

Wyoming Library Association  
Executive Board Minutes  
September 9, 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  
Elizabeth Thorson, Communications Advisor  
Jamie Markus, State Librarian  
Johanna Tuttle, Interest Groups Representative  
Judi Boyce, Member-at-Large  
Michelle Boule, Member-at-Large

Board members absent:

Jeff Collins, Vice President  
Caitlin White, Legislative Committee Chair  
Janice Grover-Roosa, ALA Coordinator

A quorum was determined to be present.

**Agenda**

Judi motioned to approve the agenda, second by Johanna. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes**

Jake tabled the approval of the minutes until next month.

**President Report**

Jake reported that everything is ready to go with the Whova app for the conference. It was more expensive than expected even with \$1000 discount. He reported that the app is everything we expected and will make the conference run smoothly. Vendors are showing interest already, including Overdrive. One tech hurdle came up with institutional registrations. Since everyone needs their own login, institutional registrations aren't possible. He noted that the conference is significantly cheaper than in person @ \$50. He is meeting with Jeff next week to get programs put into Whova. The app seems to work well with Zoom.

Jake also noted that after reviewing the bilaws he believes a new MPLA representative can be named rather than voted in, and suggested that since there are two people running for ALA representative the position should be offered to the candidate that isn't selected for ALA. This is to replace Katrina Brown, who stepped down, leaving with two more years on her term – 2020-2023.

### **Amigos Report**

Kristin was unable to join the meeting. Amigos has been busy working on code of conduct policy and helping with Whova. WLA has 198 active members now. 109 lapsed members, some of which will likely register when they sign up for the conference. The conference fee is \$50 for members, \$75 for nonmembers.

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

Jeff was absent. Jacob asked for update on programming committee. Judi gave an update, saying the group has completed their selection and scheduling and is ready to go live with advertising. It is anticipated that Monday will be launch date as Kristin will be back then.

### **Governing Board Member Reports**

#### **Past President –**

Abby reported that an email notice went out for people to begin voting on open positions. She has been working with Kristin to file report with state. Information for directors and officers won't be available until after conference so she will add that later.

#### **ALA Councilor's Report –**

Janice was absent.

#### **MPLA –**

Position currently unfilled.

#### **WLLI Report -**

Johanna said a newsletter recently went out. WLLI will meet at conference to put together another WLLI get together. The group has experienced a lot of turnover. Jake asked that the newsletter be sent to everyone rather than just the WLLI grads to drive interest.

#### **Interest Groups –**

Johanna reported that the interest groups will meet at conference except for school librarians who just met. LEAD is working to get mentorship program going for conference.

#### **Members-at-Large –**

Nothing to add

#### **Legislative Committee –**

Nothing new

#### **State Librarian –**

Jamie said the state library is busy spending ARPA funds – working on school funds now to get credit at a vendor to purchase items in the future. They will be spending \$3.25 for every student in every school in Wyoming. That number may increase because they are only giving funding to schools that have a library. Jamie reported that the state library has had a 40% turnover in the last few months. He said having 3 times the funds they usually get and 40% turnover has made for an interesting workload. They have been preparing for legislative session. There is nothing on the horizon that will affect libraries. This session is a budget session, which of course affects

libraries and schools but so far there are no red flags. The Governor doesn't have to release the budget until around Thanksgiving but it usually comes out around Halloween. Jamie also noted that the State Library will pay the registration fee for school people who want to attend conference and will pay for Whova as well as the main speaker. They are investing around \$10k total to support the conference.

**Awards committee –**

The awards committee met to choose winners. It is now a small committee. Jake mentioned that it was a nice idea to do awards local where people who know and love the winner can celebrate with them and hopes that will continue.

**Communications Advisor –**

Elizabeth mentioned she is working on updates to the website. The bilaws change is not ready to be voted on. She suggested that if no change is made to student and active membership types a vote would not be needed. The remainder of changes relate to dues, which the committee can change without notice. The suggestion was made to offer it during the meeting and if it's unanimously approved it could be moved forward, and if not it would have to wait until next meeting. Discussion occurred on the fees based on members' salary. The desire was expressed to make it easier for everyone – individuals and library systems - to compute and understand. Jacob suggested proposing the dues change at conference and seeing how it goes. Group chose the bottom right plan, plus \$10/interest group as it is now. Determined it was not a bilaws change, but rather, a change in fee structure. Jamie suggested making it a point for the business meeting and noting that the vote needs to be unanimous to pass. Johanna pointed out that the structure is much easier to understand.

Discussion occurred on when the business meeting was scheduled during the conference. Jake suggested meeting at 2 pm Friday to include the newly elected in the meeting.

**Other Business –**

None

**Date of Next Meeting –**

The next meeting will be on October 15, 2021, at 2 pm.

**Adjourned –**

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judi Boyce  
Member-at-Large