

WASHINGTON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting
Federal Way Regional Library
January 23, 2004

Reported by Liz Hawkins

Attending:

John Sheller, King County Library System, President
Carolynne Myall, Eastern Washington University Libraries, Vice President/President-Elect
Wayne Suggs, Richland Public Library, Treasurer
Liz Hawkins, Everett Public Library, WLA Secretary
Gail Willis, Association Coordinator
Ann Bingham, University of Washington, RIG Co-chair
Jennifer Merry, Sno-Isle Regional Library, Coordinator of Continuing Education
Catherine Harras, Highline Community College, RIG Co-chair
Troy Christenson, Eastern Washington University Libraries, Coordinator of Communications
Tim Mallory, Timberland Regional Library, Interest Group Coordinator
Evelyn Lindberg, Washington State Library, Webmaster
Tamara Georgick, Washington State Library, TRIP Co-Chair
Jonathan Betz-Zall, City University, ALA Chapter Councilor
Mike Wirt, Spokane County Library District, Coordinator Conference 2005
Kristy Coomes, Retired, Coordinator Conference 2003
Patience Rogge, Jefferson County Rural Library, PNLA Representative
Donald C. Willis, Seattle Public Library, member/guest
Sandy Carlson, Retired, Coordinator Conference 2007
Gina Rice, Spokane County Library District, WALE chair
Jan Walsh, Washington State Library, Awards chair
Cameron Johnson, Everett Public Library, Alki editor
Jan Sanders, Spokane Public Library, Federal Relations

VP/President-Elect Carolynne Myall called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

Attendees introduced themselves and spoke to a significant issue facing libraries and librarians.

Changes to the Agenda. Owing to a conflicting Directors' meeting, several agenda items were delayed. Under Old Business, add Item E – Continuing Ed, and Item I - Alki brainstorming. Under New Business, add Item I - PNLA Leadership Institute report, and Item J – Name of WLA Scholarship.

Approval of the minutes of November 21 Board meeting. Correction of the minutes included typos and recapturing Troy Christensen's second to the motion on a WLA credit card

MOTION: Move to approve the minutes of the November 21 Board meeting as corrected.

Moved: Sandy Carlson

Seconded: Tim Mallory

Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Interactive Web Site: Webmaster Evelyn Lindberg reported that to date 58 members have registered online, about 10% of total expected registrations. She reviewed questions and issues members have posed including online security concerns. She plans to provide online conference registrations for PNLA/WLA and WALE.

2003 Conference. Chair Kristy Coomes reported a profit of \$7,606 and spoke of difficulties and time required closing the books. She suggests that WLA convene a task force to review and revise this process.

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2004 WALE Conference. Chair Gina Rice announced the theme “Catch the Wave” and passed around the logo design. She asked about honoraria and benefits extended to presenters and will review the Conference manual for guidance. She reported WALE plans to publish a brochure this spring and is working on a Continuing Ed. opportunity late spring or early summer.

MOTION: Move to accept the logo for 2004 WALE Conference.

Moved: Jonathan Betz-Zall

Seconded: Sandy Carlson

Passed unanimously.

2004 Conference Report: Sandy Carlson observed that program tracks are nicely divided among interest areas, including programs of interest to academic librarians. The committee is negotiating with Steve Hanamara, Portland consultant working on diversity across generations, as a keynote speaker and possibly for a pre-conference session. The Wenatchee facility is being upgraded to meet electronics needs. She asked the Board for ideas for a banquet speaker.

MOTION: Move to accept the 2004 Conference fees as submitted by the 2004 Conference committee.

Moved: Patience Rogge

Seconded:Carolynne Myall

Passed unanimously.

Continuing Ed. Chair Jennifer Merry reported work on updating registration forms, three pre-conferences for 2004 PNLA/WLA Conference and that CE units apply to those events that OSPI approves.

RIG. Chair Catherine Harras reported eight active members rewrote RIG By-Laws and six conference proposals were accepted. RIG plans to conduct elections by email in time to allow both outgoing and incoming officers to attend the IG retreat. Co-chairs will acknowledge each new member’s registration.

President John Sheller asked those present to report on their efforts to meet his challenge to bring in at least one new member.

2005 Conference Report: Chair Mike Wirt reported on the selected theme for 2005 Conference: “Partnerships: You Are Not Alone.”

MOTION: Move to accept the 2005 Conference theme “Partnerships: We Are Not Alone,” and logo.

Motion: Mike Wirt

Seconded: Jan Sanders

Passed unanimously.

2004 PLA Booth. John Sheller submitted an updated report indicating the committee’s work is right on schedule. They plan to set up the booth on Monday evening, 2/23, and will meet again Tues. 2/24 7:30 a.m. at the convention site.

IG Retreat. Chair Tim Mallory submitted a draft agenda. IGs plan attendance by two people from each IG and a budget is needed at this juncture. It may be possible for additional people to attend and the “Five-Star Presentations” program may be scheduled in Tacoma and Marysville as well.

MOTION: Move to use up to \$850 from planning retreat budget to support the IG retreat.

Motion: Tim Mallory

Seconded: Troy Christensen

Passed unanimously

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Web Page Advisory Committee. Chair Tamara Georgick recommended that each Conference have a technology coordinator and it's own web-page committee. For each conference, several issues must be addressed: 1) content or information, 2) hardware (ex: wiring at conference site, equipment needs, telecommunications), and, 3) web page to implement the message. Discussion included questions whether a new position is really necessary, the impacts of such a position, and the need to review past web page coordinating. Conclusion was that perhaps what is really needed is a committee to advise and assist the Webmaster. Tamara submitted a Draft description for a new committee.

MOTION: Move to create a new committee to advise and assist the Webmaster.

Motion: Troy Christensen

Seconded: Tamara Georgick

Passed unanimously.

Alki/WLA. Editor Cameron Johnson asked for ideas and commitments from the Board for the next issue which will be a snapshot of WLA and provide insight into why WLA is important.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation of Officer Slate for 2004. Brian Soneda, Nominations Committee Chair, submitted the 2004-2006 slate.

MOTION: Move to accept the slate of officers for 2004-2006 as proposed by the Nominations Committee, Brian Soneda, Chair.

Motion: Jan Sanders

Seconded: Wayne Suggs

Passed unanimously.

ALA Mid-Winter Reports. Councilor Jonathan Betz-Zall summarized ALA's resolutions on Cuba and on opposition to the Patriot Act. He briefly reviewed a number of issues and concerns discussed at ALA meetings.

Federal Relations. Chair Jan Sanders presented a report on her attendance at ALA Mid-Winter focusing on issues related to LSTA, appropriations, government information and e-government, database and collections of information, and privacy concerns.

Awards. Chair Jan Walsh reported the committee is reviewing eight nominations and will announce the winners on the WLA list and in the July Alki.

WSL. State Librarian Jan Walsh shared a compilation of State Library accomplishments in 2003.

Legislative Planning Committee Update. Mike Wirt shared information from Steve Duncan's report of 1/23/04: 1) Libraries serving 80% of Washington's citizens are in CIPA compliance or plan to be; 2) HB 2747 – pilot project to filter all library terminals will not be heard in committee; 3) a bill to allow parks and library districts to run an excess levy would require Constitutional Amendment; 4) Initiative 860 will require activism to defeat.

PNLA. Representative Patience Rogge spoke on current topics including Young Readers Choice Awards and presented a resolution to support school libraries and media programs.

MOTION. Move to approve the resolution to support school libraries and media programs.

Motion: Patience Rogge

Second: Jonathan Betz-Zall

Passed unanimously.

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WSL/CIPA Workshop Report. Tamara Georgick reported that the State Library provided ten workshops around the state, 171 people attended, representing 51 libraries.

Officer and Committee Reports:

President's Report. John Sheller reported that the Legislative Committee scheduled a meeting to consider the Association's response to CIPA.

Vice President/President-Elect. Carolynne Myall highlighted recent work with the WLA Member Services Committee, the Legislative Planning Committee, and attendance at the ALA Midwinter meeting.

Treasurer. Wayne Suggs presented financial reports and confirmed that the books for 2003 Conference will soon be closed. He notes that the bank requires the Board minutes to list the names of people authorized to sign checks on the accounts set up for Conferences.

MOTION. Move acceptance of the following as signatories on future conference bank accounts: Annual Conference 2004 – Wayne Suggs, WLA Treasurer; Sandra Carlson, Chair, and Susan DeWitz, Treasurer; WALE Conference 2004 - Wayne Suggs, WLA Treasurer; Martha Parsons, Chair, and Ida Brown, Treasurer; Annual Conference 2005 - Wayne Suggs, WLA Treasurer; Mike Wirt, Chair, and Priscilla Ice, Treasurer.

Moved: Wayne Suggs

Second: Mike Wirt

Passed unanimously.

Wayne reported that the application for the Association credit card is in the works. He recommends a Task Force to identify ways to streamline duties of the Conference Treasurer and registrar and to simplify the process. Discussion led to a decision to refer the matter to the Finance Committee.

Strategic Plan. Gail Willis reported for Christa Werle that an updated plan would be available for the April meeting.

WLA Coordinator. Gail Willis presented a statistical comparison of membership from 1995 to date. She reminded officers and chairs that letterhead and envelopes are available for use when conducting WLA business. She announced that the WLA office would be closed during her vacation 4/21-5/12. Think ahead to take care of things needing to be done prior to and during that time.

Public Relations. Troy Christensen reported continued work on the draft designs.

WALE. Gina Rice reported the WALE newsletter editor resigned and they are working on replacement. WALE is striving to increase membership with an email and brochure campaign. The 2004 Conference planning is progressing nicely.

Alki. Cameron Johnson thanked the library community for supporting Alki, with a special nod to ischool students. He's now able to post a PDF file directly to the website resulting in savings. The California Library Association is starting a journal and plans to use Alki as their model. Cameron reported that the July 2005 issue will be his last issue so should be thinking about a replacement.

TRIP. Tamara Georgick reported TRIP would sponsor three programs at the 2004 Conference.

Name of WLA Scholarship. Tamara Georgick presented a resolution to name the scholarship to honor Mary Ann Reynolds. Discussion indicated a high level of support among those present. President Sheller will forward the matter to the Scholarship Committee.

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Good of the Order. The Member Services Report on Interactive Web Proposals will be considered at the committee meeting 2/20/04. The Members Services Committee will also review the Academic Dues Task Force Report. Both reports will then be forwarded to the next Board meeting.

Next Meeting: Friday, April 16, 2004, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., King County Library System Headquarters, Issaquah. The Interest Group Retreat follows on Saturday, April 17 at the same place.

Agenda items identified for next meeting:

Web Page Advisory Committee.

Finance Committee report on streamlining Conference financial management.

Name of Scholarship.

The Member Services Report on Interactive Web Proposals.

Academic Dues Task Force Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Approved (date): _____

Liz Hawkins, Secretary

John Sheller, President