

Wyoming Library Association  
Executive Board Minutes  
July 8, 2021

**Call to order**

President Jacob Mickelsen called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

**Roll Call**

Board members present:

Jacob Mickelsen, President  
Abby Beaver, Past President  
Jeff Collins, Vice President  
-Caitlin White, Legislative Committee Chair  
-Elizabeth Thorson, Communications Advisor  
-Jamie Markus, State Librarian  
Janice Grover-Roosa, ALA Coordinator  
Johanna Tuttle, Interest Groups Representative  
Judi Boyce, Member-at-Large  
Michelle Boule, Member-at-Large  
Katrina Brown, MPLA Representative

Also present:

-Kristin Evans, Amigos Library Management Group  
Conrado Saldivar, DEI committee

Board members absent:

Anna Street, WLLI Advisor

A quorum was determined to be present. Jake mentioned that according to the bylaws, we do not need to meet every month. The requirement is only twice a year. For now we will continue to meet monthly, given that the conference is coming up, but it may be something to consider pulling back on in the future.

**Agenda**

Michelle motioned to approve the agenda, second by Katrina. Motion passed.

**Approval of April Minutes**

Jake tabled the approval of the June minutes until next month due to technical difficulties that made them unavailable at this time.

**President Report**

Jake reported that he has appointed a conference chair from his library system in Carbon County, Amelia Gilbert – programming@carbonlibraries.org. He also asked Johanna to send list of names of the recent WLLI grads so he could send out a call for volunteers. Johanna reported that she has already been working on a list of people and open positions with Abby, and suggested a wider list of all graduates to pull from, rather than just the 9 graduates from this year.

### **Amigos Report**

Kristin reported the bills for WLLI were paid, and now the checking account balance is low. She recommended transferring money into it so bill paying will continue uninterrupted. Kristin will work with Amelia to get registration ready for WLA conference. She recommended opening registration soon.

### **Vice President Report/Conference**

Jeff reported that the program committee met June 28 to discuss the results of the program submissions. The proposals have been analyzed. There were 26 total proposals, which should make this a robust conference. The committee plans to finalize the speakers on July 12 and notify presenters so they can begin to prepare. Jeff will reach out to Amelia to get the speaker info to her.

### **Governing Board Member Reports**

#### **Past President –**

Abby had nothing new to report.

#### **ALA Councilor's Report –**

Janice attended council conference as part of the ALA midwinter conference. That was her last meeting with ALA in this position. ALA has announced the event that will replace the midwinter meeting. The title of the new program is liblearnx, which will start in January. Some sessions will be virtual and some in person (Texas).

#### **MPLA –**

Katrina had nothing to report.

#### **WLLI Report -**

Johanna reported that WLLI was a success. There were 9 attendees, and one who didn't get to attend due to bronchitis. Johanna mentioned that speaker Elissa Ruckle did a great job, Pinedale was beautiful, and the library really supported WLLI. She also mentioned that since we have many more openings for volunteers than we have graduates this year, she would like to see former graduates get more involved as well.

Judi participated in WLLI as an attendee and said she had a great time, enjoyed meeting others who are also working toward becoming leaders in the state and looked forward to being involved in the future.

#### **Interest Groups –**

Johanna reported that the school library interest group has been quiet since they are in their summer/planning session. The youth services interest group is in the midst of Summer Reading and aren't meeting at the moment.

LEAD is creating a survey to send out to participants of the mentorship program. LEAD also plans to give a session at the conference, and then plans to have cohorts moving forward.

**Members-at-Large –**

Michelle has been working on a regional project focused on institute planning for OER in the state of Wyoming.

Judi said her earlier report on WLLI and Jeff's report on the conference planning committee covered everything she had to report.

**Legislative Committee –**

The legislative committee has elected not to meet this summer.

**State Librarian –**

Jamie is on vacation, so there was no report.

**Communications Advisor –**

Elizabeth was absent

**DEI Ad-hoc Committee –**

Michelle reported that the EDI open meetings are continuing. Attendance has been low. She said they are thinking of changing the format. She wants to reach out to the conference program planning committee to see if the EDI committee could host some meetings during that time to spark conversation. Abby suggested possibly offering a focused topic for each meeting so people know what to expect. Janice suggested a different format for announcements, in addition to the emails that come from the listserv. She mentioned that emails from lists often get trapped in email quarantine and aren't seen until the meeting notices until after the events. Jake offered to send a message out to directors encouraging their employees to attend. Abby offered the use of their Facebook page to place notices as well.

**Other Business –**

None

**Date of Next Meeting –**

The next meeting will be on August 12, 2021, at 10 am.

**Adjourned –**

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Boyce

Member-at-Large