

Conference Call  
WLA Executive Board  
October 12, 2017 @ 2 p.m.

Present: Katrina Brown, Laura Grott, Brian Greene, Jamie Markus, Cindy Moore, Sid Stanfill, Kate Mutch, Abby Beaver, Anna Smedts and Elizabeth Thorson.

Katrina Brown called the meeting to order.

2017 Conference Survey Results were discussed by the Executive Board. Highlights of the survey included:

- Liked the August time-frame
- Enjoyed the community college atmosphere
- Liked the option for dorms
- Liked the price of meals included in the cost
- Enjoyed the Reception/Awards banquet – No Cost – More people came
- Awards banquet should highlight the recipients a little more/winners – get info out more for people to present program ideas.
- Overall, liked having Info Power with conference. Would like more higher education/College - not just K-12.
- Programming/Keynotes

At the Director Retreat last week, Katrina polled the Director's on the conference. The bottom line was that if we can give people more notice, they can plan their vacations and not conflict with the conference. They had less notice and if people can expect it, they can build it into their schedule. We should stay consistent. Most people think it's better to keep it every year at the same time. Jennisen Lucas, interest group for School librarians indicated she'd like to keep it in August before August 15<sup>th</sup>. Would like to keep Info Power coinciding with WLA.

There is a consensus that August is good. The Board agreed. There seems to be a consensus to use UW and all Community Colleges for future sites.

### 2018 Conference

Kate Mutch has suggested Casper College as a location for 2018. Sid Stanfill indicated that there may be a tech issue with lay-offs, but that is something we should find out.

Katrina asked the Board to come up with a primary and two secondary locations to look for in 2018: Casper College would be our primary place. Secondary may be CWC (Riverton or Lander) or Western Community College (Rock Springs) – Katrina will contact them. Laura Grott said she would be pro-active and check on all the other facilities for future conference consideration. Laura Grott will work on a conference spec sheet for calls to libraries. The dates will be either August 1-2-3 or 8-9-10, 2018.

### ALA Student Membership

Katrina Brown, Laura Grott and Brian Greene had a conference call a few weeks ago to discuss the issue. It was their feeling that they would like to recommend that we offer this as an option to students in WLA and make them voting members of WLA. This needs further discussion to see if we need a by-laws change.

### By-Laws changes

Katrina Brown discussed some of the issues that she has tasked the ad hoc by-laws committee with including: interest groups, terms, Ex. Board, Awards Committee #'s and ALA/Student membership. Debbie McCarthy, past WLA President, is going to Chair this committee to make recommendations on needed by-laws changes. Katrina indicated they'd like to have six people – large public, small public, state, UW, youth and teacher. Abby and Debbie are currently on the Committee. The by-laws would be voted on prior to the next WLA Conference.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Grott