

WLA Executive Board Meeting
Sinclair Room, Little America
September 23, 2015
12:00 p.m.

Those present: Rebecca Steffen, Carey Hartmann, Jamie Markus, Richard Landreth, Steve Boss, Darcy Acord, Chris Van Burgh, Karen Kitchens, Laura Grott, Brian Greene and Sid Stanfill

Call to order by President Rebecca Steffen

Quorum established

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Jason Grubb appointed to Legislative committee.
- President wrote letter to A&I supporting state library.
- Lobbyist Marian Orr was extended another contract and accepted.
- Marian Orr brought forward suggestion to establish WLA legislative strategy and goals.
- Transition to MemberClicks has been watched closely. Website and elists are automatically redirected to MemberClicks now.
- Suggested that we evaluate the usage of MemberClicks. there are advantages and disadvantages. It was suggested that next year (2016) this needs to happen. Steve, Rebecca, Laura and possibly Richard might be good people to do this. There are other possibilities out there... Wordpress and Druple are examples. Steve is going to look into both of these possibilities for WLA.
- Looking for a 2016 Chairperson, so far no luck.

Treasurer's Report: Laura Grott discussed the finances and the conference and said we are in great shape. She brought up the sponsorships that WLA had gotten for the conference and suggested that we don't share those proceeds as part of the MPLA split. The MPLA/WLA contract does not say we need to share sponsorship money. The Board agreed that the checks were written to WLA and that is how we will help fund our part of the conference. Laura Grott said the only sponsorship money that should be used for conference is from ProQuest for the registration gift. The Board agreed on that as well.

Update on the WLA/MPLA conference:

- 304 total registrants, close to 90 MPLA.
- It will take about a month to get everything paid and an accounting of all expenses.

ALA: Carey submitted her report.

Something to consider. Partnering with schools and look at chapter joint membership program. Support of ESLA, copyright, etc.

MPLA: Steve submitted a report.

Shout out to all the people helping to set up conference. Looking forward to a great conference.

Legislative Report: Report submitted

Lori Phillips, Legislative Chair, will be submitting an amended report to correct/clarify HR 76 wording.

WLLI – Chris Van Burgh: Report submitted

State Library: Jamie Markus talked about all of the activities at the State Library. Sponsored \$5000 for next year's WLLI. Currently, the State Library is in transition, 30% turnover rate. Many of the others can retire. Will be able to complete the mission of the State Library. New staff, updating website and logos. Working with ND & SD state libraries supporting funding of people getting masters. Moved WYLD servers, etc. They are changing how they are communicating, newsletters will come out. More E content will be purchased, school library consultant on staff who will interact with school libraries, support and experience. Two school librarians on tech plan advisory committee. As far as a new state librarian? They aren't sure when that will happen.

2016 CONFERENCE

2016 in Jackson, 2017 in Casper is possible. There was spirited discussion about Parkway Plaza. Steve looking into Hilton Garden Inn and Gateway in Laramie as that could add another venue.

YA Interest group: Report submitted. Darcy Accord gave report about Spring YA meeting.

School Interest group: Report submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Notes from Sue Knesel: Was on conference committee and has some concerns. Talked about clarifying arranging author for Friday luncheon. School/YA switching back and forth between children's and teen authors.

Program idea for the near future: *How to belong without belonging...* program will be sponsored by WLA Board. Rebecca Steffen and Richard Landreth will work on this!

More MemberClicks discussion. Brought forward that maybe it is time to employ a true webmaster as other states do. Maybe look into a web company. This is a lot to ask a volunteer to do.

Sid Stanfill, incoming President, will send a letter regarding appointment of new librarian of congress. We want this person to be a librarian. Board voted to send the letter asap.

Adjourned at 1:20.