

Wyoming Library Association
Executive Board Minutes
January 11, 2022

Call to order

President Jeff Collins called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

Roll Call

Board members present:

Jeff Collins, President
Conrado Saldivar, Vice President
Katrina Brown, Past President (vacant until end of meeting)
Judi Boyce, MPLA Representative
Johanna Tuttle, Interest Group Representative
Michelle Boule, Member-at-Large
Susan Parkins, Member-at-Large
Elaine Hayes, WLLI Advisor
Elizabeth Albin, Conference Committee Chair
Caitlin White, Legislative Committee Chair
Elizabeth Thorson, Communications Advisor
Kristin Evans, Amigos
Jamie Markus, State Librarian

Absent:

Lisa Scroggins, ALA Councilor

Also present:

Abby Beaver
Darcy Acord

A quorum was determined to be present.

Agenda

Michelle motioned to approve the consent agenda, Susan seconded. Motion passed.

President Report

Jeff reviewed his report, noting that the contract with EveryLibrary has been signed.

Vice President Report

Conrado will attend the ALA Chapter Leaders conference Friday. He received a letter to WLA from the IRS, but according to the accountant, there is no need to respond. He noted that Kate Mutch, who was previously listed as the contact for conference presenters is passing those contacts on to Conrado.

Past President

Position was vacant at the time of reports.

Amigos Report

Kristin explained the large decrease in membership on the report was due to switching from annual memberships to rolling memberships. Per WLA's instructions, expired memberships are automatically invoiced, though people can disregard them if they don't plan to renew. Kristin noted that any pending invoices don't show as active. She also mentioned that automatically invoicing people, while convenient, does not take them to the page to update their salary information, and likely means some are underpaying. A discussion occurred over whether to continue to invoice or to go back to requiring people to register through the website. Suggestions were made to send reminders to people to update their information on the site.

Executive Board Member Reports

ALA Councilor's Report –

Lisa was absent.

MPLA Representative –

Judi has an MPLA board meeting tomorrow morning and will report on that next month.

Interest Groups –

SLIG book awards are now open. Johanna encouraged people to nominate books for the Wyoming book awards soon to allow members time to read the nominees.

LEAD's mentorship program registration has ended, and participants have been notified. The group aims to have a start date of February 1.

YSIG will be meeting in Buffalo May 5-6.

Members-at-Large –

Michelle shared that Western Wyoming Community College has hired Chris Murry as the new library director.

Susan reported that the Whova contract has been signed and is ready to go for the 2022 conference. She has the login information from 2021 and can provide stats from that, which Jeff requested that she gather.

WLLI Report –

Elaine reported that she just finished meeting with the group and is working on dates and locations for the grad retreat, which will likely take place in June.

Conference Committee Chair -

Elizabeth Albin reported that paperwork has been signed for the 2022 conference with the Clarion in Casper. The conference is scheduled for September 28-30, 2022. Jeff asked Elizabeth Thorson to post the dates to the website.

Legislative Committee –

Caitlin reported that the Legislative Reception will be held Thursday, February 17, at 5 pm. Lobbyist Sheralyn Kaiser will provide an update before legislators arrive at 5:30. As usual, this is a potluck, so please bring food and as many staff and board members and library supporters as possible to have plenty of people to visit with legislators. Sheralyn should be there the entire

time, barring unforeseen legislative issues requiring her attention. The Legislative Committee will meet that day as well. Once the session begins in February, Caitlin will send introductory and weekly email updates. She will be specific about whether action is needed or not.

The reception will feature a display on Humanities Council funded programs. There will also be a Carnegie Libraries display on hand and we will be listed as an official partner for the year on their website.

Awards/Grants committee –

No report

Communications Advisor –

Elizabeth Thorson had nothing to report.

Membership Ad-hoc committee –

No update

EDI Ad-hoc committee –

Conrado sent a reminder to WLA members about the upcoming EDI discussions. Sarah from Casper College is looking for information on the presenters who recently shared on the topic of pronouns at a Casper College event. Conrado also let the EDI committee know that the WLA presidency is taking more time, and asked committee members to consider volunteering for the chair or cochair position.

State Librarian –

Jamie reported that 47 bills have been posted to the legislative website. He anticipates another 450. So far there are no issues with the ones that have been posted. He will have Conrado set up a spreadsheet to track bills. A few other states have concerning bills that include provision for fines and jail time for librarians with illicit material on the shelf (Indiana). Another state has a potential for the head librarian to be fired if contested materials aren't removed from shelves promptly. While no similar bills have been presented in Wyoming, the potential is there given recent protests in Campbell, Laramie and Natrona Counties. Jamie praised Natrona County students for speaking up against censorship at a recent meeting, including Lisa Scroggins daughter.

Intellectual Freedom Ad-hoc Committee –

Lisa is heading an Intellectual Freedom Ad Hoc committee, which has around a dozen members from WLA working to develop trainings. The committee's work will dovetail with EveryLibrary. The contract with EveryLibrary has been signed and executed this morning. Next steps will likely be to have the committee sent information out to WLA members and to get the institutional memberships paid.

New Business –

Approve Conrado Saldivar as WLA President

Susan made the motion to approve the succession of Conrado Saldivar as WLA President effective at the end of this meeting. Judi seconded. Motion passed.

Approve Katrina Brown as WLA Past President

Johanna motioned to approve the appointment of Katrina Brown as WLA Past President. Michelle seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business –

Vacancies –

- Vice President – A nominating committee will need to be formed and solicit the membership for nominees. Katrina reported that she and Kate Mutch had some discussions on this but wanted to wait until Katrina was officially appointed to move forward.
- Secretary-Treasurer – A nominating committee will need to be formed and solicit the membership for nominees.
- Legislative Committee – has an opening for two public librarians. Katrina will be stepping down from this committee to fill the role of Past President. Chris Murry will take her place on the committee.
- Awards/grants committee – needs up to two members.
- Financial Auditing Advisor
- Annual conference committee – needs one more member. Elizabeth reported that they have a good team but have reached out to libraries on the west side of the state for representation.

WLA 2022 Budget –

Kristin noted that she updated the institutional membership to allow for an EveryLibrary add-on with a recommended amount of \$3,000. Libraries can also choose to pay more or less.

Institutional membership still requires the payment of the \$150 membership fee. Elizabeth Thorson questioned whether this would require a bylaws change. Jamie responded that since it is an add-on and not a membership fee change, it does not require changing the bylaws. This covers a 13-month agreement with EveryLibrary, which can be renewed if the board chooses to do so.

Other changes were made as well. A refund from the conference hotel was removed as that applied to 2021. Sponsorships dropped from \$7,000 to \$1,000, and the \$600 income tax expense was removed. The state library income was removed. Jamie pointed out that there will likely be money from the state library but he didn't have an amount at this time. Elizabeth Albin also noted that Visit Casper is giving a \$1,000 grant toward the conference as well. Judi moved to approve the budget as amended. Johanna seconded. The motion passed.

Date of Next Meeting –

The next meeting will be on February 8, 2022, at 4 pm.

Adjourned –

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Boyce
MPLA Representative