

WYOMING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD Minutes
November 12, 2020

1. Call to Order

Jacob Mickelsen (President) at 10:02 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Board Members present:

- Jake Mickelsen (President)
- Jeff Collins (Vice President)
- Abby Beaver (Past President)
- Janice Grover-Roosa (ALA Councilor)
- Johanna Tuttle (Interest Groups Representative)
- Judi Boyce (Member-at-Large)
- Anna Street (WLLI Advisor)
- Jamie Markus (State Library)

Also present:

- Kristin Evans (Amigos Library Management Group)

Board Members absent:

- Katrina Brown (MPLA Representative)
- Michelle Boule (Member-at-Large)
- Caitlin White (Legislative Committee Chair)
- Elizabeth Thorson (Communications Advisor)

There was a quorum present.

3. Agenda: Changes or Additions

Abby motioned to approve the agenda as presented, motion was seconded and passed.

4. Discussion and Approval of September Minutes

Anna moved to approve the September 12, 2020 minutes, motion seconded and passed. Janice abstained.

5. President – Report

Jake provided a quick summary of the annual conference. While not perfect, it was definitely better than cancelling the conference. Overall, the conference was a success. The 2021 conference is still scheduled for next Fall in Casper. There are 210 active members, including 5 renewals, 3 new members, and 8 active institutional members.

6. Amigos – Report

Kristin reported activities related to annual conference, including links for recordings. Amigos sent several overdue membership notices. The WLA contract with Amigos will be ending December 31, 2020. Due to change in leadership at Amigos, the contract process is moving just a bit slower than before; however, Kristin will be getting a draft contract to the board in the next couple of weeks to review. There are no real anticipated changes. It will be cheaper this year because there are no startup fees for switching over. Kristin recommended that we do an announcement on the listserv for membership renewals in January. Kristin shared that most state, regional and national conferences in the Spring have gone online, but there are a few that are trying for in-person conferences.

7. Vice President – Report

Jeff was welcomed as Vice President (President-elect).

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8. Conference

No items to discuss.

9. Governing Board Members – Reports/Issues

Abby reported that we got taxes in and is working on getting account access for Amigos and the WLA Vice President. We will need to update the Bylaws to reflect these changes.

Janice did not have anything new to report as ALA Councilor. Because ALA was virtual this year, there were some cost savings that may be unencumbered. ALA midwinter will also be virtual and WLA members are encouraged to attend. Janice shared that there is a lot of value in attending.

Anna reported on WLLI. The interest group held a planning meeting and are expecting an in-person leadership institute this summer; however, they will plan for contingencies if unable to be in-person. The 2020 selectees are slated to attend the 2021 institute. Kristin recommended that WLA pays very close attention to the cancellation policies with any hotels based on interactions Amigos has had with other associations.

Johanna shared information about SLIG, which is seeking new membership.

Anna shared that the LEAD interest group has officially launched the mentorship program and has received about nine applicants. The interest group is hoping to start pairing mentors and mentorees in the next month or so. Anna sent out an email update to the listserv. They are also developing a playbook to include expectations, roles, etc.

Judi did not have anything to report as Member-at-Large, but is looking for something to work on.

On behalf of Caitlin White, Jamie reported on activities for the Legislative Committee. There was some concern with the email sent by Melissa Snider for SLIG as a call for advocacy to send letters to legislators from school librarians. Caitlyn reached out to get more information and offer assistance. After good dialogue, the Legislative Committee is planning to send out an email to the full membership with some good reminders about what the committee is here for and how they can help, as well as contact info so it is easy for members to reach out. The school library representative slot on the committee has been vacant and the committee is hoping these discussions will result in someone volunteering. Jamie provided a brief update on the school recalibration process. The current version proposes cuts to the number of certified librarians, but increases to the number of paraprofessionals, which may be a net gain. The State Library is watching legislation closely and keeping the Legislative Committee updated. The contract with the current lobbyist is up for renewal. The lobbyist has asked for a flat \$5,000 this year. The Legislative Committee recommends approving the contract. The committee is working on the annual legislative reception, but there are a lot of uncertainties and the team is working on options.

Jamie reported on Wyoming State Library activities and shared that the legislative session may move from a February start date to an April start date. Jamie indicated there is one law WSL is monitoring that may affect libraries which is related to public records laws and possibly making personnel files more open.

The Communications Advisor was not present.

10. Other Business

Abby reported that she has not heard from the EDI Ad-hoc committee. This item was tabled.

Judi motioned to approve the lobbyist contract in the amount of \$5,000, motion seconded and approved.

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The renewal agreement with Amigos was tabled until next meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

12. Adjourn

Jake adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Collins (Vice President)

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