

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
WYOMING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2019 – WY STATE LIBRARY

PRESENT:

Kate Mutch, Abby Beaver, Katrina Brown, Cindy Moore, Lisa Scroggins, Elizabeth Thorson, Laura Grott, Jamie Markus, Janice Grover-Roosa, Jacque Strike, Darcy Acord and Monica Owens

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was duly made to accept the minutes of the February 7th board meeting and the conference call date of July 8, 2019. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kate Mutch discussed awards presentations and that they would be giving Rep. Zwonitzer a special plaque at the reception. She discussed the presentations that had taken place and will take place to honor the 3 recipients.

Kate discussed the need to have a call with Ex. Board in September to discuss possible changes in the way WLA runs the conference. It cannot fall on one person and we need a 2-year planning timeframe. Many ideas were thrown out on maybe in 2020 having a mini conference or no conference, but that the committee needs to develop a new plan moving forward. What is happening is not working, a large part due to lack of volunteers. Directors also need to discuss at the retreat what they would support, their expectations, what type of programming. Katrina Brown mentioned it can't all be director driven, that we need input from everyone, including academic and school.

Darcy Acord mentioned that with the new structure of WLLI having 6 regions of people that they would be a great group to use. Getting interest groups more involved in the planning, including picking authors was also discussed. That shouldn't fall on the conference committee.

Monica Owens– Youth Services Chair and Darcy Acord discussed the need to switch from early August to at least mid-September or mid-October to accommodate summer reading programs, etc. The Board will take their recommendation into serious consideration while planning conference.

There was discussion about having a rubric and a more detailed plan on how conference is structured. There was also discussion on improving how volunteers both current and potential may be able to get more involved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Laura Grott submitted a report but went over the financial summary indicating WLA was in good financial condition. She said the conference should make close to \$12,000, but won't know until all charges comes in. Last preliminary budget she did in mid-July indicated around \$10,000 profit, but we've received a lot more registrations. She discussed the #'s for registration.

ALA REPORT – Janice Grover-Roosa

Attended ALA in early June in DC. Very interesting item that got tabled because going to International – supporting Palestinian language that is offensive to Jewish population. Wasn't prepared to be engaged in. That will come up again in mid-winter. She indicated she might have to spend some time on it to have some good conversation. Language and by-laws, little things.

Conferences are expensive to attend. Seattle will be expensive too. The budgeted \$2,500 only covers one conference. Western has picked up a bunch of the bill. She felt in the future \$5,000 would be a better figure to use while budgeting. She asked for administrative rights for Facebook so she could share info via that format.

STATE LIBRARARIAN REPORT – Submitted a report

Jamie Markus focused on a few highlights of his report:

Discussed turnover of directors and how many are actual people that have been in the libraries.

Budget of state library – changes in some counties – Lincoln and Campbell. The economy is changing, trade wars driving down by the price of oil. Things are up in the air. It is unseen now how it will impact the State Library.

Hosting a library reception, Friday Sept. 6 @ the WY State Library. Dr. Carla Hayden, Director of Library of Congress will be there along with Senator Mike and Diana Enzi. The time is 5 – 6:30.

MPLA REPORT

Cindy Moore said MPLA is constantly looking for new members. There are only 17 Wyoming members. She discussed all the benefits and that she's reaching out to any former and potential new members. MPLA Conference will be in Albuquerque Oct. 31 – Nov. 1.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Lisa Scroggins submitted a report. Highlights included:

Change in leadership when Cameron Duff stepped down. They've decided to increase the number of meetings they are having. WLA had a lobbyist for session only this year. They've thought about getting a lobbyist that could potentially give ideas on empowering committee, staff, directors or training on advocacy regarding legislative activity. Kate Mutch attended the ALA Legislative fly-in and met with Enzi, Barrasso and Cheney staff.

WLLI REPORT

Jacque Strike gave the report on the recent grad retreat and the regional awareness groups formed. In a year and a half, a newbie institute will take place. Doing baskets again this year at conference. When an institute is over, they are all excited to get involved, so it's a great opportunity for WLA to take advantage of the institute grads.

BY-LAWS

Kate Mutch said all the by-laws info had been sent, many people looked at it. There were no questions from the membership. The next item to work on is the handbook.

No other business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Grott

Executive Secretary