

Wyoming Library Association
Board Meeting – Little America, Cheyenne
October 3, 2013

PRESENT: Deb McCarthy, Scott Barber, Sukey Hohl, Jamie Markus, Laura Grott, Carey Hartmann, Richard Landreth, Steve Boss, Lesley Boughton, Rebecca Steffen and Jason Grubb.

Deb McCarthy called the meeting to order @ 7:30 p.m.

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A quorum was declared.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

A motion was duly made and seconded to accept the minutes of the previous Board meeting. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Deb McCarthy reported that Scott Kinney resigned, which caused some shuffling in WLA. She thanked Richard Landreth for stepping in to assume the Vice-Chair position and for Jamie Markus to work on programming for 2013 Conference. Deb said we need a committee to talk about conference and Richard and Deb will work on it. They will report on the findings for 2014.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Laura Grott discussed the financial report and indicated that WLA was in good financial shape. *A motion was duly made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

ALA REPORT

Carey Hartmann gave the ALA Report. She talked about a declaration of support of libraries – there is a session on Friday to talk about National Library initiatives. There is a lot of concern for school librarians and what is happening nationally. Large school districts are doing away with them. There are studies that show if you have skilled professionals it directly impacts your testing scores, so various groups are trying to get the word out. ALA is struggling with organization. Talking about restructuring to see what committees are doing. ALA isn't doing as well financially and is trying to make strides to improve that. Maggie Farrell is running for President of ALA.

MPLA REPORT

Steve Boss gave the MPLA Report: Tri-conference was in S. D. Membership is down, but the balance sheet is good. At the conference there were 450 attendee's, with 67 vendors. The manual practice is up to date. This is a best practices document for the state reps. They are having regular conference calls with state reps to keep everyone informed and up-to-date. They are trying to bring back focus groups.

STATE LIBRARY

Lesley Bought on gave the State Library Report: Yesterday was the start of the fiscal year. The State Library doesn't have any employee's using federal funds. Lesley reported that the State Library did take an 8.7% cut in their general fund money as well as a 6% cut in federal funding. They've been able to make up the difference with other general fund money and federal money. If they want to add in the future, they have to give up in the future. At last, the state has realized the need to do something with electronic record management. A consultant has taken a look. They knew nothing about what the State Library has done, but now realizes how much they do digitally. On October 25th the report will be out. They will be making recommendations which will affect state statute. They may recommend State Library and Archives be joined. It could be an executive order (transfer), or it could be an interim study for TRW Committee. The library community has a lot at stake. There is a lot of speculation as to what would really happen.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Scott Barber gave the Legislative Report: He announced that Carol Mead will be the speaker for the Legislative lunch and that he will work out the logistics with Laura and the hotel after the meeting.

2013 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Jason Grubb mentioned that things were going well and that he appreciated everyone that has stepped up to help. He asked for additional volunteers to help with introductions.

Deb McCarthy announced that Rebecca Steffen will be the next incoming Chair for WLA.

OLD BUSINESS

Audit Committee – The audit was completed and there were no discrepancies or recommendations.

2015 MPLA

Steve Boss indicated that Little America will be the host hotel for 2015 and their President is at the conference. Richard Landreth, Steve Boss, Laura Grott and Wendy will get together to come up with a date that works for all by the end of the conference. The date will probably be around the end of September, if it is available. Laura Grott said she would ask the Little America rep for dates.

Association Management Software

Deb McCarthy discussed the idea of Association Management Software which was prompted by the Kinney's leaving and the need to change our webmasters and take a look at a more effective way of keeping mailing lists up-to-date, etc. The Board indicated they'd like to look at the program with MemberClicks. Laura Grott said she would set up a training session.

In the interim Rebecca will do the website. Laura will send Erin's new address to everyone.

By-Laws Changes

Jamie Markus discussed the by-laws change which would formalize the Library Leadership Institute Advisor. This is an additional Section. The funds are held in trust with WLA. There is no formal way to spend the money. The by-laws addition uses the same wording as the other advisors. The Board discussed this and liked the wording except the wording, without Board approval.

A motion was duly made and seconded to bring the by-laws change to the membership. Motion

Future of conference and member participation

Deb McCarty indicated she was unable to get a second person to serve on the committee for conference. Richard could get a committee to do the current format, etc. Do we need to get the leadership people more involved? Mentoring is also a piece of this. We don't really have a mentoring group. We need to look at it.

OTHER BUSINESS

2014 Conference: Sue Knesel is working on a big name author for MPLA. 2014 100th Anniversary of WLA. Maggie Farrell and Lesley Boughton will be working on some ideas for the 100th Anniversary celebration for WLA. American Heritage Center has the archives.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Grott
WLA Executive Secretary