

## WASHINGTON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting

**April 9, 2003**

Yakima Valley Museum

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 Madden, ALA Chapter Councilor  
Carla McLean, King County Library System, Alki 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  
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  
Wayne Suggs, Richland Public Library, incoming Treasurer  
Lynne King, Highline Community College, WALE chair  
Georgina Rice, Spokane County Library System, incoming\_WALE chair  
Rob Roose, Spokane Public Library, Collection Development  
Christa Werle, Sno-Isle Library District, incoming Strategic Plan coordinator  
Laura McCarty, Chair, Library Legislative Day  
Mary Wise, Central Washington University Libraries, Conference 2003 publicity chair  
Patience Rogge, Jefferson County Library District, outgoing Grassroots! chair  
Jeanne Steffener, Sno-Isle Regional Library Friend/Trustee, WLFFTA  
Sue Anderson, Spokane Falls Community College, TSIG  
Carolynne Myall, Eastern Washington University Libraries, incoming Vice-President/President Elect  
Cameron Johnson, Everett, Public Library, Alki editor

President Carol Schuyler called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

### **Approval of the Minutes of February 14, 2003.**

**Motion:** Move approval of the minutes.

Moved: Monica Weyhe

Seconded: Cecilia McGowan

Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Monica Weyhe reviewed WLA's income statement. She is working to fully transfer responsibility to the new Treasurer, Wayne Suggs, at the June retreat.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Election results:** Vice President-President Elect - Carolynne Myall; Treasurer - Wayne Suggs; Coordinator of Strategic Planning – Christa Werle; ALA council representative - Jonathan Betz-Zall; PNLA representative - Patience Rogge; Coordinator Conference 2005 – Mike Wirt.

**Training** for Monica Weyhe: \$250 registration fee was approved by electronic vote. She'll attend "Effectively Lobbying State Legislators" in Portland in May:

**2003 Summer Library Legislative Day.** Laura McCarty reported the event was cancelled due to construction in Olympia.

**2004 PNLA/WLA Joint meeting.** Sandy Carlson reported that the PNLA Board approved the letter of understanding. WLA has signed off. It will now go back to PNLA for signatures.

**Strategic Plan.** Laura Boyes reported that the Association has successfully addressed all five strategic initiatives: revitalize WLA, promote library advocacy within the library community, promote public libraries across the state, network with associations and organizations with common goals, and, increase public awareness of the value of libraries..

**2006 Conference.** Kristy Coomes announced the conference would take place at the Tacoma Sheraton, April 19-22, 2006.

**Leadership Institute.** Sandy Carlson reported great progress at the February meeting thanks to the Ischool students' survey of similar institutes. One or two consultants have created most similar institutes so Sandy recommends WLA/PNLA hire one of them. Survey results indicate the following recommendations: a 5-day resident program for people 5-15 years into their careers to develop leadership skills and potential, and, not restricted to those holding the MLS though it is designed for the library profession. About 30 people will enroll each time. The aim is for Oct. 2004 for the first session; the consultant will be onboard in August of this year. May need a western Washington committee to work with the consultant. SAM interest group seems the logical WLA link.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Awards.** President Schuyler commented that it was gratifying to receive such a large number of nominations and that the awards committee redefined certain categories.

Lifetime Emeritus	Jan Ames, retired, Washington Talking Book and Braille Library
Lifetime Emeritus	Anne Haley, retired, Yakima Valley Regional Library
Lifetime Honorary	Walt Kloefkorn, Trustee, Stevens County Rural Library District
Merit Award	Thelma Kruse, Director, Timberland Regional Library
Outstanding achievement	Diane Thompson, Pierce County Library
WLFFTA Trustee Award	Janelle Williams, Trustee, Timberland Regional Library
WLFFTA Trustee Award	Spokane County and Spokane Public Libraries Boards of Trustees
WLFFTA Friends/Foundations Award	Friends of the Lynden Library
WLFFTA Friends/Foundations Award	Friends of the Stevens County Rural Library District
WALE Outstanding Employee of the Year	Cindy Wigen

**Motion:** Sandy Carlson moved to accept the WLA awards recommendations.

Seconded: John Sheller

Passed unanimously.

**2003 Conference.** Co-chairs Lynne Zeiher and Kristy Coomes report that conference is well within budget, thanks to conservative estimates. They reminded all to attend the President's Stage Party and Auction.

**Alki.** Editor Cameron Johnson reported that Alki would like to increase the number of pages (the number could vary with each issue) and would like to distribute an additional free copy to each institutional member of WLA. He asked for a one-time budget adjustment to accommodate this amount that will then be included in the annual budget. This request was referred to the budget committee. The Board concurred that this is desirable if money is available.

**Governor's Reading Challenge.** The Office of the Governor contacted WLA for support of this program. Washington State Library will provide a mailing list of all public libraries and school libraries in the state.

**Board Recognition.** President Schuyler recommended Board Recognition for Mike Wirt and Patty Duitman for legislative work.

**Motion:** John Sheller moved that Mike Wirt and Patty Duitman receive certificates of appreciation for their work testifying before the state legislature.

Second: Monica Weyhe.

Passed unanimously.

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**President's Report.** President Schuyler reported that she attended the Alaska Library Association conference and found it one of the best ever. She gave a presentation on advocacy and support for libraries; a timely topic since their State Library funding is also being significantly cut. The state association is working to create something like the WALE conference. A Ft. Vancouver Regional Library patron contacted Carol with the complaint that the association cannot legally lobby under the IRS rules. His information is incorrect since WLA is a tax-exempt organization within the definition of the IRS Code Section 501(c)(4). Carol thanked the Board and committee members for all the good work and support.

**Secretary.** Liz Hawkins commented this is an interesting job, a great opportunity to learn about WLA and the people who make it work.

**Collection Development.** Chair Rob Roose had nothing new to report.

**Strategic Plan.** Coordinator Laura Boyes called attention to all that's been accomplished and the ongoing nature of many of the initiatives.

**Interest Groups.** Chair Cecilia McGowan reminded everyone of the Meet and Greet event Wednesday night at the Red Lion. There will be a gift basket from each Interest Group.

**TRIP.** Chair Marilyn Sheck reported no new developments..

**ALA Council.** Susan Madden mentioned that SARS concerns in Toronto may affect the June ALA conference. She recommends the ALA/PNLA breakfast at conference as a way to learn more about both organizations..

**PNLA Representative.** Kay Vyhnanek reminded all that PNLA 2003, "Dream Weavers," would be in Boise, ID, August 13-15. Sherman Alexie will be the keynote speaker.

**State Library.** State Librarian Jan Walsh distributed a "snapshot" of 2002, which included a 13% budget cut and 26 positions lost. She thanked WLA membership for continued support.

**Legislative Day Committee.** Chair Laura McCarty had nothing additional to report.

**WALT.** Chair Mary Stillwell announced the workshop, "Supervisory Skills for New Managers," is full for Seattle (with a waiting list) and almost full for Spokane. They're working on scheduling additional sessions. WALT will hold elections this summer and will conduct most meetings online.

**Grassroots!** Patience Rogge talked about a possible advocacy training segment at next fall's WILL conference in Yakima. She announced new Grassroots! officers: Chair - Laura McCarty, Friend, Mukilteo/Sno-Isle Library; Vice President – Ray Steinbeck, Jefferson County Library Trustee; Secretary – Marilyn Sheck, Director of Information Technology, Seattle Public Library..

**WLFFTA.** Jean Steffener called attention to the WLFFTA brochure and reminded all of the Saturday breakfast.

**Link.** Mary Mackintosh reports all is well.

**TSIG and WALE** have jointly sponsored a pre-conference session "OCLC Connexion: integrated cataloging and Metadata Services."

**Treasurer.** Incoming treasurer Wayne Suggs announced he is ready to learn.

**SRRT.** Chair Jonathan Betz-Zall will present two resolutions to the membership at the Annual Meeting..

**ALKI.** Editor Cameron Johnson reported that Alki hired photographer Rose Ferry to record the conference. Bryn Martin and Eva Lust resigned from the Alki board and May 15 is the deadline for the conference issue. The March 2004 issue will focus on non-librarian librarians.

**WALE.** Georgina Rice and Lynne King reported this is WALE's 38<sup>th</sup> year and the conference theme is "Challenges, Choices, Change." Martha Parsons will chair the 2004 conference committee.

**Webmaster.** Martha Parsons had no news to report.

**Public Relations.** Troy Christenson reported successful "branding" and creation of a flyer and a poster as a result of the poster contest.

**Federal Relations.** Federal Relations Coordinator, Jan Sanders invited all to consider joining her in Washington, D.C., in May for National Library Legislative Day.

**Membership.** Chair Taylor Stoneback has worked to create strong connections with other IGs. She is looking for new ways to build membership and thinks WLA may need to search for library supporters in other than traditional places. Phone calls reminding people about membership proved very effective again this year.

**RIG.** Tim Mallory introduced the new chair, Catherine Haras, and reported that RIG is working to communicate via electronic means, planning to meet in person only at annual conference. He called attention to RIG sponsored programs by Walt Crawford and Joe Janes and invited all to the Interest Group meeting.

**Treasurer.** Monica Weyhe reported \$120,000 was moved from savings into investment instruments according to prior Board approval.

**Administrative Assistant.** Gail Wills reminded all of the Board Retreat June 5-6 at the Dumas Bay Conference Center. Confirm your attendance by early May.

**Vice-President/President Elect.** John Sheller thanked Carol for capably mentoring him. At ALA midwinter, he attended chapter leader orientation. He continues involvement with legislative planning activities and coordinated a workshop on library advocacy.

**Public Relations.** Chair Catherine Haras announced that the committee has accomplished all goals and printed 10 T-shirts with a Jefferson quotation. These will be raffled off during conference.

**Task Force to review Minutes of Annual Meeting.** President Schuyler appointed Carolynne Myall, John Sheller, and Sue Anderson.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

President Schuyler reported WLA would issue a Certificate of Appreciation to Regan Robinson for the successful campaign to save the Stevens County Rural Library District. She extended thanks to Sharon Hammer for her work on the Awards committee.

Adjourned. 3:07 p.m.

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

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Liz Hawkins, Secretary

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Carol Gill Schuyler, President