

WASHINGTON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
Board Meeting - Timberland Regional Library Headquarters  
February 14, 2008

Reported by Nancy Slote, Secretary

**Attending:**

Katie Cargill, Eastern Washington Univ., PNLA Representative  
Sally Chilson, Spokane Public Library, 2009 Conference Chair  
Heidi Chittim, Eastern Washington Univ., WALE Chair  
Karin Ford, Ft. Vancouver Regional Library, 2008 Conf. Chair  
Elizabeth Iaukea, Pierce County Library System, IG Coordinator  
Priscilla Ice, Spokane County Library District, Treasurer  
Tim Mallory, Timberland Regional Library, VP/President Elect  
Martha Parsons, Washington State University Energy Library, President  
Mary Ross, Consultant, Continuing Education Coordinator  
Carol Schuyler, Kitsap Regional Library, WLFFTA Chair  
Rand Simmons, Washington State Library, Federal Relations Co-Coordinator  
Nancy Slote, Seattle Public Library, Secretary  
Will Stuvenga, Washington State Library, Member Services Chair  
Margaret Thomas, South Puget Sound Community College, *Aiki* Editor  
Mike Wessells, Timberland Regional Library, Intellectual Freedom Com. Chair  
Gail Willis, Association Coordinator  
Mike Wirt, Spokane County Library District, Co-chair, Legislative Planning Committee  
Mary Wise, Central Washington University, *Aiki* Editorial Committee Chair  
Jennifer Wiseman, King County Library System, Coordinator of Communications

**Visitors**

Kristin Crowe, Melby, Cameron and Anderson  
Don Willis, Seattle Public Library

**President Martha Parsons called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.**

**Agenda**

The agenda was accepted as written.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion:** Move to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2008 board meeting.

**Moved:** Nancy Slote

**Seconded:** Carol Schuyler

Approved.

**Recording of Electronic Votes**

**Motion:** That the WLA Board accept the invitation of the advisory group for NW CENTRAL to have a WLA representative to that group and that the representative be the WLA Coordinator of Continuing Education.

**Moved:** Mary Ross

**Seconded:** Tim Mallory

**Motion:** That WLA support the Fund Our Future Washington initiative [www.fundourfuturewashington.org/] by becoming a partner (along with other organizations

such as the Washington State PTA and American Association of School Librarians) and including the initiative as an Association 2008 legislative priority.

**Moved:** Martha Parsons

**Seconded:** Priscilla Ice

**Motion:** That WLA donate \$500 to support the Washington Coalition for School Libraries and Information Technology (WCSLit) "Fund Our Future [www.fundourfuturewashington.org/] effort to save school libraries in Washington State. WLA is already making significant contributions to the effort by providing consulting advice by Legislative Liaison, Steve Duncan, and the Legislative Planning Committee Co-Chair, Mike Wirt, as well as publishing an Issue Brief on SB 6380, but a monetary donation will further support their efforts.

**Moved:** Martha Parsons

**Seconded:** Tim Mallory

#### Re-Call Motion

**Moved:** To rescind the motion re: WLMA dues approved electronically and recorded in the November 30, 2007 board minutes.

**Moved:** Priscilla Ice

**Seconded:** Tim Mallory

Approved.

#### Treasurer's Report - Priscilla Ice

The board reviewed the standard reports (Balance Sheet, IG Restricted Funds, Budget Year to Date, Job Ledger Report, and Cash Disbursement Journal) and found the reports to be order. Line 25, LAF Budget, will be corrected to read 6 attendees at National Legislative Day. Priscilla added to her report that with the consolidation of accounts, the accounts are earning more interest.

The IG Restricted Funds continue to be a source of confusion. IG Coordinator Elizabeth laukea requested an accounting of exact funds set to expire on July 31, 2008. In order to provide the accounting, Priscilla will need to know the anticipated expenses at the 2008 Conference. Elizabeth recommended, as she has done previously, that the board review the funding structure for the IG's as well as the expectations regarding IG workshops.

#### Conference 2009 - Sally Chilson

**Motion:** To approve the proposed budget for the 2009 conference Spokane as amended to raise registration fees for Early Bird, WLA to \$150 and to adjust other rates by \$30.

**Moved:** Sally Chilson

**Seconded:** Tim Mallory

Approved.

#### WALE Conference, 2008 - Heidi Chittim

**Moved:** To approve the theme, "Capitalize Your Career" and the general concept of the conference logo. The logo will be reviewed by the Communications Coordinator and distributed to the board for an electronic vote.

**Moved:** Jennifer Wiseman

**Seconded:** Carol Schuyler

Approved.

#### Conference 2010 - Martha Parsons

The President appointed Phil Heikkinen as Conference 2010 Chair. Phil's name appears on the 2008 ballot for member approval.

#### **Continuing Education Coordinator** - Mary Ross

**Motion:** That the WLA Board concur with the recommendation of the Selection Committee for the Graduate Study Scholarships, that the committee award one full scholarship (\$6000) and one or more partial scholarships annually depending on the money available in the scholarship restricted fund.

**Moved:** Mary Ross

**Seconded:** Elizabeth Laukea

Approved.

Currently, the Scholarship Committee considers scholarship requests for MLIS study; however, Mary believes that WLA has an opportunity to expand its scholarship program to support paraprofessional education and to expand diversity in the library community. Mary will ask the Scholarship Committee to bring a recommendation to the Board.

#### **Strategic Plan** - Phil Heikkinen (by phone)

Per Phil's written report, he will contact individuals listed as responsible for specific tasks in the Strategic Plan to determine progress prior the June board retreat. The retreat will provide an opportunity to discuss the use of the Strategic Plan for the board, and the revamping of the board meeting agendas to focus on strategic planning. Tim Mallory, Martha Parsons, Gail Willis, Phil Heikkinen, and Kristin Crowe will work on a retreat presentation.

#### **2010 Conference** - Phil Heikkinen (by phone) Addition to the Agenda

Monica Weyhe has begun negotiations with the conference center for the 2010 Yakima Conference.

#### **PNLA** - Katie Cargill

**Motion:** To approve \$1000 to be given to PNLA towards the Leadership Institute.

**Moved:** Katie Cargill

**Seconded:** Carol Schuyler

Approved.

Katie reminded the board that WLA has also given scholarships for attendance at the Leadership Institute. She would like the board to explore ways to include graduates of the Institute in WLA activities. Although WLA expects graduates to become involved in state professional library organizations, WLA may need to do more to encourage such participation. At the very least, attendees should be members of WLA.

#### **Federal Relations** - Rand Simmons

The board accepted the following recommendations of the Federal Relations Coordinators:  
Delegates will consist of:

- 1) The Federal Relations Coordinator (where there are co-chairs either or both may attend)
- 2) One of the Co-Chairs of the WLA Legislative Planning Committee
- 3) The Washington State Librarian
- 4) A representative of WLFFTA
- 5) Members-at-Large providing wide congressional district representation as possible.

The number of members-at-large delegates will be determined by the budget and the number of the first four types of delegates (listed above) who are attending. Members-at-large may serve a term of two consecutive years and may serve more than one term provided there is at least one year's gap between terms.

The 2008 delegates will be:

Rand Simmons and Kristie Kirkpatrick, Co-Coordinators

Mike Wirt, Legislative Committee Co-Chair

Jan Walsh, State Librarian

Marilyn Mitchell, Jefferson County Library District Trustee, representing WLFETA

Mary Jo Torgeson, Director, Puyallup Public Library, Member-at-Large

**WCOG** - Nancy Slote for Patience Rogge

Martha Parsons provided background information on WLA's relationship with WCOG. The issue at hand is WLA's continued membership in WCOG, and WLA's representation on the WCOG board, currently filled by Patience Rogge. Some board members felt that WLA and WCOG's missions overlapped, and that the two organizations had a natural fit in terms of intellectual freedom issues and access to public records. From the perspective of the Legislative Planning Committee, however, while the affinity of interests perspective made sense in theory, the relationship could be problematic from a pragmatic, legislative viewpoint. As an example, WCOG currently supports a bill on the taping of executive sessions, while WLA, through the Legislative Planning Committee, has not taken a position on this bill. As a member of WCOG, WLA then would possibly be associated with support for the bill, when, in fact, WLA has not taken a position on the bill. The question was raised whether WLA would have a similar problem with any organization with which it might have a reciprocal relationship.

**Motion:** that the Washington Library Association renew its annual membership in the Washington Coalition for Open Government in order to continue its place on the board of the coalition; furthermore that WLA discontinue its monetary obligation to fund the attendance of the WLA/WCOG representative at coalition board meetings and to document the representative's expenses incurred by such attendance as an in-kind contribution to WLA.

**Moved:** Nancy Slote

**Seconded:** Tim Mallory

Not approved.

**Motion:** that WLA not renew its membership in WCOG.

**Moved:** Jennifer Wiseman

**Seconded:** Carol Schuyler

Approved.

**Motion:** that WLA discontinue its support for a WLA representative to sit on the WCOG board including payment of expenses.

**Moved:** Priscilla Ice

**Seconded:** Jennifer Wiseman

Approved.

**Motion:** that the President forward a certificate of appreciation to Patience Rogge for her service on the WCOG board as representative of WLA.

**Moved:** Carol Schuyler

**Seconded:** Tim Mallory

Approved.

**Nominations** - Diane Cowles

**Motion:** To accept the slate of officers as follows:

Karen Highum, Secretary  
Mary Ross, Coordinator for Continuing Education  
Jennifer Wiseman, Coordinator of Communications  
**Moved:** Carol Schuyler  
**Seconded:** Priscilla Ice  
Approved.

#### **Web Conferencing Software - Elizabeth Laukea (addition to agenda)**

Elizabeth reported a price for WIMBA software of \$2500/year, which she considers to be a good price. Currently, WALT uses it for its meetings. Knowledge and use of web conferencing software is a good set of skills for library staff, and also will help reach a strategic plan goal. Elizabeth will be doing training at the board retreat. She suggested that WLA start its subscription closer to the retreat date, and she will work on a contract with Web Junction. Until WLA has a contract, the State Library will continue to support WLA's use of the Library's subscription.

#### **Retreat - Gail Willis (addition to the agenda)**

Gail will be at the retreat from Thursday to mid-morning on Friday because of family obligations. Gail, Tim Mallory, Martha Parsons, Mary Ross, Elizabeth Laukea, Phil Heikkinen, Jennifer Wiseman and Kristin Crowe will be planning the retreat agenda, which will include a detailed discussion of the relationship with MCA (new management company) and how board members will interface with Kristin.

#### **Web Site - Jennifer Wiseman**

Jennifer is still working to clean-up existing files before launching Word Press. She had hoped to have this completed by February, but she needed to focus on Legislative Day. She understands that the IG's need to have access to their pages to update information. Jennifer is committed to establishing access by the end of March and will email the IG's with an update.

#### **Memorial Donation for Josephine Archuleta - Gail Willis on behalf of Ken Gollersrud**

Josephine Archuleta had been an active member of WLA, who more recently was involved with the Taskforce on Homelessness. Gail suggested that it would be more appropriate for individual members to donate to the Taskforce on Homelessness than for WLA as an organization to make a donation. She offered to contact members who might be interested in making a private donation. She also suggested that it would be appropriate to include these kinds of notices in *Aiki*.

#### **Library Legislative Day Update - Jennifer Wiseman**

Registration is at 100, and 17 attendees signed up for mentors. For the future, Mike Wirt made a pitch for additional attendance as this year; many legislative districts are not covered, including districts in Seattle. Mike Wessels encouraged members to consider additional venues for meeting legislators, such as Chamber of Commerce Legislative Day.

#### **2008 Conference - Karin Ford**

As an addition to her written report, Karin mentioned a "behind the scenes" tour of Powell's Book Store.

#### **Kristin Crowe Introduction - Martha Parsons and Kristin Crowe**

Kristin will be WLA's Executive from Melby, Cameron and Anderson. The key areas of change for WLA will be:

*Aiki* - Editor will maintain control over content; MCA will do the production work

Conferences - Annual and WALE; MCA will do the logistics  
Website - MCA will be responsible for management of listservs  
Treasurer's position - MCA will take over the bookkeeping.

#### Other Written Reports

**ALA Councillor** - Jonathan Betz-Zall

**A/k/ Editorial**- Mary Wise

**Awards** - Jan Walsh

**CAYAS** - Angela Nolet

**IFIG** - Chris Livingston

**IG Coordinator** - Elizabeth Iaukea

**Membership** - Will Stuiwenga

**President** - Will Stuiwenga

**Scholarship** - Jennifer Bisson

**SRRT** - Barbara Menne

**Vice-President** - Tim Mallory

**WALE** - Heidi Chittim

**WALT** - Jennifer Fenton

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Approved (date): \_\_\_\_\_

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Nancy Slote, Secretary

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Martha Parsons, President