



Wyoming Library Association
Opening General Session
Rock Springs, WY
October 14, 2004

Draft Minutes

President Carey Hartman called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM. Lesley Boughton declared a quorum. Susan Simpson made a motion we accept the agenda and Marcie Mock seconded the motion. Motion passed. Susan Simpson made a motion we accept the minutes from the last meeting and Diane Martin seconded it. Motion passed.

Carey Hartman submitted a written President's report. She said the strategic planning fueled the activities of the year. She thanked the chairs and their committees and sections for the hard work.

Laura Grott, Executive secretary, gave the Treasurer's report. We are a healthy organization. She submitted a report.

Jennifer Mayer gave the ALA report. She is the Wyoming Chapter Counselor. ALA has a new continuing education clearing house. Jennifer is going to the mid-Winter Conference in January. Report was submitted.

Jill Rourke gave the MPLA report. Report was submitted.

Lesley Boughton gave the State Librarian's Report. Report was submitted. Lesley added WLA is a vital and dedicated organization. Leslie mentioned Susan Vittitow does the Roundup. It is a quarterly publication from WLA, the Wyoming State Library and the Wyoming Center for the Book. Susan, Leslie, and Janet Meury attended the National Book Festival in Washington D. C. last weekend. Lesley wants to align the State Library, WLA, and UW libraries. There was a state-wide meeting in August to digitize Wyoming newspapers from 1922 forward. This project will take two years. She asked state employees to stand up and be recognized.

The sections all submitted reports:

Academic - Diana Oedekoven, was not present.

Children's/YA - Deb Bruse

Government Information - Carol Brown said we are trying to expand our base.

Paraprofessional - Lalia Jagers

Public/ Trustee - Janet Meury reported the new chair is Sukey Hohl.

School Section of Library Media Personnel - Marylou Bowles-Banks.

Committees:

Awards/Grants - Erin Kinney was not present.

Communications - Troy Rumpf was not present, but submitted a report. They are working on brochures for all sections and a general WLA membership packet.

Financial Auditing - Carol Collier said an audit was performed and corrections were made to the report as suggested by the committee.

Intellectual Freedom - Patty Myers thanked her committee and submitted a written report.

Legislative - Cynthia Twing reported the legislative committee had visited throughout the state to see if there was interest in forming library districts. There was not enough interest to persue legislation at this time.

Constitution/Bylaws - Kathy Carlson was not present. Carey Hartmann opened the floor for discussion on the proposed changes. There were many suggestions and much discussion.

Article II Officers Section 1.Terms [page 3] - delete Executive Secretary from the list of officers.

Section 2. Duties (E) [page 5] - It was recommended the Executive Secretary section become a section of its own and move from the officer section, maybe put it under the Executive Board duties (because the board hires the executive secretary).

Article III Executive Board Section 1. Members [page 6] - Executive Secretary is an ex-officio - she is not a member of the executive board and should not be listed here.

Section 5. Board Meetings (B) [page 7] include "members" after the word meeting.

(D) "the approval of three-fourths of the voting members" change the word members to board.

Article IV Sections and Round Tables Section 3. Section Budgets (B) page 9 does this need to be clearer? It was suggested the sections need to produce a budget.

Article V Program Council and Standing Committees Section 3. Legislative Committee (C) [page 10] delete the word "assist" and add "recommend to", and delete "in selecting and hiring". Add "The Executive Board shall hire the Association's Lobbyist".

Section 8. Revenue Committee (B) [page 11] - Change this to read "The revenue committee shall make recommendations to the Executive Board for any surplus revenue. Any requirements of granting organizations must be followed in accordance to the granting guidelines."

Article VII Affiliations with National and Regional Library Associations Section 4. Duties of Representatives [page 15] - There should there be a sentence added about reports of ongoing issues/meetings to membership. It is important for our ALA and MPLA representatives to know we expect them to report back to the membership.

Article IX Association Meetings Section 2. Notification (B) [page 16] - add notices could also be posted to the website wherever it mentions sending out notices.

Article X Nominations and Elections Section 1. Nominations (B) [page 17] - delete "which should include their photographs".

Section 2. Elections (B) ii (d) [page 18] - delete "these" and add "this", and delete the "s" from envelopes.

Section 3. Quorum - delete the whole thing. Discussion: having it here is a guide-line. Does Robert's Rules of Order say we must have this or can it be deleted?

Article XII Strategic Plan (A) and (B) Add language to both A and B to include membership, and change wording from strategic planning to operating or visioning plan. We should add "developed and/or reviewed every two years". Then it was suggested it needs to be reviewed annually by the executive board, not developed.

Article XIII Dues and Fees section 1. Dues (B) [page 19] - we need to add how change will be given, email, website, etc.

Alice Hild suggested we table this discussion so changes could be written out and discussed with the committee and then the changes need to go to the membership when completed.

Could we do away with the closing session? Currently the by-laws say the conference is over at the end of the closing session.

Comments need to go to the committee - Kathy Carlson, Stuart Shipman, or Vickie Hitchcock.

Motion to amend by-laws passed.

Membership - Venice Beske was not present.

Mentoring (ad hoc) - Trish Palluck and Chris Van Burgh will post their report.

Nominations/Elections - Karen Lange thanked her committee and the candidates who said yes. Karen reported our new slate of officers:

President elect - Erin Kinney
Recording Secretary - Karen Hopkins
MPLA Representative - Richard Landreth
Academic chair - Cheryl Goldstein
Academic secretary - Debra McCarthy
Paraprofessional chair - Lalia Jagers
Paraprofessional secretary - Julie Edwards

Wyoming Buckaroo Book Award - Shelley King chair, Wyoming Indian Paintbrush Award chair Janet Tharp, and Wyoming Soaring Eagle Book Awards will be announced at the banquet.

Old Business:

Debbie Schlinger reported the following changes for the 2004 Conference. There will be a continental breakfast on Thursday and Friday 7:00 am - 8:30 am, since the restaurant isn't open yet. The refreshment break will be at 1:30 and the Lounge Lizards location changed to the Lobby. Debbie thanked the local arrangements committee.

Carey reported the 2005 conference is slated for Jackson, with Dail Barbour in charge of local arrangements. This will be a joint conference with MPLA.

New Business:

Jill Rourke is in charge of an ad hoc committee to work on program planning notebook specifics. We discussed the 2006 Conference site in Laramie might not work since arrangements can't be made until the sports schedule is out.

Miscellaneous:

Jim Connor from the Trustee organization of ALA was said we are to be praised for our professionalism.

We can get CEU credits for attending the conference. There are forms for this.

With no other business, we adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Kelly

