

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
WYOMING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

December 10, 2011

The meeting was held via telephone conference call.

Sukey Hohl called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM.

Members Present: Sukey Hohl, Debbie McCarthy, Sue Knesel, Patty Myers, Steve Boss, Sara Francis, Mary Rhoads, Laura Grott, Brittany Wells, Erin Kinney, Carey Hartmann, and Lesley Boughton. Cynthia Twing was also present.

Minutes: There were no minutes from the previous meeting. Sukey has arranged for minutes to be taken at this meeting.

President Comments: Sukey reviewed the agenda

Financial Report/Budget/Dues Due Dates: Laura Grott reviewed the financial summary dated December 14, 2011. There were no questions. The updated operating budget dated December 6, 2011 was reviewed line by line. There was a brief discussion on several items. It was suggested that the convention registration fee be increased to offset increased expenses, especially for breaks. This will be discussed more in detail at the February 2012 board meeting. Laura stated that no one had applied for the Nora Van Burgh grant. Brittany will look into advertising this grant. Laura recommended that the reception amount for convention be increased to \$2,500. All agreed. She noted that the insurance had increased due to a change in companies. The Executive Secretary budget has decreased due to the change from Visa to Pay Pal. Dues have increased. Laura recommended dropping the bulk mailing fee due to lack of use. All agreed. Sue Knesel suggested adding Wyoming Library Leadership Institute support to the budget and Sukey said she had an interest from Jamie to move some funds to the Legal Defense Fund. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the funding of these two new items with more emphasis on the leadership support. There were several suggestions, including using the Nora Van Burgh grant as a scholarship for the leadership institute. Sukey will contact Chris Van Burgh in regard to using this fund and report back in February. Sue also suggested using the other scholarship funds for the leadership support. Laura will also look again for places we can cut and free up more funds for the WLLI. Dues Due Date: Sukey, Sue, Laura, Erin and Debbie will form a sub-committee to figure this out.

2012 Conference: Erin Kinney reported the theme for the conference will be "Celebrate our Past and Create our Future". All agreed this was a great theme. The Conference Committee will move forward with this theme in mind.

Committee Reports:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Carey Hartmann reported that the government has three million in public endowment funds and that the legislature is in the process of extending the availability of these funds until 2013. WLA has been approached by Rep. Mary Throne and she has asked a bill be drafted banning guns specifically from hospitals and libraries and is looking for support from WLA. The Legislative Committee needs input from library directors on whether to go ahead with this. The lobbyist contract is up for renewal. After a brief discussion, ***Patty Myers made a motion to approve the same contract as last year and Debbie McCarthy seconded. Motion passed.***

MPLA REPORT: Steve Boss , MPLA Representative stated that their committee recommended two candidates for leadership. They would like to see the two other applicants attend the Wyoming leadership institute before being recommended for MPLA Leadership.

TECH SERVICES: Mary Rhoads stated that Tech Services is in need of a new volunteer.

ALA: Patty Myers will have more on ALA in January.

There were no other committee reports:

Sub-Committee: Sukey Hohl reported that the committee worked on streamlining and modernizing language on forms for conference submissions, contracts and evaluations and worked on the executive secretary job description. Both projects will allow WLA to move forward as outlined by the Crossroads Task Force. The new job description will be available soon.

Meeting adjourned 3:10 PM

Respectfully submitted by _____