved and it was seconded to accept the report. Suggestions were discussed and it was decided to send this back to the committee to further develop the suggestions that were made. Carey Hartmann asked that Laura Grott be added to the membership committee in a consultant role. Trish Palluck and/or Chris Van Burch would also like to be included since there are working on mentoring.

In conjunction with the membership report, Amy Shelley again mentioned concern about selling our membership list. Scott Kinney did indicate that if the roster were for sale it could easily be pulled off the web site.

The vote to accept the membership committee report was unanimous.

There was discussion about the need to set up a "potential conference sites" list and then development of a rotation schedule.

2001 - Cody - September 26-29

2002 - Casper - October 2-5

2003 - Evanston

2004 -

2005 - MPLA Joint Conference - Cheyenne or Casper

Next Board meeting will be held December 8th in Casper at the UW Outreach Building. Keith Cottam will make the necessary arrangements.

Program Council will need to meet in Cody, probably in November.

Legislative Reception is February 14 [15], 2001.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Hoff  
Pro Tem Secretary

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