

**WYOMING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Business Meeting
September 30, 2010, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Parkway Plaza
Casper, WY**

Jamie Markus, WLA President, called the meeting to order

- Quorum was declared
- Agenda was approved
- Minutes from the Conference Opening Session 2009 were approved

REPORTS

President's report – Jamie Markus

- WLA was looking at a potential shortfall of \$25,000 this year. Organization only lost \$5,000, even though conference attendance was down and WLA gave \$1,500 to Legislative reserve. Next year looks to be break-even.
- WLA beginning to do more to help school libraries. School library media specialists are now on three committees: 1) Dept. of Education (WDE) committee for evaluation of school library programs, 2) WDE language arts standards review and 3) Striving Readers literacy grant.

Treasurer's report – Laura Grott

WLA's sources of income are dues, the convention and interest. The organization has \$20,000 in investments, \$77,000 in a State Library Central Acquisitions fund and \$6,000 in checking. The budget is on track. Conference is doing well and is projected to net \$21,000, although attendance was down about 50.

OLD BUSINESS

2011 dues are increasing, as voted last year by membership. Institutional memberships raised \$2,000. WLA is looking at ways to increase value for institutional members.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed bylaws changes

Lucie Osborn made a motion to approve the bylaws changes. Susan Simpson seconded.

Susan Simpson proposed an amendment to define a quorum for interest groups: "A quorum is 40% of the group membership. A majority of those present can approve motions."

Discussion: Someone attending remotely (phone, web) can be part of the quorum.

Michelle Havenga seconded Simpson's amendment. Motion to amend proposed bylaws was approved.

Osborn made a motion to approve the bylaws changes as amended. Erin Kinney seconded. Motion carried.

Sections

The sections dissolved under the bylaws changes were instructed to disburse the money in their accounts at the meetings the next day, or by end of the year.

2011 conference

Kristin Herr has taken over as chair after Katie Lynn's resignation. Kristin is recruiting volunteers for the committee. The conference will begin Sept. 29 in Cheyenne at Little America.

2012 conference

WLA is looking to hold the 2012 conference either in Casper or Gillette, and will put out RFPs to determine best location.

REPORTS

ALA

Patty Myers thanked the organization for opportunity to be ALA rep and Intellectual Freedom advisor.

MPLA

The MPLA conference will be in Billings MT in April.

Wyoming State Library

State Librarian Lesley Boughton reported on projects making Wyoming resources more available outside the state, such as the newspaper project. At the Legislative Reception, WSL will be unveiling Wyoming Places on an interactive map. Venice Beske has included all Wyoming post offices in it, including those that no longer exist. The State Library may also be digitizing the Legislative Digests. WSL was asked by the University of North Texas if they could use the Wyoming trustee handbook as the basis for a course. In exchange, UNT is offering passes for 200 LEAD courses to Wyoming library staff. Jamie Markus will have more details when they are available.

Awards and Grants

The committee requests feedback on the changes made this year to the form and to when awards are given. The form was revised to make it easier. Awards to people outside the organization were made at the Legislative luncheon instead of the banquet to reduce travel burden. There was more competition for awards this year.

Legislative

Carey Hartmann reminded members that funds for the endowment challenge were increased. Public

libraries collectively are only \$150,000 short of the \$2.3 million needed to release incentive funds. The WLA executive board has approved the Legislative Committee's strategic planning process. The committee wants county, college and school libraries to hold receptions for newly elected officials this fall. A folder of information for elected officials put together by WSL and the committee will be available for the receptions.

Book awards

Sally Mack reported that the shift to an advisor-directed group worked. This year 8,742 students voted, and each student who voted had to read at least three books.

Nominations & Elections

Erin Kinney reported that Sukey Hohl is the newly elected Vice President/President-Elect. VP, Cindy Moore was elected as Recording Secretary, but that position was eliminated with the bylaws changes.

SECTION REPORTS

Children's/Young Adult

The collaborative summer reading program will have a theme soon and the program will probably have an adult manual soon in addition to the CYA manual. The section awarded a \$300 grant to Elizabeth Gaines from Hulett Branch to attend conference. Author Ellen Hopkins will be the children's author for the 2011 conference.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dail Barbour commended outgoing president Jamie Markus for his hard work.

Betsy Moore reported that the WLLI basket fundraiser was already up to \$1,000 and that they hoped to exceed last year's total of \$1,700.

Michelle Havenga made the motion to adjourn. Betsy Moore seconded. The meeting was adjourned.