

Wyoming Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
May 14th, 2020 Minutes

Call to Order: 10:04AM by President Abby Beaver

Roll Call: Abby Beaver, Jacob Mickelsen, Janice Grover-Roosa, Jacque Strike, Johanna Tuttle, Judi Boyce, Anna Street, Jamie Markus, Caitlyn Logan, Elizabeth Thorson. Kate Mutch and Cindy Moore joined shortly afterward.

Also present: Kristin Evans and Keith Gaertner, representing Amigos Library Services

Agenda: No changes or additions to the agenda

Minutes: February 20th, 2020 – Approved, with typos corrected (Kate M/Anna S), April 9th, 2020 – Approved (Jacque S/Johanna T)

President Report: Working with Amigos on balancing accounts for taxes, filing deadline has been extended to November 15th, 2020.

Amigos Report: Kristin Evans – Removed “Past Member Level” from sign up page, combined “past” members who have active memberships into “regular” members. Vendor prospectus finished. Registration for vendors went live in early May. 3 vendors signed up so far, with spreadsheet set up to track them. Keith Gaertner – Working with Abby on preparing 2019 taxes and obtaining filing extension. April income ≈ \$7,000.

Vice-President Report: Program Proposal form is live via Google Forms. Proposals will be accepted through July 31st, 2020 and reviewed by August 31st, 2020. Speakers being sought, with particular interest in emergency management/disaster preparedness. Working to insure programs will be possible remotely in the event a virtual conference is necessary.

Conference Report: Working with venue on contract, if venue cancels WLA sees no loss, if WLA cancels 50% loss. Added sponsorship option for conference vendors, already seeing some interest.

Governing Board Reports:

Kate Mutch: Work ongoing with bylaws, clarifying language regarding former executive secretary position. Rolling membership registrations being prepared.

Janice Gover-Roosa: ALA June Conference canceled, virtual conference registration is open. Misty Copeland keynote still scheduled, but list of programs and sessions has not been released. Janice will be presenting her project with co-researcher at UW. Will advertise virtual conference to WLA membership when programs are announced. Janice will attend ALA Council remotely.

Jacque Strike: WLLI may not happen this summer, if canceled the 2020 cohort will be rolled over to 2021.

Johanna Tuttle/Anna Street: Mentorship program details released. Includes application for potential mentors and protégés. Plan to launch at WLA Conference with a program. Program will be ongoing, with no set deadline. Awards and grants have seen some applications submitted already. MPLA Leadership has been delayed until next year.

Judi Boyce: No Report

Cindy Moore: No Report

Jamie Markus: Cybersecurity Conference set to happen the day before WLA conference, also in Casper, exploring programming partnership opportunities. Libraries reopening slowly around the state, all with restrictions. WSL received \$52k in CARES Act funding, formed a committee which has used those monies to fund LinkedIn Learning for the state, \$10k for digitization projects at museums, and \$5k for SRP at tribal libraries. There is the potential for further state and federal COVID-19 response funding in the future. WSL is forming strategic partnerships with other agencies. There are rumors of spending cuts coming, legislature may allow for the Governor to identify particular spending cuts. WSL is working with UW on database sharing and renewals to cushion potential budget reductions.

Caitlyn White: Discussed upcoming special legislative session beginning 5/15, lobbyist Sherlyn Kaiser will monitor the session for WLA. Hopefully no changes to bills that were monitored in the regular session. WLA and directors encouraged to contact local legislative delegation, will monitor and reach out as necessary. Federal congressional delegation contacted, Representative Cheney's office will review. Many transition documents have been created to support WLA in the future.

Elizabeth Thorson: Working to fill gaps in WLA records on website, requests any relevant documents that may be missing.

Other Business: Resolution approved to identify current members of its Board of Directors, Officers, Authorizing Representatives and a list of Check Signers. (Cindy M./Anna S.)

Next Meeting: June 11th, 2020

Adjourn: 10:43AM

Respectfully submitted, Jacob Mickelsen