

Wyoming Library Association
Executive Board Minutes
May 10, 2022

Call to order

President Conrado Saldivar called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

Roll Call

Board members present:

Conrado Saldivar, President
Darcy Acord, Vice President
Katrina Brown, Past President
Judi Boyce, MPLA Representative
Johanna Tuttle, Interest Group Representative
Susan Parkins, Member-at-Large
Elizabeth Thorson, Communications Advisor (ex officio)
Kristin Evans, Amigos Library Management Group (ex officio)
Jamie Markus, State Librarian (ex officio)

Absent:

Chelsie Troutman, Secretary/Treasurer (non-voting)
Lisa Scroggins, ALA Councilor
Angela Jordan, Member-at-Large
Elaine Hayes, WLLI Advisor
Elizabeth Albin, Conference Committee Chair (ex officio)
Caitlin White, Legislative Committee Chair (ex officio)

A quorum was determined to be present.

Agenda

Susan motioned to approve the agenda; Katrina seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes

Johanna moved to approve the April 12 minutes; Susan seconded. Motion passed.

President Report

Conrado emailed his report to the board before the meeting. He added two updates. The conference program proposal deadline has been extended to May 27 to accommodate academic librarians who plan to send in proposals. The Programming Interest Group would like to add a listserv for their group, which will cost \$54 per year.

Vice President Report

Darcy reported that she attended YSIG last week. She didn't have anything else to report as she is newly appointed.

Past President

Katrina said they were happy to get all of the open positions filled. If anyone knows of other vacancies, let her know as that is one of the tasks past presidents are responsible for.

Secretary/Treasurer

Chelsie was absent.

Amigos Report

Kristin reported that membership numbers look good. We now have 207 active members. This includes an addition of 3 institutional members that signed up in the last month. \$11,000 in dues came in last month. Over \$9,000 of that was for institutional memberships, with a portion assigned to EveryLibrary. A \$32,000 payment was due to EveryLibrary this month, which put us short a bit for the month, but we are still up by \$7,800 for the year. Kristin worked on other tasks including updating memberships, and creating a new expense account for youth services to use. She will be working on tax documents next, and working with Chelsie to discuss what Amigos does and to review WLA finances. Conrado noted that he sent the invitation to Darcy and Angela as well so they can learn more about Amigos.

ALA Councilor's Report –

Lisa was absent.

MPLA Representative –

Judi reported that she met with the MPLA board last month. They discussed creating a state rep advisory group that would meet separately in addition to joining the quarterly board meetings to increase the participation of the state representatives and their role within the organization. The conference will be August 3-6 in Missoula, MT. Conference registration opens this month. MPLA members will receive an email with a link to register when it's ready. Judi has a board membership to give away. If you know of someone who would like to join MPLA please let her know. MPLA is looking for people who might potentially like to get involved and serve on committees and such. The monthly Chew and Chat will be at noon on May 25. You do not need to be a member to attend the Chew and Chat. Email Judi if you want a link. Conrado noted that there is a \$600 budget for expenses for Judi to attend.

Interest Groups –

Johanna reported the following:

SLIG – No news from them given that end of school year is busy.

LEAD – The group recently met. Katrina will be working on memberships.

YSIG – Spring meeting just happened. Becky reported that it went well. Great conference with great feedback from those attending.

PIG- Held a meeting. They have decided not to have membership fees. Amelia will post on WLA website meeting times.

Members-at-Large –

Susan reported that she was happy that the deadline was extended for the conference proposals. She knows a few people in her division were planning to send something in.

Members-at-Large –

Angela – absent and nothing to report

WLLI Report –

Elaine was absent and had nothing to report. Conrado noted that everything is about finalized for the retreat.

Conference Committee Chair -

No report

Legislative Committee –

No report

Awards/Grants committee –

No report

Communications Advisor –

Elizabeth Thorson had nothing to report but asked how long the Ukrainian support notice should be at the top of the page. She noted that there are other things to report. Conrado asked her to find a different spot for it and put more current events at top of the page.

Membership Ad-hoc committee –

Elizabeth Thorson had nothing to report.

EDI Ad-hoc committee –

Eva Dahlgren was unable to attend but sent an email reporting that the EDI committee will continue the open conversations in June, July, and August. An email will be sent out next week with the dates. Registration will be required again. The topics covered will be ageism (June), intersectionality (July), and mental illness (Aug) (if they can find someone qualified to discuss). The committee is still looking at options for online EDI training. Two members have left the committee. They will send out a call for new volunteers interested in being on the EDI committee.

State Librarian –

Jamie apologized for missing last month's meeting. He said the state library is "beyond excited" to be open on the weekend to host the WLLI conference in June. He reported that he collaborated with WLA leadership in securing nomination and award for Terri Leslie. The award ceremony will take place at 7 pm, on Friday at ALA conference. When they know where, they will send an announcement to attend, and wear your brown and gold to represent Wyoming. Jamie also noted that the legislative reception will be the first Thursday – January 12, 2023. The state library is working with the governor's office on a plan for spending ARPA funds. The governor's office gave \$12.6 million to "go build and renovate some libraries." The US Treasury will have to

approve the projects. There is also an opportunity for that amount to increase if other projects don't meet the approval of the US Treasury. Every public and academic library will be able to request funds. They are also working to capture ARPA broadband funds that are coming in \$100 million to increase broadband and for anchor institutions - like libraries – designed to help get access to broadband where they don't have it. Jamie noted that he is hoping for less information to be gathered as the last round required gathering financial info from anyone wanting to check them out, which would exclude our participation.

Intellectual Freedom Ad-hoc Committee –

Conrado noted that Lisa is working on the two subcommittees and getting the info on the website.

New Business –

Financial Account Resolutions - Current listings are outdated. We need to update who is listed on the bank accounts. Conrado shared the drafts of the resolutions to be sent to the banks.

- **US BANK** – Darcy moved to approve the resolution for US Bank. Susan seconded. Motion passed.
- **Bank of the West** – Johanna moved to approve the resolution for US Bank. Darcy seconded. Motion passed.
- **NY Life** Susan moved to approve the resolution for US Bank. Judi seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business –

Vacancies –

- **Financial Auditing Advisor** – This is our last vacancy. If an audit were to be completed this fiscal year it would be for 2021. Jamie offered to get someone from the state library to sit on the committee. Conrado and Katrina will work to find a WLA member for that position.

Date of Next Meeting –

The next meeting will be on June 14, 2022, at 4 pm.

Adjourned –

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Boyce
MPLA Representative