

WLA Board Meeting  
2011-01-26

Sue called the meeting to order at 6:35.

Minutes of the last meeting on December 16, 2010. Insert "well" after went in financial report. Minutes approves as amended. Change NPR to NPR - Wyoming Jamie moved and Patty seconded. Motion passed.

President's report

Laura Jackson will chair the awards committee. Registration for Northwest Council of Computer trable award to Tamara Meredith.

Darcy Accord submitted a report on the application for the Striving Readers Literacy Grant. This is a competitive grant, and it will be exciting if we could be awarded this grant

Richard Landreath reported on standards for evaluation committee. Due to changes in Department of education there are some delays.

WLA leadership report was submitted by Cynthia. There have been funding issues, and they have come up with good ideas, and we will look at multiple funding sources, including increased fees and grants.

Sue received an email from Bill Nelsen that WLA should consider a project that would write 4<sup>th</sup> grade level county history textbooks, as this is when Wyoming schools study this. Debbie will pass on the Tami Hert at UW.

Question about state association being asked to donate to ALA Spectrum Scholar. Patty suggested that perhaps we donate about \$100. Perhaps we could donate to McMurray for instate scholarships. We'll take it under consideration and see how the budget falls out.

Budget

Balance sheet

Regarding distribution of the section funds: Academic is still deciding;

Children Young adult kept their funds, as they are continuing; Trustees three way split: legislative reserve, twelve \$150 conference scholarships, remainder to leadership; Paraprofessional split between Leadership and Nora Van Burgh. We made about \$5400 last year. Have got \$1000 from UW for a sponsorship and are waiting on \$500 from MPLA. -

Campbell County noticed that their total dues was lower this year than last, and wondered that there might be a problem. It was suggested that perhaps that is due to the lack of section dues. Laura will check the form when it comes in to her.

#### Operation budget

Estimate conference about the same as last year. Cheyenne seems to be popular in Cheyenne, but if libraries are not able to pay we may continue to have attendance problems. Overall dues are down, but institutional memberships are up. Looks like total will be about 68K.

Board discussed the committee expenses. Leslie commented that the donations for Cathy Butler's retirement honorarium were for the Nora Van Burgh account, and need to be put in a separate restricted fund. Laura will take care of this and ensure that this and any other donations to this fund are put in the restricted account.

Why is awards committee budgeted at 1K - they do need to cover entertainment. We have about \$300 budgeted for the entertainment.

We have nothing budgeted for audit, and we probably should have about \$50.

We will subordinate the Intellectual freedom under the ALA councilor budget.

Legislative committee – the lobbyist's fee had been reduced by \$4K last year but we are considering raising that due to the complexity of representing all of the various types of libraries.

Sue has suggested that we pay her \$8K for the long session this year. The decision was to have the legislative budget at 11.5K

Remove membership and revue lines for sections as they are no longer active.

For conference we will be slightly higher for Little American since we have to pay for equipment, but conference expenses look good.

ALA councilor went over last year, but Patty and Laura will review and will leave the

MPLA - is low because UW pays Debbie's travel expenses, but when we get a new person next year will need to increase.

Insurance is a standard item.

CSLP is at \$1K

Executive secretary has significantly reduced printing fees, and with using PayPal we can reduce Visa fees.

We are about \$2K in hole with this budget, but since most of the revenue and expenses are estimates we should be okay.

Conference registration was at \$95, do we want to maintain or increase, and registrations for nonmembers. Is \$20 an adequate fee for non-member registrations, since it is less than the current conference fee plus dues? It does seem unfair, and there are about 25 people that do this. Perhaps increase it to \$50? Given the economy we will let it ride for now and revisit the issue at a later date

We will leave conference at 95 one day at 65 and nonmember at 20 extra.

We'd like to increase traffic in the exhibit area. New idea of a one-day local vendor, but what would we charge for that and still protect our long term vendors? Perhaps have a vendor dedicated room where they could

present products and information. Jamie suggested that we return issue to the conference committee and let them develop a recommendation.

Do want to charge \$325 or \$350 for vendor table?

We used to run the book sale in the past. For many small libraries this is a great opportunity to purchase books and save some money on it.

We will leave it at is and refer to the committee, for them to decide, but Laura needs to send out contracts in March. Laura will work on this with the committee, and we leave the fees the same.

Legislative reception has income and expenses; we'll need to keep an eye on these expenses. Perhaps they should be part of the legislative committee budget line, transfer with funds is agreed. We will increase legislative by 200 to 11.7

Patty moved to accept budget as amended, Sukey seconded. Motion passed.

Legislative committee report.

Sue asked for details about the number of legislatures and librarians that attended the legislative reception. Guest book is not accurate, but we feel that we get at least 40% of the legislators, and we get a good number of librarians and trustees. It looks like this is a good fit for us and Leslie pointed out that the librarians also get a great benefit out of this function, and we get a number of state officials who attend as well.

Legislative committee meets tomorrow morning, and they will tally the survey about the event. They are looking at their strategic plan. They have had success in getting school librarians appointed to state level committees. They are continuing to follow the endowment challenge.

Interest groups

Jamie talked about the interest groups, and we have 11 at this time. He and

Mary Rhodes are working with the groups about where they want to go. The teacher librarians and youth services are off and running and the other groups are starting to get organized.

Patty - ALA report

There was a rather feisty discussion about Wiki Leaks, but tabled 2 of the resolutions on it. Council passed a resolution about access to and classification of government information. Another resolution about agreeing not to cross picket lines was proposed but this defeated. The voting members of ALA seem to be more interested in library issues where the council is more interested in social issues.

MPLA Report

MPLA is in Billings this year. A draft letter was sent to the chair inviting MPLA to join us in Cheyenne in 2015.

Leslie - Chris Boswell will be over the division the libraries report to, and is Leslie's new boss.

Leslie expressed gratitude for all of the efforts that Senator Enzi continues to make on our behalf. We owe Enzi a great debt as a co-sponsor of the LSTA renewal. He also made a great effort when the issue with the Smithsonian arose, talking to all the Republicans to convince them that LSTA and Smithsonian were separate issues.

By-laws changes.

Continued discussion of changing dues year from annual to conference to conference. that is we are on a calendar year now, and there is a proposal to go back to a fiscal year based dues system that runs from conference to conference. This needs to have a bylaws change. We have a bylaws advisor who will form a bylaws committee to investigate the issue. Perhaps we could change to July 1 due date. Leslie will work with Scott on a proposal. Referred to bylaws committee

This is being driven by school librarians who want to be able to bundle dues and registration in the fall.

Erin

They are re-carpeting the Parkway, it is on order. One of the wings is gutted and renovations are underway.

How are we going to audit our books? We want a full audit every 5 years, with smaller audits in the intermediate years. Sue needs to find audit advisors who will pull together a committee to handle this. Full audit will be 2015

All of our committees are formed except one person for awards.

Meeting adjourned at around 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah McCarthy