

WASHINGTON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2004
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

John Sheller, President, convened the Annual Business Meeting at 12:07 p.m. after determining that a quorum was present. He asked that any new motions or Resolutions be passed to the Secretary.

GREETINGS:

Dean Marney, Director of North Central Library System, and Sandy Carlson, WLA/PNLA Conference Chair, extended greetings to the assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS:

President Sheller introduced current and outgoing WLA Officers:

Vice President/President Elect: Carolynne Myall
Secretary: Liz Hawkins
Treasurer: Wayne Suggs
Coordinator of Communications: Troy Christenson
Coordinator of Continuing Education: Jennifer Merry
Coordinator of Strategic Planning: Christa Werle
Coordinator of Conference 2004: Sandy Carlson
Coordinator of Conference 2005: Mike Wirt
Coordinator of Conference 2006: Susan Odencrantz
ALA Councilor: Jonathan Betz-Zall
PNLA Representative: Patience Rogge
WLFFTA Representative: Jeanne Steffener
IG Representative: Tim Mallory

President Sheller announced and introduced new Officers:

Secretary: Nancy Slote
Coordinator of Conference 2007: Mike Cook
Coordinator of Continuing Education: Mary Stillwell

President Sheller introduced those reporting to the Board:

Co-chair Legislative Planning: Mike Wirt
Federal Relations Coordinator: Jan Sanders
Washington State Library Liaison: Jan Walsh

President Sheller introduced Committee Chairs:

Alki Editorial Committee: Carla McLean
Awards: Jan Walsh
Elections: Elena Bianco
Finance and Operations: Kim Hixson
Intellectual Freedom: Laura Boyes
Legislative Day 2005: Laura McCarty and Regan Robinson, co-chairs
Member Services: Carol Schuyler
Nominations: Brian Soneda
Organizational Structure: Kristy Coomes
Public Relations: Lisa Oldoski
Scholarship: Angelina Benedetti and Lisa Oldoski, co-chairs

President Sheller introduced Interest Group Chairs:

CAYAS: Kathy Bullene and Lynn Stone
CDIG: Rob Roose and Mike Cook
Grassroots!: Laura McCarty
IFIG: Jinny Burns and Beverly Stuart
OLE: Theresa Gemmer and Bonnie Gerken
RIG: Catherine Haras and Ann Bingham (outgoing)
Elinor Appel and Shireen DeBoo (incoming)
SAM: Paula Foster and Katie Cargill
SRRT: Judith Rizzuti
TRIP: Tamara Georgick and Marilyn Sheck
TSIG: Sue Anderson
WALE: Georgina Rice
WALT: Catherine Lord and Elizabeth Iaukea
WLFFTA: Jeanne Steffener and Jim Grayson

President Sheller introduced Association Staff and Employees:

Association Coordinator: Gail Willis
Legislative Liaison: Steve Duncan
Alki Editor: Cameron Johnson
Webmaster: Evelyn Lindberg

President Sheller introduced guests and VIPs:

President, PNLA: Mary DeWalt
Washington State Librarian: Jan Walsh
President, ACRL: Linda Pierce
UW I-school: Allyson Carlyle

President Sheller asked members to acknowledge new members and first time attendees.

President Sheller acknowledged recently retired members:

Victoria Parker
Michael Schuyler

INTRODUCTION OF WLA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER AND CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE GRANT WINNERS.

Co-chair Angelina Benedetti introduced WLA Scholarship winner Linda Johns.

Conference 2005 Chair Mike Wirt invited the assembly to the conference in Spokane, April 2-23, 2005.

President Sheller issued a last call for resolutions and motions.

He introduced Parliamentarian Joy Barker and volunteer vote-counters Gail Willis and Nancy Slote.

The membership adopted the Conference Rules by acclamation.

2003 Task Force approved MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING 2003. The membership accepted this report by acclamation.

REPORTS:

TREASURER. Wayne Suggs, Treasurer, called attention to his report in the Association's Annual Report, declaring the association is in strong fiscal condition.

FEDERAL RELATIONS COORDINATOR. Jan Sanders encouraged members to sign up for ALAWON (ALA Washington Office) newslines and issued an invitation to National Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C., in May 3-4, 2005. Among current topics are these: service priorities, equality of access, funding – including telecom, e-rate, LSTA and IMLS, privacy and copyright issues, and providing government information.

WASHINGTON STATE LIBRARY. Jan Walsh announced the State Library sustained no cuts for current budget year and had focused on three main points: capture and preserve State agency publications, restore staff in prison and mental hospitals, and, WELL – Washington Electronic Library initiative. She invited members to visit the WSL booth in the exhibit area.

ASSOCIATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT. Gail Willis announced that WLA is in the best shape of the past 5 years with increasing membership and participation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. John Sheller recalled his theme, "More, more, more" and reported success attracting new members, retaining members, gaining institutional members, and calling back former members. He reported necessary budget cuts included eliminating LINK, and cutting travel. His stated objective for the remainder of his term is to interact with other organizations having similar agendas and to be more politically active.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carolynne Myall read the Resolution on Institutional Dues.

MOTION: Moved to adopt the Resolution on Institutional dues that changes the formula for calculating institutional dues for academic and special libraries.

Moved: Carolynne Myall

Seconded: Linda Pierce

Discussion: Carolyn Myall read the statement in favor of the resolution, saying that the change recognizes difference in WLA legislative support for academic and public libraries, that such changes might encourage a "fallen-away" group of libraries to join once more, and WLA would benefit from increased institutional membership. Carolynne also read the statement against, submitted by Kim Hixon, saying that WLA would experience income loss and that the low end institutional recommendation is lower than certain individual membership dues.

Passed unanimously.

Carolynne Myall read the Resolution on Changes to Benefits for Institutional Members.

MOTION: Moved to adopt the Resolution on Changes to Benefits for Institutional that says, for each \$100 above the minimum dues category that the institutional member pays in dues, the institution may send another individual to a WLA-sponsored event at member rates.

Moved: Carolynne Myall

Seconded: Jonathan Betz-Zall

Discussion: Carolynne read the pro statement showing that this is a win-win since it benefits the institution, WLA and those who are able to attend events. She read the con statement submitted by Kim Hixson that points out additional need to track members and attendees.

Passed unanimously.

John Sheller read the Resolution Proposing a Name Change for the WLA Journal.

MOTION: Move to adopt the resolution: "Shall the name of the Association's journal be changed from 'Alki the Washington Library Association Journal' to 'Washington Libraries: The Journal of the Washington Library Association'?"

Moved: Jan Sanders

Seconded: Mike Wirt

Discussion: John Sheller spoke in favor of the motion, saying that changing the name would be more reflective of the journal content and would be more accessible to current, new and would-be library supporters. Michael Schuyler spoke against the motion, saying Alki is the State motto, a venerable name, a Native American name and has been the journal's name for 20 years. There's no compelling reason to change.

Rejected.

APPOINTMENT OF TASK FORCE TO REVIEW & APPROVE 2004 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Appointed: Nancy Slote, John Sheller, Gail Willis and Carolynne Myall.

GOOD OF THE ORDER. Next WLA Annual Meeting will take place at 2005 Conference in Spokane.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: _____

Liz Hawkins, Secretary

John Sheller, President