

WLA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Hosted by Karen Lange at LCCC
Sat., 09/15/2007

Attendees: Brian Greene, Cynthia Twing, Katie Jones, Meg Martin, Mary Gillis, Kathy Carlson, Trish Palluck, Laura Grott, Cathy Butler, Jerry Jones, Karen Lange, Mary Rhoads, Erin Kinney, Sheryl Fanning and Becky Packer

Brian called the meeting to order at 8:05.

Remarks by Brian: Discussed the possibility of a "board orientation." He stated that the Strategic Plan includes participation as one of the major goals. He feels the mentoring committee is charged with the task of the "board orientation." He especially wants to find ways to get new and younger members to participate. Brian wants to see committee involvement.

Trish would like to involve the "silent" members of WLA.

Brian stated the charge to the mentoring committee would be to review the bylaws to determine who would be responsible for a possible "board orientation."

Laura G. distributed the welcome packet/guides to the new Chairs. The strategic plan and bylaws are not in the packets as yet. See WYLA web site for further information. Laura outlined the expectations of Chairs:

- Meet as board 2-3 X-s per year and conference calls.
- Meet at legislative reception in February and discuss/approve budget.
- WLA operates on dues and proceeds from conventions.
- Each section has their own account to use for section meetings
- Section Chair is responsible for Spring Section Meeting.
- Section Chair responsible to get officers on ballot – provide information to Laura 30days before annual meeting so she can prepare ballots and distribute by mail.
- Also possible to vote at meeting but that excludes those people unable to attend conference.
- WLA pays for actual gas and 1 night hotel for section chair to attend board meeting; \$30 per day per diem if overnight; expense voucher in notebook guide & on WYLA web site.
- Executive Board area online has all reports; suggested preview prior to attendance at Board meeting so can vote knowledgeably to accept them as written
- It was recommended by Brian and Laura that Chairs (and general WLA members) attend the Board Meeting so as to understand the ways things work.
- 2 newsletters Jan. and July.

Brian, Trish and Laura discussed benefits of conference calls v. face-to-face meetings. Video conferencing through the school system was considered and rejected because if schools needed to use the video conferencing system, it could pre-empt our video conference.

Brian stated we need to get the message out that Exec. Board meetings are open for all WLA members to attend. Attendance would help facilitate the integration of new members and encourage people to participate on the Board.

If there is a Spring Meeting and the sections are meeting at the same place and time, look for an umbrella event. Brian asked – do we want a main speaker or magnet event? Cynthia suggested we will need to look at a broad spectrum of possibilities but may not be able to find an idea that attracts all the sections. Laura suggested sections consider the Spring Meeting as a mini-conference – make it substantive. She also suggested not charging for food or something to use as a marketing tool to “revitalize” the event.

Sheryl Fanning: Motion: Casper for location for Spring Mtg. Discussion included the desire by Section Chairs to poll their members to find if the location and date were acceptable prior to the vote. Sections were reminded they can decide to meet separately if the proposed date and place are not acceptable. Motion passed.

Laura will look at availability at Casper for April 17-19, 2008 (date suggested as workable by 2 of the sections.)

Proposed – Exec. Board meeting at Spring Meeting. Denied; because the Exec. Board meets in Feb. and there is little more business until the conference in July.

Brian will arrange for conference call planned for Friday Sep't 28 at 10:00 AM. Laura will email confirmation and agenda.

Suggestions to poll section members:

- Place and date ok?
- Have program be 2 out of 3 days total; what does section prefer?
- What length of program works for members?
- Also, consider the suggestion that Academic/Special section meet Thurs. and Fri. and other sections meet Fri.-Sat. (3-day mini-conference)

Brian proposed that Debbie Iverson's retirement acknowledgment idea be placed on Sep't 28th conference call agenda for further discussion.

Brian adjourned the meeting at 9:35 A.

Respectfully Submitted by
Meg Martin, Recording Secretary