

Wyoming Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
September 1, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.

President Sid Stanfill called the meeting to order @ 8:10 a.m.

Present: Sid Stanfill, Lori Phillips, Steve Boss, Laura Grott, Jamie Markus, Brian Greene, Katrina Brown, Chris Van Burgh, Jason Grubb, Karen Kitchens, Susan Mark and Rebecca Schuh.

A Quorum was determined and the agenda was approved with the addition of MPLA scholarships. ***A motion was duly made and seconded. Motion carried.***

ELECTION: A discussion was held regarding the election, which normally takes place prior to the WLA conference. Since the conference was canceled, Sid referred to the options in the by-laws as talking points. If we don't have a conference, the officers stay in place. If we wanted to move the election in motion, Sid could resign and set it in motion. The feeling was if Sid and Katrina should stay, if they are willing to do so. Sid and Katrina both agree they would be willing to stay on. Lori Phillips thanked them for doing this. Everything will stay in place.

2017 Conference – The Board discussed options of possibly merging with Info Power, in Casper, changing the look of conference. Get it down to one day....and maybe just one night....get out by 3 or 4 in p.m. the second day and not spend two nights.

I think we are on the right track in Jackson and it looked good for traveling. We need to have a conference call about it. Lori – traveling in August, lot less concern and opportunity to leave later..... this is appealing. It's also appealing for academic librarians, because it's been hard. The other issue is we don't leave Pinedale in the summer. Put together another conference call..... leaning towards Casper. Run some dates..... By who? Casper? Ramkota for accomodations..... And then maybe Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> – Let me do some calling around.....

Virtual conference ideas for 2016 – Jason has nothing. Two things that got floated. Using technology through State Library or get people in immediate area...two or three hour. Richard and Rebecca were thinking of a small Powder River Basin one day regional trainer in Gillette area.....

Maybe a hybrid of technology of state and meeting regionally...a one day thing to get there...gather in central location and do some video or live streaming sessions with break outs so people can do face to face, plus potentially focused content. That sounds good.

One advantage of same day is if you are doing the video part, go to webinar, go to meeting software, all of the places could have it on their agenda...in addition to what they do live. If we all come together, we could allow time for vendors to do ten minute, commercial interlude to record something..... could have some benefits to the webinar. All good ideas.....you should run with them.

If we had a date, we could go back to people who submitted proposals. If we could get hosts in regions.....they are hosted at community college or hotels, etc. We can get on that.....call out for hosts in October. Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> .....

We need a commitment from directors first..... Rough in some regional locations, then put out a call to directors..... Jamie Markus will offer options - get hosts and program proposals. Brian said from a prospective, we need a coordinator who can take a lead in that. Conference chair is declining..... struggle to get people to show up. Virtual conference – can participate and archive..... community building.

We need a virtual conference chair – Katrina said she would help take on the logistics..... locations.. State Library will work with Katrina.....

E-mail out to directors..... various locations or can join on-line components. Ask about the day of the week too. What day works better....a Monday or a Friday – Need to have Jamie ask for staff.....

Jamie is checking on availability –

People are asking to step up and host....it would be a library to host for their area.....and has the technology and to bring people in for coffee break and live program.....

Lobbyist – Lori Phillips – Lori had a nice call with her and she'd already been thinking about her clients and what is best moving forward. Her suggestion is after the election she would like to provide WLA with a list of people she would recommend as lobbyists. They would be people she knows, known in Cheyenne and professional. Having those names in hand, we could put out a RFP and encourage some to apply and any other individuals that are interested. She's fully aware that she will likely need to resign from her obligations if she is elected. She does intend to work on our behalf up until the election. She is preparing a summary of primary election results....some surprises around the state which could be impactful on libraries. She will be posting to wyla list. She's encouraged she will suggest people. We could probably put something together quickly. Should we pay an annual lobbyist, or just prior to sessions. It would be unwise to do that in the current political and economic climate. It's important to have someone with ears and eyes open for state. Jamie wholeheartedly concur with Lori. There will be so much going on. We need someone to be paying attention on HR, Funding or something that effects our libraries. We could be in trouble.

On hold until election.

MPLA Scholarships – Just had a conversation the day before yesterday. There was a lot of discussion about WY specifically and lots of support for WLA. They have about \$4,500 grant money via personal development grant application for upcoming Loveland conference the 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. Steve will put together a draft and run it by Eric @ MPLA and Sid and get out to membership. Sounds fabulous!

Steve will look at the streaming sessions. Steve will ask if we can look at archives or live. Is the \$4,500 is available to all groups as well as Wyoming.

***A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.***