



WLA Executive Board Minutes, March 2000

1. Meeting called to order at 1:12 pm
Quorum called by Vickie Hoff.
2. Introductions. In attendance were: Vickie Hoff, Helen Higby, Chris Van Burgh, Scott Kinney, Erin Kinney, Mary Rhoads, Sue Knesel, Lesley Boughton, Lucie Osborn, Isabel Hoy, Trish Palluck, Kay Carlson, Ara Anderson, Keith Cottam
3. Minutes approved as submitted. Motion by Kay Carlson, second by Chris Van Burgh.
4. **President's Report.**
 - a. The Audit Committee (Janet Woods and Carol Collier) submitted their report. (Attached to the minutes) In Item 3 of the report the committee suggested that each section submit a report to the Audit Committee. The Board recommended that they randomly check deposit slips and receipts rather than involve each section.
 - b. ALA invites members of Congress to libraries. Helen Higby reported that this was discussed in the Legislative Committee on 2/2/2000 and she will write to our congressional reps. to invite them to visit libraries during National Library Week.
 - c. DC Legislative Day. Lesley Boughton will be attending. Someone from the Committee could go and share a room. Kim Capron, the co-chair will be attending.
 - d. ESA mark-up. (Elementary/Secondary Education Act) is cutting funds. Title 6 has a section for libraries (Enzi on committee). Passed information on to the Legislative Committee.
 - e. Reminder that WLA grant money is available. We will fund everybody this year and then rotate beginning next year. Money is for continuing education.
 - f. Feedback re: charges to the Constitution Committee (chaired by Doug Wolfe): membership categories and privileges (since we have added the vendors). Keith Cottam says that the committee needs to be sure that "sections are in harmony with the constitution after changes" were made at 1999 Conference. The changes will go up on the web. It will indicate "adopted" and the date adopted.

5. Treasurer's Report.

- a. The financial statement is attached to the minutes. 206 have paid their dues-this is typical for this time of year. This is about half of the membership.
- b. Three funds through Dane. Alliance group earning 14%. Take a look at funds in Oppenheimer (4%) to invest. Laura Grott says that we could pull out \$15,000 from Oppenheimer to invest. Appoint an ad hoc committee to look at this or it could go to the Revenue Committee. Keith Cottam encouraged us to appoint those with knowledge and skills in the area of investments rather than give this to the Revenue Committee.

Lucie Osborn made the following motion:

President appoint as hoc committee to work with the Executive Secretary and financial consultant to review investments and make decisions as to how better to maximize WLA's financial resources with a level of security and report those decisions back to the Executive Board at their next meeting.

2nd by Sue Knesel.

Motion carried.

6. Other Reports

a. ALA Councilor

Lucie Osborn discussed the organization: it is a 40 million dollar organization and that membership is at an all time high with ~68,000 members.

The theme for the president of ALA is "Libraries Build Communities".

She mentioned that there is an item on the ALA Copyright tutorial on page 7 of the February 2000 issue of The Outrider.

b. MPLA

Ara Anderson submitted a written report. She also mentioned the MPLA web site and the Jobline, www.usd.edu/mpla/jobline, and membership. Memberships were given to board members to give to someone who has never joined.

c. State Librarian's Report

Due to the cooperative efforts of the WLA Legislative Committee, Legislators, Librarians, WLA Lobbyist Tom Jones, and the "naïve knave" Colin Simpson, \$280,000 was granted the State Library to provide true statewide access to the databases. Lesley and Jerry were able to attend Legislative sessions pertinent to the State Library's budget and provide on the spot information. This statewide access makes it possible for all Wyoming residents to have access to the research databases. It will be especially useful for the schools. She is revitalizing the Resource Sharing Council. All past members of the Resource Sharing Council are invited to attend the May 18th meeting to discuss how best to utilize the group.

Copy of Report of the State Library submitted.

Involvement in Early Childhood-value in networking. Focus on early childhood, reading readiness. We (libraries) are a big part of that.

See page 4 of the Outrider for article on "Mother Goose Asks "Why?".

She also referred to the article in the Outrider on the 2nd Day Cover.

Western Council of State Librarians will be focusing on MLS vs. BS. They would like to focus on Library Education and invite library educators to participate. This will be discussed at the Paraprofessional's spring meeting.

7. Section Reports

a. In addition to the written reports submitted by sections the following announcements were made:

b. Public Library/Trustee Section

Spring meeting will be March 24th in Torrington.

c. Government Information Section

Spring meeting will be March 22nd at UW.

d. Academic/Special Library section is meeting every other year. No Report.

e. Para-Professional Section

Spring meeting April 12th in Casper. They will hold the business meeting in the morning. Program is "How to have influence in the workplace when you are not the boss".

f. Children/School Library Section

Spring meeting on May 5th and Workshop on May 6th.

8. Committee Reports

a. Electronic Communications Committee. See written report. Scott added that the web site has had some re-design. It has had 39,000 hits since October. He asks that members send information to be added to the site. The committee is looking into credit card use on the site and being able to use this for the joint WLA/MPLA meeting for registration. Keith Cottam asked about cost vs. use. It costs us 4% every time someone registers online. Isabel felt that we should look into this before the MPLA/WLA conference

when the volume of use could be high.

b. Legislative Committee

Helen Higby made the motion:

Based on the resolution from the Wyoming Library Association Legislative Committee, the Wyoming Library Association will not participate in the proposed White House Forum on Libraries in December of 2000. This motion is due to the history of White House Conferences being exorbitantly costly and producing no tangible results.

Passed.

c. Mentoring Committee

Committee was disbanded by the President.

9. Old Business

a. Mary Rhoads and the 2000 Conference

The program council met on Feb. 3. They have looked at the Holiday Inn. Rendezvous is the theme. Page Lambert is coming to the conference. They have contacted the ALA president. The Buffalo Quilters have donated a quilt to raffle.

b. Information Power

Jan Segerstrom will be speaking on this at the Big Horn Basin Library Conference Program. (See agenda attached) and at the School Section spring meeting.

c. 2001 and 2002 conference dates

Still no information from MPLA.

d. Other Old Business

Chris reported that W.E.S.T. was a successful venture for the Wyoming Library Community and that we talked to ~400 people about Wyoming Libraries, WYLD and searching and utilizing the Internet.

10. New Business

a. Intellectual Freedom Committee

Report was sent to WLA President. See the committee web site <http://www.wyla.org/freedom/index.shtml>

b. Expenses--Legislative Reception Board Meeting

WLA is not paying board members expenses to come the meeting during Legislative Reception. This issue will be revisited during the next board meeting.

11. Next Board Meeting--No June meeting unless a need arises.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Respectfully submitted by

Chris Van Burgh

Recording Secretary

March 15, 2000

