

WASHINGTON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting

February 14, 2003

Federal Way Regional Library

Reported by Liz Hawkins, Secretary

Attending

Carol Schuyler, Kitsap Regional Library, WLA President

John Sheller, King County Library System, WLA Vice-President

Gail Willis, WLA Office, Association Coordinator

Liz Hawkins, Everett Public Library, Secretary

Jan Walsh, Washington State Librarian

Monica Weyhe, Yakima Valley Regional Library, Treasurer

Kristy Coomes, 2003 Conference Co-chair,

Marilyn Sheck, TRIP Co-chair

Susan Maddox, ALA Chapter Councilor

Carla McLean, King County Library System, Alki Chair

Jennifer Merry, Sno-Isle Regional Library, CE Co-Chair

Laura Boyes, King County Library System, Coordinator, Strategic Planning

Kay Vyhnanek, Washington State University, PNLA Representative

Cecilia McGowan, King County Library System, IG Coordinator

Martha Parsons, WSU Energy Library, Webmaster

Troy Christenson, Eastern Washington University, Coordinator of Communications

Sandy Carlson, Kitsap Regional Library, Conference 2004

Mary Mackintosh, DeVry University, LINK editor

Tamara Georgick, Washington State Library, TRIP Co-chair

Tim Mallory, Timberland Regional Library, Conference Webmaster and RIG Chair

Jonathan Betz-Zall, City University, SRRT Chair

Lynne Zeiher, Peninsula Library, 2003 Conference Co-Chair

Adeline Gomez, Pierce County Library System Outreach

President Carol Schuyler called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of November 15, 2002: Minutes were corrected to show Jennifer Merry, not Jennifer Meyer, attended and participated in the meeting. Two spelling errors were corrected: Lila Erickson and Joy Neal.

Motion: Move approval of the minutes as corrected.

Moved: Jennifer Merry

Seconded: Susan Madden

Passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan: Laura presented a summary highlighting items accomplished. She asked all present to forward changes and corrections before March 15 to allow her to post the final update by April 1, 2003.

Conference 2003: Lynne Zeiher and Kristy Coomes reported that registration packets were mailed out. Exhibitors registering seem a bit low in number but the committee is working on this.

PLA 2004. John Sheller reported the committee met, visited the site and refined the sales list. Susan Madden announced work on a flyer listing bookstores, restaurants and other attractions within walking distance of the conference site.

Joint PNLA/WLA Conference 2004. (Aug. 7-8, 2004, Wenatchee) Sandy Carlson brought before the Board a draft letter of understanding between PNLA and WLA to establish certain parameters regarding the

conduct of the conference. She also presented a “place-holder” budget. Board members asked several questions regarding author appearances, possible programs and program “tracks.” Sandy will present the document to PNLA Board for review and signing. WLA will then sign.

Leadership Institute. Kay Vyhnaneck and Sandy reported that UW Information School students are surveying other, similar programs and Library Directors to assess whether Directors value and support this idea and if they would send staff to attend. Kay asked if WLA can support the committee-person’s attendance at the LI meetings. Also, should WLA create a new position for the institute committee- person? Board members discussed concerns about representatives rotating off the committee before the Institute is established. Discussion was tabled till the April meeting.

Proposed membership poster contest. Troy Christenson presented the two entries. Board commented upon the entries. Troy suggested that this could be an annual event, in which case there should be a budget.

Motion: Move WLA vote on one of the posters presented for the contest.

Moved: Laura Boyes

Seconded: John Sheller

Passed unanimously.

Motion: Move that poster #2 (bluish) be adopted as the winner of the WLA Annual Poster Contest for 2003.

Moved: Susan Madden

Seconded: Jennifer Merry

Passed by a show of hands.

Site Selection 2006. Kristy Coomes spoke on the difficulty of finding suitable sites for a conference of this size. She proposes that WLA contract with the Tacoma Sheraton for April 18-22, 2006. Several questions were posed and answered and the group asked Kristy to negotiate with the hotel and report back for acceptance.

ACLU posters. President Carol Schuyler reported that the ACLU proposal to place warning posters in libraries was turned down by WLA’s Legislative Planning Committee and by Library Directors.

Treasurer’s Report. Monica Weyhe distributed a review of the organization’s current balance sheet and income statement. She called attention to two minor corrections and to several large one-time expenditures. Gail Willis reported membership to date: 613 new and renewing; 516 still out. Board members agreed to call and email to encourage members. Non-members will be purged from the WLA listserv.

NEW BUSINESS

WALE Conference 2003. Cecilia McGowan distributed projected budget on behalf of Lynne King, WALE Chair and Lori Portugal, WALE Conference 2003.

Motion: Move that WLA provide \$4000 seed money to the WALE IG for their 2003 Yakima conference, October 2-4.

Moved: Cecilia McGowan

Seconded: Jennifer Merry

Passed unanimously.

Possible retention of election consultant. John Sheller reminded the Board that recent legislation has created difficulties for library districts and that WLA did not hold a “library lobby day” this year. He proposes using budgeted funds for the Association to hire an election consultant to help develop successful levy elections. This consultant might provide training sessions and materials as well as a basic manual for library elections. To recover some costs and allow this to become an ongoing program, fees might be charged for workshops and the manual could be sold. WLA could be a clearinghouse for local levy and bond issues.

Motion: Move that WLA commit \$5000 for a two-year library election education program.
Moved: John Sheller
Seconded: Cecilia McGowan
Passed unanimously

Report on Washington State Library. Washington State Librarian Jan Walsh reported on recent activity in the Senate Ways and Means Committee which accelerated budget cuts proposed in the Governor's budget. In effect, the State Library simply would be a warehouse. Secretary of State Sam Reed, Jan and several other librarians developed an information packet to disseminate among members of the House. Guarded optimism prevails.

Report on other legislative issues including update on Patriot Act. John Sheller reported on several other issues affecting libraries coming before the legislature this year: mandatory filtering for all, authorized confiscation of library computers, electing Library Trustees, and requiring librarians to report suspected child abuse and neglect as schools now do.

IG. Cecilia McGowan reported that all is in place for the Conference Meet and Greet event, that Jennifer Meyer has resigned as CAYAS Chair and Kathy Bullene will serve in that position. CAYAS Graphic Novels Workshop is coming up on Mar. 7 in Federal Way, and that Grassroots conducted a successful mail ballot.

PNLA. Kay Vyhnanek reported that Sherman Alexie would be the banquet speaker for that conference Aug. 13-15 in Boise.

Strategic Plan. Coordinator Laura Boyes asked all to send information and updates so she can prepare a final plan for Conference.

SRRT. Chair Jonathan Betz-Zall reported he spoke at a Ballard Catholic school PTA meeting on children and the Internet. He presented a draft resolution on the Iraq crisis. This will come forward to the WLA membership at Conference. He reported on two Washington state REFORMA chapters and called attention to SRRT's web page.

Link. Editor Mary Mackintosh noted that the volume # was incorrect on the last issue and will be correct next time.

RIG. Chair Tim Malloy reported RIG-sponsored conference presentations are well underway

ALA. Chapter counselor Susan Madden reviewed recent ALA issues including concerns about the Florida State Library and whether ALA should cancel the 2004 conference scheduled in Orlando. ALA and the Illinois State Library have published a book on computers, privacy and libraries. One free to requesting libraries.

Motion: Move that WLA endorse the ALA Resolution regarding the USA Patriot Act and related measures that infringe on the Rights of library users.
Moved: Susan Madden
Seconded: Cecilia McGowan
Passed unanimously

PR Troy Christenson reported he'd move forward with the selected poster. He asked members to work with Web Master Martha Parsons to redesign the web page.

Web master. Martha Parsons announced she successfully completed the Photoshop class and is working to redesign the web page.

PNLA. Sandy Carlson will move forward with the PNLA-WLA Joint 2004 Conference Letter of Understanding.

ALKI. Carla McLean reported two open positions on the ALKI editorial committee and that the March issue is well underway.

Trip. Tamara Georgick reported substantial membership growth. Marilyn Sheck will attend a LINUX workshop.

Conference 2003. Kristy Coomes reminded all that early registration closes 3/10/03. Conference registration forms are available on the web to be printed out and mailed in.

VP. John Sheller reported on ALA's mid-winter Conference where he attended Chapter Orientation meeting and Lobbying 101.

President. Carol Schuyler reported for Jan Sanders, WLA Federal Relations Coordinator that **May** 12-14 have been designated ALA Legislative Days. She reported that she accepted an invitation from the Alaska Library Association and will make a presentation at their conference the first week of March on advocacy and the state library. She reported on a situation in Camas regarding the state auditor and the Friends book sale. Brian Sonntag's office has issued template guidelines.

Results on electronic votes. Approved: Cameron's request for additional software for use in publishing Alki. Approved: grant to allow WLA scholarship winner to attend Conference.

Treasurer. Monica Weyhe presented Balance Sheet and Income Statement to 2/12/03. She reminded committee chairs and interest group chairs to prepare budgets and annual reports for Conference. She asked that these be submitted by March 14 to allow time to compile and issue at the annual business meeting.

Good of the Order. Gail Willis asked that Annual Reports from officers and committee chairs be sent to her by March 14. IG Chairs should send their reports to Cecilia McGowan by that date also; she will consolidate into a single report.

Board Recognition. President Carol Schuyler recommended that WLA issue certificates to honor State Librarian Jan Walsh and Regan Robinson for their efforts toward saving libraries.

Motion: Move that Jan Walsh and Regan Robinson receive certificates of appreciation from WLA.
Moved: Carol Schuyler
Seconded: John Sheller
Passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Scheduled for April 9 2003, from 1-4 p.m. at conference in Yakima. The meeting will be held in the Yakima Valley Museum.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Approved (date): _____

Liz Hawkins, Secretary

Carol Gill Schuyler, President