



WLA Executive Board Meeting
September 26, 2006 7:12 p.m.
Bootlegger at The Clarion
Gillette, Wyoming

Members Present: Cheryl Wright - Public section, Carol Deering - Academic section; Richard Landreth - MPLA rep; Susan Knesel - Child/YA section, Cynthia Twing - Legislative com; Sandy Barstow - ALA rep; Erin Kinney - pres; Laura Grott - Ex Sec; Mary Rhoads - Nominating com; Ara Anderson - chair elect; Lalia Jagers - Parapros section; Patty Myers - recording sec; Jan Segerstrom - schools section

Call to Order: Erin Kinney called the meeting to order with a quorum of the board established.

Minutes

Ara made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Richard seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Laura Grott, Executive Secretary, presented the attached Treasurer's Report explaining the change to Quick Books which she says will help clarify the reports. WLA is currently healthy, as the Profit and Loss report shows. Membership is down a little this year, 383 members and that could be a concern. The main income for WLA is convention income, dues and interest. The 46 vendors this year have helped WLA become profitable and self-sustaining. Many vendors return year after year, and librarian purchases from the vendors is vital to vendor support. There are 235 WLA attendees this year. Laura recommended that the revenue committee explore possible changes for savings to take advantage of improved interest rates. There are a variety of special - purpose funds that could be explored also. Sue made a motion to accept the report and to direct the revenue committee to review investments and make recommendations to the executive committee quarterly. The motion was seconded, and after much discussion, passed.

Reports can be viewed on the website wyla.org/files.

ALA Councilor Sandra Barstow said a new online newsletter from ALA called "Worklife" might be of value to all libraries.

MPLA rep Richard Landreth reminded us that 2006 was the year of transition, and the 2007 MPLA conference will be in Albuquerque in March.

Cynthia Twing briefly reminded everyone of the success of the legislative funding bill, and the coming effort for library endowments. She recommended Bill Pratt's program for fund raising

Sue Knesel said the Children's/YA Section meeting in Rawlins had wonderful arrangements, and Natrona county had a great program. She also thanked WLA for the support given to the Summer Reading Cooperative for travel. This spring the meeting is in Portland, and Sue, Mary Rhoads and Shari Haskins will attend. Sue said she would develop a series of guidelines for the responsibilities of representatives for travel. Only nine Wyoming libraries were affected by the bendable toys recalled by Highsmith.

Lalia Jagers reported that the Parapros have only 58 members currently. This led to a discussion that there is turmoil in the organization as a whole. Last year's section meeting had only 8 members attend. How can we encourage membership activity beyond paying dues? Directors, do you include WLA information for new-hires?

Cheryl Wright said that the Poetry session for tomorrow night is sponsored by the Public/ Trustees section and should be very interesting. She said the section did not have a spring meeting because of conflicts in dates and lack of

response.

Jan Segerstrom reported that the school and children's sections had a good spring meeting with 40 people by combining the two sections. If LSTA cuts funding for WLA this year, this may well affect section's ability to have educational programs. For school media and librarian personnel earning ed credits is also important in program planning.

Carol Deering said Academic section is interested in piggy-back meetings and programs also.

Laura reminded everyone that phone conferences are easier and more economical with the new phone system. Everyone agreed that late April meetings are good.

Mary Rhoads reported on the ballot count for the election. Cheryl Wright is the new Recording Secretary, and Brian Green is the Chair-Elect. Richard reported on the Buckaroo winners.

Ara said the 2006 Convention is now fine. The 2007 convention is planned for a Cheyenne event, and Laramie may be ready for 2008. Jill Rourke has been working on the conference manual, with the addition of check lists, which Ara said would help.

The proposed by-laws by Debbie Schlinger have been dropped due to lack of interest. The section chairs have been responsible for the planning committee and programs.

Jerry Krois has submitted a by-laws change that could change the formation of the committee and the responsibilities of the section chairs. He offers the change to open the conversation for all.

Erin reminded us that changes in the LSTA funding might create changes in conference and other educational programs. After more discussion about financial changes, the meeting recessed at 8:55 for an executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patty Myers

