

WYOMING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
CONEFLOWER – CHEYENNE – FEBRUARY 20, 2014

PRESENT: Richard Landreth, Deb McCarthy, Chris VanBurgh, Karen Kitchens, Lori Phillips, Mary Rhoads, Carey Hartmann, Laura Grott and Lesley Boughton.

President Richard Landreth called the meeting to order @ 10 :10 a.m. *A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.*

MINUTES OF THE MEETING: *A motion was duly made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 3, November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup> board meetings. Motion carried.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Richard Landreth e-mailed his report to the Board. His goals are to communicate more with members. He also brought up the issue of volunteerism. The Board discussed possibilities of getting people involved. A suggestion was to have a conference program on leadership and volunteerism to discuss how people can get involved. Having a mentor would be part of this leadership piece. Having a new person with a mentor to fall back on would probably help Lori Phillips said she would enjoy doing something at conference on this. Richard also did some appointments to committee's and interest groups. Stephen Boss is going to be the 2015 Conference Chair. He has a good mentor in Maggie Farrell and the office staff is also on alert. Monica Brennan is going to be the 2014 conference chair.

TREASURER'S REPORT/BUDGET APPROVAL: Laura Grott discussed the financial summary and budget. *A motion was duly made and seconded to accept the 2014 Budget and the fees proposed for the 2014 conference. Motion carried.*

ALA REPORT: Carey Hartmann e-mailed her report. Highlights are that ALA is struggling to stay relevant to their members. They have had loss of revenue because of publishing. They've cut staff at both offices and have a movement in counsel to see how relevant the resolutions are that they pass. They want to know if the resolutions matter.

MPLA REPORT: Steve Boss mailed in his report.

WY STATE LIBRARY REPORT: Lesley Boughton presented the first issue of Wyoming Libraries. This was the first meeting in 1914. The Women's Federation will be invited to attend the celebration in Casper. Some kind of women's organization was always involved in the Library Association. Last week they received confirmation of LSTA funds for Oct. 1. Recovered 8% they lost. Legislature budget bill is primarily of interest. They've been getting the WYLD staff off 60/40 split and onto 100% state funding. That is not controversial. There are no amendments, etc. So, more than likely a done deal. This will be an advantage to people that use the system. There were five positions in the split. Senator Wayne Johnson, former State Librarian, has been instrumental in helping worthy library projects. Digitization, Maker Spaces and E-Resources. The Governor chose E-Resources and Digitization for his operating budget. The Governor also recommended money for the Endowment Challenge. The only one in the budget is e-books. Nothing else has been included. There will be more funding for cloud storage.

Lesley discussed other issues of interest including:

HB 46 – PENSION PLANS. Sometimes it's hard to find out how this affects different people. State, County, etc. Marion should clarify this. HB 151 – Indecency - If you are in a public environment and it puts someone in an uncomfortable situation.

SF 18 – It used to be counties had to publish name, position and salaries of elected officials. This bill says every full time employee needs to be listed.

Section 334 – Early Childhood Programs – they are putting a lot of money into early childhood literacy. The bill didn't pass, but there is money in the budget. This is more of a First Lady Initiative. This is a good step in the right direction and opportunity for libraries. There are millions of dollars in that section.

SF 87 – Public Records – Automatic deletion software – can't do mass deletions. You have to consider each deletion individually.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Lori Phillips gave the Legislative Report. Lori thanked Richard for asking her and she would love some mentoring. Lori discussed the issues at hand during the legislative process. Endowment and she'd like to solidify the roster and committee members to move forward.

SF 5 – engrossed in Senate and received for introduction in House.

No other interest group information. Looking forward to MemberClicks on how to use the social media.

Mary Rhoads – The Youth and YA section have merged and there is a spring meeting May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Cheyenne and the Collaborative School Learning Program is in April in Mississippi. Darcy Accord and Sharon Mikelson are going.

LIBRARY LEADERSHIP – Chris Van Burgh – There were 10 people accepted this year. Even year they do more training and conference. Off years they do an institute. The Board may be able to formalize the mentoring program from grad to grad and add the WLA piece for volunteering. Ten attendee's and two mentors to back up this program. It worked out great. They have increased the fundraising and will be doing a cookbook. They will pre-sell and then have some at conference. Hopefully this year. 2015 will be the next leadership institute.

## OLD BUSINESS

By-Laws – this created the WY Library Leadership Advisor. *A motion was duly made and seconded to accept the change in the wording of the Article IV, Section I. Motion carried.*

2014 CONFERENCE UPDATE: Monica Brennan has volunteered to be the Conference Chair. They are working on logo (intern from UW), they have ideas, etc. and should be finalized soon. The keynote speaker has been chosen. Margaret Haddock will be CYA Luncheon speaker. Programs have been put out there. We should reach out to retired librarians to attend the opening reception, which a committee is working on.

2015 MPLA CONFERENCE– Laura said she'd start contract with Little America and asked if we should get more rooms for programs. The Board thought we should. Laura will send the MPLA contract to the

Board for approval as soon as she receives it. Steve Boss is working with MPLA President on the contract.

MEMBERCLICKS – Laura Grott gave the MemberClicks report and said that the membership has embraced it and we've had relatively very little complaints or problems. To-date, 136 members have joined.

CHECK APPROVAL SYSTEM – Laura discussed that to direct deposit checks into the two contracted employee's would be about \$50 per month. Richard said it works very well for Laura to send the documents and checks via e-mail. Laura said the motion from the Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> minutes needed revised.

*A motion was duly made and seconded that the recurring two invoices (Marian and Laura) will now be sent to the President via internet for approval instead of doing direct deposit. Motion carried.*

LOBBYIST CONTRACT: Richard Landreth brought forth Marian Schultz contract. It would be \$10,000 per year, which is the same as last year. *A motion was duly made and seconded to extend the contract to Marian for 2014. Motion carried.*

Carey Hartmann read a thank you note from the ALA office, thanking WLA for their contribution to the ALA Office and Legislative Day.

NEW BUSINESS:

YOUTH BOOK AWARD FUND. Laura Grott discussed that there is limited money left in this account and that at some point, probably two years from now, it needs to be funded in a different way. Mary said they'd discuss it at the spring meeting.

DEBBIE IVERSON SCHOLARSHIP – Laura indicated that Sara Francis had been awarded \$500 for training. Since she left the state, she sent back the money she received.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Grott  
Executive Secretary