

WLA Business meeting  
September 30, 2011

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by President Sue Knesel.
2. A count of the members present was conducted and a quorum was declared.
3. The agenda was proposed – Erin Kinney moved and Marcia seconded, motion passed.
4. Minutes from last year’s meeting were presented to the group. Carey moved to approve as written, Chris seconded, motion passed.
5. President’s report
  - a. Acknowledged and recognized the members of the conference committee
  - b. Sue was recently been asked to fill out an ALA survey on state association staffing levels. We are doing okay, but some other states have had to drop paid staff, such as their lobbyist, and go to volunteers for some function.
  - c. The transition from sections to interest groups in ongoing.
  - d. Sue acknowledged Jamie’s award as Librarian of the Year, as he was unable to attend the awards banquet.
6. Executive Secretary Laura Grott reported that we are in good shape financially, and please visit the vendors.
7. Please view officer and committee reports on the web.
8. Carey announced that there would be a sub-committee investigating the formation of library districts, please see Scott if interested.
9. Please keep working on the endowment challenge.
10. The annual legislative reception in on Thursday, February 23, 2012.
11. Interest groups made brief reports
  - a. Leadership – Cynthia explained that this is a broad interest group and not just for WLLI graduates. Plans are to hold the institute every other summer, with a preconference relating to leadership in the alternate years.
  - b. Reference - Erin reported on the Reference group, and mentioned their wiki and email list. Susan Mark will take over as coordinator.
  - c. New technologies – Jamie reported that they are planning quarterly webinars
  - d. Outreach – will expand from older adults to include outreach to all groups
  - e. Young Adults – are planning a Facebook page and will bring program ideas forward
  - f. Technical Services – remind us all that they are considering technical services in the very broad sense, and they have some ideas for the next conference
  - g. Book awards – pass the word about the group. Last year 8,351 students participated in the 3 awards programs
  - h. Teacher-Librarian – met in Casper this summer for Information Power; discussed proposed new standards and reading promotion; post-conference on Saturday; planning a spring distance meeting
  - i. Youth services – the teens and children’s interest groups have split; will meet in the spring.
  - j. Public trustee’s decided that they do not need an interest group, will work on training in conjunction with the legislative reception in the spring. Sue inserted a reminder about the endowment challenge, as some libraries have not met their goals and we may need to talk about an extension.
12. Committee reports
  - a. Audit was okay, some minor suggestions were made

- b. Erin reported for the nomination and elections committee. This was the first year of electronic voting and it went very well. Debbie McCarthy was elected vice-president, Steve Boss was elected as WLA representative to MPLA, and Carey Hartmann was elected as the WLA representative to ALA. Erin thanked everyone for running.
13. The 2012 conference will be at eh Parkway Plaza in Casper September 26 – 29.
14. New business
- a. Bylaw change – the goal of the change is to make more people eligible to vote in elections.
    - i. Handout, with time to read
    - ii. Discussion was brief, and there was a correction of a missing word
    - iii. Lucy called the question
    - iv. Motion passed
  - b. Jamie reported that the LSTA grant in under review, and that there will be focus groups for directors at 3:15 and 5:00
  - c. Sukey reminded us that Ellen Hopkins would be signing books at 10:30 and that the drawing for the baskets would be at 3:00.
15. Door prizes were awarded
16. Sue reminded us to visit and thank the vendors.
17. Sue adjourned the meeting at 10:20

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah McCarthy