



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
WYOMING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022; 4:00 PM
ZOOM

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Conrado called meeting to order at 4:05

- a. President – Conrado Saldivar
- b. Vice President – Darcy Acord
- c. Past President – Katrina Brown
- d. Secretary-Treasurer (non-voting) – Chelsie Troutman
- e. MPLA Representative – Judi Boyce
- f. Member-at-Large – Susan Parkins
- g. Member-at-Large – Angela Jordan
- h. WLLI Advisor – Elaine Hayes
- i. Legislative Committee Chair (ex officio) – Caitlin White
- j. Communications Advisor (ex officio) – Elizabeth Thorson
- k. Library Management Group (ex officio) – Kristin Evans (Amigos)
- l. State Librarian (ex officio) – Jamie Markus, State Librarian

Absent

- a. ALA Councilor – Lisa Scroggins
- m. Interest Group Representative – Jennisen Lucas
- n. Conference Committee Chair (ex officio) – Elizabeth Albin

2. Approval of Agenda

Susan motioned to approve and Judi seconded. Agenda approved.

3. Approval of Minutes for October 11, 2022

Angela moves to approve and Susan seconded. Minutes approved.

4. Reports

- a. President
Discussed new happenings regarding libraries and the obscenity exemption since the last meeting. There is a lot of behind the scenes work happening on our end, including a

temporary listserv to communicate with key players throughout the state. Also attended the Directors' Retreat with John from EveryLibrary.

- Campbell County voted to disassociate from ALA, which includes WLA. To help their staff and other staff who may have this same thing happen, Conrado is investigating some sort of donation drive/scholarship/fund. Kate Mutch volunteered to assist with this.
- Hosted a Happy Hour and will continue these. Conrado will send a signup to the board for future Happy Hours so it doesn't fall on one person, per Katrina's suggestion.
- Kristin is now able to access the online checking statements for Bank of the West. Still having issues with the investments statements.
- Community colleges are having issues with all of the listservs. No solution as it's an IT issue, but something to be aware of.
- Keep an eye/hear out for any library developments these next 3-4 months, and send ideas for potential partner organizations so we can start building connections.

b. Vice President

Presented at YALSA. We need to support our colleagues across the nation. It's important that we are there to support them and help them get things in order. There were lots of conversations about supporting staff and protecting staff.

c. Past President

Katrina went to the Director's retreat. Talked about importance of WLI, WLA, and mentorship institute. We need to find people to participate and serve in these groups.

d. Secretary-Treasurer

Nothing to report.

e. Amigos

Wrapping up the conference. Membership has stayed steady. Any changes in additions to WLA Amigos agreement? Will be writing up the agreement and will have it ready for the board in December.

f. ALA Councilor

Absent.

g. MPLA Representative

No report.

h. Interest Group Representative

No report. Absent.

i. Member-at-Large

Susan worked on the Whova contract.

j. Member-at-Large

No report.

k. WLLI Advisor

2023 Library Leadership Institute will be on Sept 18 at a ranch in Beulah, Wyoming (20 miles outside of Sundance.)

l. Conference Committee Chair

Elizabeth Absent but sent report. — 2023 conference is officially booked for Oct 4-6 in Casper at the Best Western Downtown. Blocks of rooms are on the books at the conference hotel and the Ramkota. Planning will ramp up come January. I am working on the Code of Conduct from last meeting. I should have something by next week to present to the conference committee for review. Working with Kristin Evans to reconcile unpaid accounts from the 2022 conference. That is ongoing.

m. Legislative Committee Chair

Will be very busy over the next few months. January 10th legislation starts, reception January 12th. Session should end right at the end of March. Still working with lobbyist. State Librarian retreat in Montana. Meeting next week. Working on making sure to know different stands on different issues. Looking for new people to join the committee. Working with EveryLibrary quite a bit. Lots going on behind the scenes.

n. Awards/Grants Committee Chair

No report.

o. Communications Advisor

No report.

p. Membership Ad-hoc Committee

Will work on updating the website and the new structure. Adhoc committee complete. Will dissolve committee. Thank you, Elizabeth.

q. EDI Ad-hoc Committee

No report.

r. State Librarian

Thank you to Katrina and Lisa for speaking at the director's retreat. Had a conversation with John from EveryLibrary. Campaign will launch in December/January. This will help Wyomingites identify as supporters. We are gearing up and there's lots of action behind the scenes, strategizing. Worried about the elections. Legislative Reception will not be held at the state library. Can be seen as lobbying.

s. Intellectual Freedom Ad-hoc Committee

Absent.

t. Policies Ad-hoc Committee

Nothing to report yet.

5. New Business

- Whova contract 2023
Susan. There are two possible contracts for 2023. Contract has been sent to Jamie, Conrrado, and Elizabeth Albin to see if the state could help with part of the expense. What's the next move? Deadline is November 18th. Costs have gone up. Difference between the two contracts: 1- Basics 2899 Last year was 2379. 2- We can add a sponsor package for an extra 500.

Jamie- State library cannot make a commitment for paying. With everything that's coming their way, need to hold onto funds.

Discussion:

Susan thinks there's enough positive comments and support that it's worth it.

Susan motions to approve contract #2. Believes we can offset costs with vendor commitments. Angela seconded. Motion passes.

- Unite Against Banned Books partner organization
This was sent out to ALA Chapter Leaders and Conrrado passed on the email. No financial commitment. Should we join on as a board? Would this help us? Is it neutral? Could it hurt us? Does this provide meaningful help to more vulnerable states? Individuals can still join this campaign. Maybe let people do this on an individual choice rather than a group choice. Should we wait for a discussion with our ALA Councilor? No motion was made.

Jamie requests that we need to meet before the legislative session. Look at the week after New Year's.

6. Old Business
7. Date of next meeting: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022, 4:00 PM
8. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 4:53.