

Minutes of the Meeting  
WLA Executive Board  
February 22, 2018 – Laramie County Public Library, Cheyenne

Present: Kate Mutch, Sid Stanfill, Jamie Markus, Elizabeth Thorson, Abigail Beaver, Cindy Moore, Brian Greene and Laura Grott.

A quorum was determined. ***A motion was duly made to accept the agenda. Motion carried.***

Kate Mutch called the meeting to order @ 11:10 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

A few name changes were noted for correction. ***A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August Executive Board meeting and Conference Call of Oct. 12, 2017*** Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report was submitted. Katrina Brown was unable to attend the meeting.

FINANCIAL/TREASURER

Laura Grott presented the financial summary and report. The Board discussed the budget and conference budget and fees. There was discussion on looking further at a platform for our website and association management, besides MemberClicks. Elizabeth Thorson and Laura Grott will look at it and she will ask Steve Boss and Rebecca Schuh to continue with them on the committee. Laura indicated the D&O insurance is due and a discussion about it took place. The Board thought it would be a good idea to keep the insurance and pay the bill this year, but that perhaps Brian Greene could ask ALA or other chapter members which company they use, to see if there were better options available at lower cost. ***A motion was made to approve the financial report, the 2018 budget and the conference budget and fees for vendors and registration. Motion carried.***

ALA COUNCILOR

Brian Greene talked about White House Budget request which he deferred to Jamie Markus. Mary Ghikas has been nominated as Executive Director. Council passed the following:

1. Education requirement for Ex. Director to a member vote. Suspension for now on Ex. Director search. Hope to have an Ex. Director by January 2020.
2. Council has approved a dues proposal. Voting will end April 4<sup>th</sup>. April 11<sup>th</sup> will be made public.

Organizational effectiveness. Talking about how things may need to be changed. This Will be CPI related.

Intellectual Freedom Advisory – there was a post to see if anyone had challenges. A couple of things have popped up. Brian discussed a few issues libraries have been dealing with as far as intellectual freedom issues. There are many challenges facing librarians, but we don't always hear about them.

Brian asked if it would be helpful to have a reference point on the website to have challenges present for references? The Board felt it would be fine.

### **MPLA**

Cindy Moore said MPLA is working to increase revenue. They've included a membership category for Authors. This would also increase availability for Authors.

### **STATE LIBRARY REPORT**

Jamie Markus said there has been an increase in Board/Director calls to the State library. This is in correlation to the budget. Questions are coming up on how things should have been done. The State Library is helping with any inquiries. Other issues discussed are:

National Issues such as Net Neutrality

Government Publishing Office – Watching federal depository program.

Institute of Library Services slated to be closed in President's FY2019 budget.

State Library budget – Looking at a possible \$150,000 loss for databases and they are looking at shared purchases. Won't know final budget numbers until after the session.

State Library turnover of 2 positions over 6 weeks. Hired a new library technician and another will be joining in about a month.

Dept. of Education would like the State Library to take over the Talking Books program, which currently serves about 675 people at the cost of \$100,000 to run it. Jamie said they won't move forward unless there is funding. Will address this in a month or two.

### **LEGISLATIVE**

Cameron Duff was unable to attend, so Jamie Markus discussed the lobbyist WLA hired for the session only and that anyone is welcome to attend Legislative Day in DC and would love to have more people, if they can come. The Legislative Committee will decide who will go to DC. Janice Grover-Roosa went last year, so she would more than likely go this year.

### **INTEREST GROUPS**

Abigail Beaver discussed LEAD having a meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February. Deb McCarthy is leading up the by-laws committee to look at leadership advisor and interest group representative and two representative leaders. The Board also discussed the leadership roles within the interest groups. Do we still want to have Past President, President and Vice President and how the leadership of WLA should serve? One thought was having two

Vice-Presidents, with the 3<sup>rd</sup> year serving as President and then not having a past-President.

**STUDENT/ALA PARTNERSHIP**

Still needs a by-laws recommendation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2018 Casper Conference – Kate Mutch discussed we are ready to go and the committee will be soon looking at program submissions and venue's and opportunities for the reception.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Grott  
Executive Secretary