



WLA Opening General Session Minutes, September 27, 2001

Wyoming Library Association
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Cody, Wyoming Holiday Inn
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Mary Rhoads called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Parliamentarian Susan Cuthbertson declared a quorum.

The agenda was approved except for #10 being changed. The introduction of the vendors was going to take place as part of the keynote speech.

Welcome message was given by Mary Jayne Jordan of the Program Council since Trish Palluck was absent due to a death in her family.

Conference announcements/changes were given by Mary Rhoads.

Minutes of 2000 General Session - Approved

President's Report - Mary Rhoads reported that it hadn't been hard this year to get people to volunteer for various committees. This year the committee's had been very busy. The Intellectual Freedom Committee had been busy because of Internet issues. The Electronic Committee (ad-hoc) had been very busy setting up the web site. Mary said that a motion had been passed that would take up review of the by-laws impacting compensation for the design and maintenance of the WLA web site and change the Electronic Committee from an ad-hoc committee to standing committee.

Treasurer's Report - Laura Grott presented the financial report. Laura stated that the investment portfolio would be reviewed before the next budget meeting in December.

Other Reports

MPLA Representative - Ara Anderson thanked WLA for electing her to be MPLA representative. She said that it had been a real growing experience. Ara said to stop by the MPLA booth and sign up to win one of the ten memberships that would be given away during the conference. She encouraged everyone to go to the WLA web site and link to the MPLA web site. The MPLA conference is going to be held in Phoenix in December and she hopes to see many there.

State Library Report - Lesley Boughton submitted a written report. She introduced Jack Jueller, chair of the State Library Board and encouraged all librarians to bring their trustees to the Wyoming Library Association conference. David Burnell from BCR in Denver was introduced as was Steve Hargass from Autographics who would be presenting the WINGS program at the conference. Jerry Krois, deputy state librarian, was introduced by Lesley Boughton also.

Boughton stated that the highlight of the year was the Leadership Institute and thanked Carol McMurry for the support by the McMurry Endowment Fund for the Institute to be held. Hopefully there will be another one held next year.

The University of Missouri - Columbia in partnership with the Wyoming State Library conducted a Master's level course this past summer in Casper and plans to bring 2 courses to Wyoming this winter. John Budd and Mary Ellen Seavert will be teaching these primarily through the Internet. Only 5-7 students will be needed to make the class go. Erin Kinney from the Wyoming State Library introduced the web site "GoWYLD.net" as an information portal to residents of the state. Trish Palluck will be teaching the new interlibrary loan program, WINGS, to libraries around the

state. The Wyoming legislature will be moving into a budget session in 2002. There will be \$250,000 additional funds for electronic resources.

Lesley Boughton discussed the E-Portal Initiative in which over the next 6+ months there will be several pilot programs being looked at as far as state government doing business online across the state. After these are complete and in place, the governor of Wyoming sees libraries as the frontline support to "bridging the digital divide" so this type of business will be accessible to all people across Wyoming.

Section Reports

Academic/Special - Erin Kinney - Report attached to 9/25/01 meeting minutes

Children/Young Adult - Amy Shelley - Report attached to 9/25/01 meeting minutes

Government Information - Diana Oedekoven - Report attached to 9/25/01 meeting minutes

Paraprofessional - Laurie Lye - Report attached to 9/25/01 meeting minutes

Public/Trustee Section - Carey Hartmann - Report attached to 9/25/01 meeting minutes Carey Hartmann said that they are looking at bringing in a major author for the next conference.

School/Library Media Personnel - Shelly King - Report attached to 9/25/01 meeting minutes

Committee Reports

Awards - Erin Kinney - Report attached to 9/25/01 minutes

Constitution and By-Laws - Elizabeth Cuckow - Elizabeth said there were by-law changes in the agenda packet that would be voted on today.

Electronic Committee(ad-hoc) - Scott Kinney - Report attached to 9/25/01 meeting minutes

Financial Audit - Carol Collier - Report attached to 9/25/01 meeting minutes.

Information Power Task Force - Jan Segerstrom - Written report attached.

Legislative Committee - Helen Higby - No report.

Nominating and Elections - Crystal Stratton - Written report attached.

Communications - Mary Jayne Jordan - Written report attached.

Buckaroo - Sally Shambaugh - No report.

Indian Paintbrush - Janet Tharp - Written report attached.

Soaring Eagle - Glenda Williams(given by Patty Patterson) - Written report attached.

Old Business

The 2002 Conference will be held at the Parkway Plaza in Casper from September 19-21, 2002.

New Business

Dale Collum, director of Uinta county Public Library in Evanston, would like to make a bid for the 2003 conference to be held in Evanston.

Debbie Iverson and Kathy Butler of Sheridan would like to make a bid for the 2003 conference to be held in Sheridan.

By-Laws Revisions by Susan Cuthbertson

Michele Havenga made the motion to accept the by-law changes for Article XI Section 9 "YOUTH BOOK AWARD STANDING COMMITTEES". Sue Knesel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Wyoming Community Foundation report by Susie Mullen

Carol McMurry was introduced. Libraries are important! Carol's fund offers opportunity for programs to come to light. She encourages us all to apply for grants. Everyone should participate in this. The grant review committee is knowledgeable and devoted. The deadlines for grants are November 1, March 1 and July 1. There is an application on the state library web site. Call and ask Susie Mullen for assistance if needed.

Wyoming Leadership Institute report by Chris Van Burgh

This institute came about because of the McMurry Library Endowment fund. Sixteen people were accepted. Next one will be in 2002. Information will be coming out in February.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Authier
Recording Secretary

