

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
WLA EXECUTIVE BOARD  
FEBRUARY 7, 2019  
Laramie County Public Library

Present: Kate Mutch, Lisa Scroggins, Abby Beaver, Chris Van Burgh, Deb McCarthy, Laura Grott, Katrina Brown, Jacque Strike, Elizabeth Thorson, Jamie Markus and Janice Grover-Roosa (via phone).

President Kate Mutch called the meeting to order @ 11:35 am

***A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the agenda. Kate Mutch added the resolution for LSTA to the agenda. Motion carried.***

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

There was a name change for Mark Stratton to Marc.

***A motion was duly made and seconded to accept the minutes of the August 2018 Board meeting. Motion carried.***

**PRESIDENT REPORT**

Later this month, Kate Mutch will be going to Washington, DC for their fly-in day.

**TREASURER REPORT/2019 BUDGET**

Laura Grott gave a financial report to the committee as well as a full discussion on the 2019 Budget and Conference Budget.

***A motion was duly made and seconded to accept the 2019 budget with changes on addition errors. Motion carried.***

***A motion was duly made and seconded to accept the fees and 2019 budget for the 2019 conference. Motion carried.***

**MPLA REPORT**

Cindy Moore was unable to attend.

**STATE LIBRARY REPORT**

- 1) New Governor – New policies – New Opportunities
- 2) No new A & I Director yet. Governor hasn't named the position.
- 3) Reached out to new first lady about library initiatives.
- 4) Buck McVeigh – Policy Advisor – The State Library has reached out to him. Well acquainted.
- 5) No legislative issues this year for libraries or state library.

Jamie Markus discussed grant opportunities. Open Education Resource work for school libraries, leap into science for libraries and after school workers (daycare), start training in February. Brining NASA for youth services meeting. The State Library is kicking in for hotel rooms for training. They are working with UW on the newspaper project and digitization efforts. Hoping to fold the work together that both have done. This is probably a decade long work in progress. Hemingway One Book project is in March and they are heavily involved in Census work. Dean Faucet is the 2020 Census Director. Economic analyst people are taking the lead.

WYLD – keep moving forward with statewide infrastructure. Endowments are looking great. Only two libraries that haven't claimed all their money, but they are working on it.

Jamie Markus discussed Central Acquisitions and the investment made in foreign bonds which haven't done well and that the state government pool must make up for the lost value, so members of the pool will be assessed the value of the loss. Soon, the rate being paid to people who have money in central acquisitions may be cut as low as 1%. Jamie will keep the Board up to date on that.

Laura Grott suggested that at the point central acquisitions cuts the interest rate, it may be wise to look at options for the WLA money. CD rates are going up and some pay as high as 3%.

### **FINANCIAL AUDIT**

Karen Kitchens and Meghan Kelly sent a report.

### **ALA REPRESENTATIVE**

Janice Grover-Roosa reported that there were two bigger resolutions that were voted at ALA council. Adding sustainability as a foundational principle of library service was one. Had some concerns as Wyoming is an energy state, discussed with Jamie for his input. After hearing debate, it seemed like a good practical resolution, when possible and where possible, librarians make sure they are as efficient as possible. She indicated she voted in favor, because it was a good solid resolution. Another resolution about changing language in the ALA bill of rights from prisoner's rights to read to incarcerated people's right to read. Other than that it was a good learning experience for her.

She discussed how to disseminate info to WLA for input. Wants to have membership involved. She should be voting as per membership – with the info she has at the time. Would like to see more WLA involvement in what the collective stance would be going into meetings.

### **BY-LAWS UPDATE**

Deb McCarthy gave the by-laws committee report and suggested edits to the by-laws. She will do a redline and have the Ex. Board review again.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Chair of the Legislative Committee, Lisa Scroggins said the committee has had one call and a meeting to follow Ex. Board meeting. They made a recommendation to this Board for Sheryl Kaiser to be the lobbyist. It's a different type of contract. She's on a retainer fee upfront. If there are specific tasks it would be billed separately. The State Library produced a google doc to track legislation. Jamie does a great job in keeping it updated. In October, all legislative committee has been encouraged to participate in legislative process. Didn't go out to all Directors until yesterday. All Directors have the link to the shared google doc (sharable, editable). It's good for everyone to look at all docs, but it is good for all to look at. The national Library legislative day has been canceled because it coincides with ALA summer conference. They are doing an ALA fly-in. Janice can't attend, so Kate Mutch will be attending that fly-in to DC. This is this year's replacement to NL day. ALA is covering the cost. Natrona County will take care of anything not paid.

Janice Grover-Roosa said it was her sense that National Legislative Day might happen again, but they are experimenting with what is the best way to contact congressional delegation. It has more to do with ALA conflict.

## **WLLI**

Chris Van Burgh said they are putting together teams for fundraising options and will be holding a graduate institute on the alternate years of the newbie institute. Weren't many applications at the beginning, then we realized much of the staff don't have their own e-mail. Once they contacted all directors, saw wonderful response.

They are planning a 2019 Graduate Institute and a 2020 Newbie Institute. Not sure how they will select the members.

Had a mentoring program, but many that were on the group left the state, so they are going to try to get it going again.

## **BYLAWS**

Deb McCarthy went through all of the by-laws changes the committee made, took comment by the Board and will send a new document for review of the Ex. Board. A redline version will be sent to the membership for comment and prior to vote.

## **2019 CONFERENCE**

Abby Beaver said the call for proposal is out and will do another. They have booked Patrick Sweeney as keynote speaker on Make it Happen, Party Hard and another session. Possible pre-conference with National Network of Library and Medicine. George Strawley wants to do a conference. Also, a session with Jim Honour on physics and science. Chris Van Burgh and Abby Beaver are looking at Ron Franscell. LEAD is working on bringing ALA incoming president-elect, Wanda Kay Brown.

## **RESOLUTION ON LSTA GRANTS**

Kate Mutch passed out the Resolution in support of increasing LSTA Grants to States Program Funding. It calls on Congress and Chief officers/ALA to support to \$1 per capita. We currently get .50 cents per capita. Probably won't do too much for Wyoming, but it should be a nice hefty increase if they put more money in the program. 1.5 million would be a great allotment and an increase from what we previously get.

***A motion was duly made and seconded to support the resolution. Motion carried.***

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Grott  
Executive