

## WYOMING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Business Meeting  
October 4, 2013  
9:30-10:30  
Cheyenne, WY

Deb McCarthy, President, called the meeting to order.

***The agenda was moved by Brian Greene and seconded by Chris Van Burgh.***

***The minutes were moved by Carey Hartman and seconded by Brian Greene***

### **President's Report - Deb McCarthy**

Conference is going well and despite the weather the programs are confirmed including the children's author for the luncheon.

### **Treasurer's Report - Laura Grott**

The financial reports were sent out prior to the meeting. WLA is operating well and better than other associations.

### **Reports**

#### **ALA Councilor - Carey Hartmann**

Carey thanked everyone for their feedback as this assists her in representing Wyoming to ALA. The ALA President has an initiative titled "Declaration to the Right of Libraries" and hopes everyone can sign. There are concerns regarding school library reductions and ALA is promoting teacher-librarians in schools and how librarians contribute to learning. Other issues before ALA: whistleblower and looking within the ALA organization to reduce some duplication to control costs.

#### **MPLA Representative - Steve Boss**

MPLA/SDLA/TCLA was held last week and it was well attended. The 2015 MPLA Conference will be combined with WLA. The tentative dates are October 1-3 in Cheyenne.

#### **State Library Report - Lesley Boughton**

The State Library budget was reduced last year by approximately \$220,000 that is impacting some collection purchases. Lesley encourages libraries to deposit within their Trust Account that is safe. The Statewide Purchasing Committee is looking closely at our current collection. The federal government is closed but there are no state library employees who are on soft funds so the State Library is in a good place.

Lesley will be meeting with the new Director of Public Instruction, Richard Crandall, so please let her know if you have concerns regarding school libraries. Last year, the State Library offered 78 webinars and 18,579 downloads.

## **Committee Reports**

The reports are available at <http://wyla.org/files/>

### **Awards - Megan Herold**

The awards banquet was well attended. The Committee will look at the survey comments and work on the award descriptions.

## **Interest Group Reports**

### **Leadership - Rebecca Steffen**

Leadership, Excellence, And Development is the new name of the interest group.

### **New Technology - Laura Uglean Jackson**

Matt Tischer and Steve Boss will co-lead the group for next year.

### **Outreach - Jamie Markus**

They are considering new name to reflect outreach to the home bound and younger kids. They will have a webinar later this year to share best practices. Also, they will have a webinar for home bound seniors.

### **Teacher-Librarians – Mary Wegher**

They are considering nominations for leadership for next year. The group is also considering a fee increase that would help with the Information Power training. They have been reaching out to increase membership and to promote professional development activities. They are working on programs for the coming year. The name of the group will be changed to School Librarian Interest Group.

### **Young Adult - Holly Baker**

Voted to disband and rejoin the Youth Services Interest Group.

## **Advisor Reports**

### **Book Awards Advisor - Sally Mack**

9,125 Wyoming youth that read at least 15 books. It is lower than last year. The Interest group has changed its name to Wyoming Literacy. They have a Facebook page to solicit ideas and to network.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

2014 Conference - Brad Matthies will be the conference chair and incoming WLA Chair Rebecca Steffen will be the programming chair.

2015 Conference will be in combination with MPLA and tentative dates are October 1-3.

Association Management Software - the Board is looking at some software to manage the website and membership support.

Future of conferences - the board is looking to put together a committee to look at conferences and how they might be structured in the future. If interested, please volunteer.

Right to Libraries - a committee will also be formed to promote this and if interested, please volunteer.

**Basket raffle - Megan Herold**

Megan encouraged everyone to purchase tickets and the proceeds support WLLI.

**Bylaws – Jamie Markus**

An addition to the Bylaws was proposed:

**Article VI, Section 5 C (viii) Wyoming Library Leadership Institute Advisor.**

The Advisor shall be responsible for coordinating all aspects of the Wyoming Library Leadership Institute.

***Lucie Osborn moved and Steve Rzasa seconded the following amendment:***

The LLIA Advisor will be a member of the Executive Board.

The motion passed.

The amended bylaws motion passed.

**Other**

Debbie McCarthy turned the gavel over to the new President Richard Landreth.

***Michelle Havenga moved for adjournment and Cynthia Twing seconded.***

Maggie Farrell