

CONFERENCE CALL
EXECUTIVE BOARD – WY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
DECEMBER 13, 2013

PRESENT: Richard Landreth, Rebecca Steffen, Deb McCarthy, Steve Boss, Lesley Boughton, Carey Hartmann, Karen Kitchens, Jamie Markus and Scott Barber.

Richard Landreth called the meeting to order @ 11:04 a.m.

MEMBERCLICKS: Rebecca Steffen said that she and Laura Grott have been doing training on MemberClicks. Rebecca is doing the website, testing forms, etc. Laura Grott said that she is doing training and hopes to have membership form out by January 1st. Rebecca is going to link all WYLA.org sites to MemberClicks. We are hoping that in time we won't be using the wyla.org site at all. Laura indicated when they do the social media training, she would like to invite the interest group leaders to participate, if they'd like.

2014 Conference Update: Richard Landreth said Brad Matthies resigned and cannot continue as local Chair and that he will be looking for a volunteer to fill this position. If you have any ideas, please let Richard know.

2015 Conference – Richard also indicated he would like to find a Cheyenne Local person ASAP for 2015. Steve Boss indicated the dates are Sept. 23 – 25, 2015 @ Little America. MPLA, Wendy Wendt is aware of this date and in agreement. The date was chosen after coordinating with the other MPLA state conferences. We are in conflict with S.D. We need to figure out contracts with MPLA as well.

Communications Chair – Brittany is gone. Laura indicated in the interim there can be correspondence and newsletter templates via MemberClicks that she could probably get out. Steve Boss said that he would help as well.

WY State Library – Lesley Boughton, State Librarian gave the report regarding the budget: There has been a hearing in front of the Joint Appropriations Committee. Federal funds are in a separate budget, which has been confusing for some of the Legislators. Rep. Steve Harshman is the co-chair of the JAC and he understands the differences between State/Federal budget and the breakout this year. The State budget looks less because it has been separated out from federal funds. There are a couple of exceptions in the budget. The State Library wants to put five employees into the general money. They no longer spend 100% of their time on WYLD. The State Legislature paid 100% of all costs of WYLD until 1977, then the Director of A & I, in response to less revenue asked libraries to pay 40% of the cost. The Legislature has never mandated to have salaries underwritten. It's a net to zero request because the money in the past used to pay staff would stay in the standard budget. This doesn't cost the state or libraries anything. If you have any questions, please ask Lesley. The other request came from the enterprise technology services. IT consolidation is looking for another \$25,000 from the State Library because they are requiring the State Library to use their cloud, which isn't a bad thing for storage, but they seriously underestimated how much storage is needed. Not sure where they got the \$\$\$ figure. If you look at the budget, you'll see two things:

- 1) Additional 300,000 for library endowment challenge
- 2) \$200,000 for projects at the State Library – they have asked for digitization (newspapers in WY) @ \$100,000. The other \$100,000 would be to promote maker spaces in communities in conjunction with public libraries, school districts, and state library. This would be a widespread process for math/science education.

This would all be in Governor's discretionary spending.

Legislative Reception: Steve Barber said the date is February 20, 2014. It's going to be at the WY State Library upon adjournment. Laura Grott indicated we needed to schedule a Board meeting for that day as well. Carey Hartmann said they would host at the usual 10:00 a.m. time. The state library will be doing training for Directors that afternoon at the County Library. It will be on the 2nd floor in the Coneflower Room. If anyone wants in earlier, please let Carey know.

Check Signature Policy: Laura Grott discussed the current WLA check policy. After discussing the current policy the following motion was made:

Carey Hartmann moved to have the two recurring invoices directly deposited to bank accounts (Marian and Laura's salaries). Anything over \$500 requiring two signatures may be sent to the President or Vice-President via internet for approval. A copy of the invoice and check will be sent and then approved for the one signature. Seconded by Rebecca Steffen. Motion carried.

Steve Boss sent his MPLA report.

Richard Landreth will be sending an e-mail to the membership to talk about MemberClicks as well as asking for conference volunteers for 2014/2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Grott
WLA Ex. Secretary