



Wyoming Library Association
DRAFT MINUTES
Executive Board
Thursday, November 20, 2003
Casper, Parkway Plaza

PRESENT: Carol Brown, Lesley Boughton, Marylou Bowles-Banks, Carey Hartmann, Lalia Jagers, Diana Oedekoven, Debbie Schlinger, Troy Rumpf, Jennifer Mayer, Scott Kinney, Erin Kinney, Janet Meury, Deb Kelly, Deb Bruse, Patty Patterson and Laura Grott.

Carey Hartmann called the meeting to order @ 2:15 p.m.

Introductions were made

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Carey Hartmann thanked everyone for all of the help in selecting an alternate date and site for the 2004 conference. Carey indicated she is working on committee assignments and would like input on school personnel, as in almost every committee she is in need of a school person.

Carey said that the Legislative Committee is filled, and that it is a very strong and hard working committee.

OTHER REPORTS:

ALA Councilor, Jennifer Mayer, passed out her report. She said she would be attending mid-winter in January and that she always welcomes input from the Board. Carey asked Jennifer to talk to the Board about her position and what it all entails. Jennifer gave a brief summary of what the meetings were like and her day-to-day activities as the ALA representative. She said she is always keeping her ears open for issues of interest to Wyoming libraries.

MPLA Representative, Patty Patterson, also gave a summary report of her role as MPLA representative.

State Librarian, Lesley Boughton, discussed the 2004 budget session and told the Board the Governor has recommended the \$490,000 for additional databases for the State Library. She also indicated that the Legislative Committee would be putting together a fact sheet on this issue.

SECTION REPORTS:

Academic/Special: Diana Oedekoven passed out a written report.

Children's/Young Adult: Deb Bruse reported that their Spring meeting will be held in conjunction with the School Section again this year, and they are looking at the dates of April 30th and May 1st in Dubois.

Government Information: Carol Brown reported that the section would more than likely hold their Spring meeting in Laramie, possibly on GIS mapping.

Paraprofessional: Lalia Jagers said their section is looking to meet this Spring in Casper. No date has been set.

Public/Trustee: Janet Meury indicated that they are working for an early June meeting.

School Section: Marylou Bowles-Banks thanked everyone for being so sensitive to the needs of the School Section and changing the dates of the 2004 conference. Marylou indicated that she would like to get the databases in the schools. Lesley Boughton said Chris Van Burgh would be doing training.

Lesley Boughton brought up the Big Horn Basin Library Conference, and that WLA should make sure they find out those dates as to not conflict with the CYA/SSLMP section Spring meeting. Laura Grott will get those dates from Kay, or let Kay know when the CYA/SSLMP is meeting so that they don't conflict.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications Committee, Troy Rumpf: Troy reported that the committee is working on a contract for the Kinney's and updating the section brochures. The Board reviewed a draft of a new design for the WLA stationary. Carey indicated that the old stationary was in bad shape, as no one knows where the original copy is. She proposed having Laura get Troy the darkest copy of the logo, so that he can clean up the bottom of the stationary, so that we can use it until all of the envelopes are used up.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the new stationary design for use after the old envelopes have been used. Motion carried.

Legislative Committee Report, Carey Hartmann: Carey read the report submitted by Cynthia Twing. Carey reported that Cathy Butler had been added to the Committee. The committee met on November 14th. A sub-committee is looking at redistricting. Erin Kinney is working with Ara Anderson, Desiree Saunders and others on talking points for librarians to use regarding databases and the State Library's budget. They will be posted on the website. The Legislative reception is slated for February 12th at the Plains Hotel in Cheyenne.

Carey discussed the joint resolution that has been presented by Representative Floyd Esquibel. The Legislative Committee felt that the current format was too broad and the committee didn't feel comfortable introducing it on behalf of WLA. Tom Jones, WLA Lobbyist, rewrote the resolution to better suit WLA's needs and section 215.

The overall feeling was that the bill as a whole was too broad. WLA could only support section 215 whether it was Floyd's original resolution or the revision by Tom Jones. If WLA supported anything, it would be the rewrite done by Tom Jones, which is more consistent with the WLA resolution. The discussion was that the chances of it getting introduced would be very slim in a budget session.

Website, Erin and Scott Kinney: Scott Kinney reported to the Board that the website was redesigned 2 years ago, and that the site is currently seeing around 7,000 - 8,000 hits per month. These hits are mostly from out-of-state. He indicated that he would like to get more workshops from conference on the site. It was suggested that Debbie Schlinger and Laura Grott look at the presenter contract, and put in a clause that gives WLA permission to post their presentation on the web, and to make it available in electronic format. Scott indicated that in the near future they might be able to do some webcasting.

Scott indicated that Laura and Troy were working up a contract for presentation to the Board. Erin indicated that the registration for conference went smoother than last year, and that for 2004 they would like to look at all credit cards going directly to the bank for immediate posting.

Marylou asked about posting. She said she would like to see a special training session for those school librarians that still work on MAC computers. It was suggested that it would be helpful to have a brief training session at conference.

OLD BUSINESS

2004 Conference:

The dates are set: October 13-16, 2004 in Rock Springs. Paul Holland is local arrangements. Debbie Schlinger reported

that there is not a signed contract as of yet. The Holiday Inn said there would be no charge for meeting rooms. Debbie reported that the Program Council would be holding their first meeting in Rock Springs on January 16th. Laura Grott will be making the arrangements to meet at noon. Debbie indicated she would love to hear any ideas the Board would like to give her.

Carey Hartmann indicated the Public/Trustee section has already committed \$3,000 for the author night again for 2004. Patty Patterson talked about an excellent speaker she heard at MPLA.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion about 2006 conference. There was talk about the conference center in Laramie being completed by 2006. The Board would keep a close eye on the progress of that construction, as it would be very beneficial to WLA members to be able to attend conference in Laramie once that was completed.

Carey Hartmann talked about the McMurry Grant monies we received in 2003. Under the McMurry guidelines, this money should only be available to non-profit 501 (c) 3 organizations. WLA is a 501 (c) 6 organization. Therefore, we no longer qualify as an organization for a McMurry Grant. However, other 501 (c) 3 organizations could apply and pay that portion of our conference programming with their grant.

Laura Grott indicated that usually Sweetwater County has tourism money available for conferences as well. It would be good for Paul Holland to check on the process. Deb Schlinger also indicated it would be wise for us to check on the cycle for the McMurry money in case one of the libraries wanted to apply for money they could use for conference.

Carey Hartmann set the next Board meeting for February 12th in Cheyenne at the Laramie County Public Library's Exhibition Gallery. The meeting will be from 2-5 p.m.

BUDGET

Laura Grott reviewed the financial reports for WLA, stating that WLA was in excellent financial condition. She then went through the budget.. A few adjustments were made. Laura indicated that she would like the Board to take a look at her salary.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned @ 5:20 p.m.

