

Wyoming Library Association
Executive Board Minutes
December 10, 2020

Call to order

President Jacob Mickelsen called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Roll Call

Board members present:

Jacob Mickelsen, President
Jeff Collins, Vice President
Abby Beaver, Past President
Caitlin White, Legislative Committee Chair
Elizabeth Thorson, Communications Advisor
Jamie Markus, State Librarian
Janice Grover-Roosa, ALA Coordinator
Johanna Tuttle, Interest Groups Representative
Judi Boyce, Member-at-Large
Katrina Brown, MPLA Representative
Michelle Boule, Member-at-Large

Also present:

Kristin Evans, Amigos Library Management Group
Conrado Saldivar, EDI Ad Hoc Committee Chairman

Board members absent:

Anna Street, WLLI Advisor

A quorum was determined to be present.

Agenda

Katrina noted that the agenda incorrectly listed September minutes for approval rather than November. Judi motioned to approve the amended agenda, Michelle seconded. The motion passed.

Approval of November Minutes

No vote was taken on the November Minutes

President Report

Jake recommended that a decision be made soon on whether the 2021 conference will be in person or online. He asked everyone to consider the pros and cons of each and be ready to discuss in the future. Janice mentioned that her campus is on a travel freeze due to budgetary concerns, and that other entities would likely have financial considerations as well.

Amigos Report

Kristin reported that the fourth session for the conference was re-recorded and is now available. Amigos has been working with Abby to get bank login information to allow Amigos to pay bills. Amigos has been working through the membership renewals. Reminders for institutional members have been added. Kristin suggested that WYLD Apricot be set up to automatically renew and generate an invoice to make it easier for members to renew. If the invoices are not paid within 30 days, they would be voided and the membership moved to “lapsed” status. Jake instructed Amigos to make the change.

Vice President Report

Jeff reported that he met with Kate Mutch regarding the conference. He prefers the virtual format given the vaccination timeline.

Governing Board Member Reports

Past President –

Abby reviewed the changes to the secretary/treasurer position, recommending a change from “Executive Treasurer” to “Secretary/Treasurer.” She also suggested that “President shall appoint” may not be necessary as that is stated in the description, and an appointment would add a person and increase the number on the board. Janice added that it is helpful to have the same person take minutes each month.

ALA Councilor –

Janice reported that ALA is coming up at the end of January and encouraged everyone to attend to get ideas for the virtual conference. This will be the last mid-winter conference. Something will replace it. She also mentioned that previously there was no way for counselors to vote remotely, but now it is possible. They are also discussing ways to change ALA’s governing structure to make ALA more equitable.

MPLA –

There was a delay in getting Katrina added to MPLA, so her first board meeting will be tomorrow, December 11, 2020

WLLI -

Anna was unable to attend, but sent her report. Wyoming Library Leadership Institute is tentatively planned to take place in June in person in Pinedale. The hotel is booked and can be canceled up until May. Anna’s report also announced that WLA awards and grants added a lifetime achievement award.

Interest Groups –

Johanna reported that LEAD was hoping to have assignments for mentor/mentee pairings in January. There was nothing to report for the youth services or school library interest groups.

Member-at-Large –

Neither Judi nor Michelle had anything to report

Legislative Committee –

Caitlin reported that Sherlyn Kaiser was approved to be the lobbyist again. The session has been delayed possibly until late spring. The legislative reception has been canceled and alternative ideas are being considered as a way to reach out to the legislators.

State Librarian –

Jamie reported that the state library is spending \$12,000 to provide 6 months of training for trustees on internal workings, advocacy, and marketing libraries to decision makers. Regarding the budget outlook, Jamie reported that so far everything is good for the library, but that could change, especially since the legislators will have more time this year to look into possible cuts.

Jamie also gave a report on the Teton County Library situation, with the release of their most recent director and the subsequent reports/comments/ads in the Jackson newspaper with regards to the nature of his release as well as the question of county overreach. He recommended that anyone who is contacted for comment refer the questioner to the state library for comment.

Communications Advisor –

Elizabeth had nothing to report.

Other Business –

ALA statement, Ad-hoc Committee Report

Conrado reported that the work of the Ad hoc committee was split into two working groups with the first drafting the initial statement and the second reorganizing and cleaning up the statement. The EDI statement has been shared with the executive board and the recommendation was made to publish the document and to form a standing committee to offer training and instruction.

Katrina asked what the plan is moving forward, and how to use the statement now that we have it. Jake suggested advertising it, posting it to the website, and emailing it to members. Katrina suggested a zoom meeting or webinar with the committee to discuss how libraries can implement this in their own communities. Jake suggested the standing committee could work on this. Michelle agreed about having the discussion, but asked that it be framed in a positive way to encourage members that the point is to move forward, rather than to complain about or try to rewrite the statement. The suggestion was also made to waive the WLA fees for people on that committee. Katrina asked about capturing demographic information. Jake suggested adding a voluntary demographic report to the renewals. Jeff recommended looking at what ALA has as a guideline.

Janice made the motion to adopt the EDI Ad Hoc committee's statement and publicly commit to publish it. Michelle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jake made the decision not to dissolve the ad hoc committee, allowing it to continue with Conrado remaining as the chair.

Amigos Renewal –

Kristin submitted a scope of work and fee agreement. The agreement is the same as last year but without the startup fee. A small adjustment was made due to the extra time required. The fee for 2020 was \$8,500, 2021 will be \$8,250, and 2022 will be \$8,500. Kristin noted that the financials were more involved and membership cleanup was more time consuming than expected. The motion to approve was made by Jeff and seconded by Abby. The motion passed.

Date of Next Meeting –

The next meeting will be January 14, 2021 at 10 am.

Adjourned –

The meeting adjourned without a motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Boyce
Member-at-Large

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