

WLA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
Minutes from January 20, 2017  
Laramie County Public Library – Cheyenne, WY

Call to Order at 8:35 am

Attendance:

- Cameron Duff, Jason Grubb, Kate Mutch, Caitlin White, Sid Stanfill, Katrina Brown, Rebecca Schuh, Jamie Markus, Susan Stubson, Paige Bredenkamp

Approval of Minutes

- Kate made the motion; Sid seconded. Minutes approved as presented

Changes to Agenda

- Next meeting date will either be June 1-2 or August 10-11
- Kate made the motion; Sid seconded. Agenda approved as revised

Recap of Reception

- Sid gave a recap of the Legislative Reception held at the State Library on January 19, 2017. Turnout was good with several newly elected officials.
- Jamie mentioned that the State Library will be losing some space in their building so it may affect next year's reception.

National Library Legislative Day

- Jamie and Ivan will be going
- Question was raised about whether the Legislative Committee should still send a representative.
- There was much discussion about whether to save money by not sending someone.
- Jason made a Motion to request funds from the WLA Executive Board to send a representative from the Legislative Committee to the 2017 National Library Legislative Day. Kate seconded. Motion approved

Reports

- WLA Lobbyist – Susan Stubson
  - Libraries need to have an organizational chart of “library friendly” elected officials in case there is a need for a “call to arms”
  - Budget work starts up again on July 1, 2107
  - Susan met with the Treasurer's Office about the Endowment. No real changes should be expected
  - No specific bills have been introduced that would affect libraries but there is concern about the cuts to education.
  - Concerns about any impact to County funds were raised and will be monitored
  - Jamie mentioned that as of now, the school librarians remain in the funding block grant model.
- Public Libraries – No report

- School Libraries
  - Written report submitted
  - Paige mentioned that No Child Left Behind and School Libraries being included in ESSA
  - Wyoming Education Department (WED) is drafting a document which includes school librarians. No guarantee of funding but gives some leverage.
  - Paige is working with WED on a regular basis to get school libraries on their radar including adding School Digital Learning, Open Education Resources, and Future Ready State into education
  - Information Power Institute will take place this summer
- Community College Libraries
  - Performance funding model changes every year.
  - Big push to enroll students who will complete their degree as Support services funding suffers when push is on enrolling more students who don't complete their degree.
- University of Wyoming – No report
- National Issues
  - Brian is headed to DC as the WLA/ALA representative
  - Jamie reported that NEA/NEH is not included for funding under the President's proposed budget which could be a trend for IMLS and LSTA funding
  - Currently Wyoming receives over \$900,000 in LSTA funding so if there are any cuts to this program, resource sharing could be affected.
  - Director of the ALA – DC office is retiring
- State Issues – Written report submitted
- WLA Issues
  - Sid there was a great discussion at the Executive Board meeting
  - WLA Conference was a major topic and it was decided to be held at Sheridan College on August 10-11, 2017
  - Discussion about luncheons at the Conference and whether to have a Legislative Luncheon.

#### Next Meeting

- Discussion about holding a more regular meeting of the Legislative Committee.
- Possible options included the WYLD annual meeting on June 1-2 but no final decision made

Caitlin moved to adjourn the Legislative Committee meeting at 9:34 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Cameron K. Duff  
Chair – Legislative Committee