

**WLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ONLINE MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2011  
VIA BLACKBOARD/ELUMINATE**

**MINUTES**

PRESENT: Brian Soneda; Jennifer Wiseman; Phil Heikkinen; Joy Neal; John Fossett; Lisa Adams; Mary Wise; Cher Ravagni

STAFF: Dana Murphy-Love

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by President Soneda with a quorum present.

The main reasons for the purpose of this call were to talk about two issues that are relevant to WLA Sustainability, through our revenue streams, most of important of which is our Institutional Dues.

**NCRL Membership**

President Soneda gave a brief background on this history of the reason for NCRL's non-renewal of their membership in 2011. This generally goes back to what NCRL perceives as a lack of support regarding the Bradburn case. The straw that broke the camel's back was WLA's support of a session during the Yakima Conference on Intellectual Freedom by the ACLU. It was pointed out that NCRL was invited to participate in that session and declined. NCRL's membership dues were \$9,000 annually so this was a several loss of income for WLA. Brian has had numerous conversations with Dean Marney, the Director at NCRL as well as Tim Mallory, WLA's President at the time. In hindsight, it is agreed that the session should not have taken place as the appearance of this to NCRL was that WLA was supporting ACLU and not a member -- NCRL. Tim Mallory has drafted a letter to NCRL noting that a mistake was made and apologizing for this mistake. Brian also suggests that NCRL be invited to the 2012 WALE Conference in Chelan to present an update on the case. He will also ask NCRL what three things they might need from WLA to make their membership worthwhile that they were not getting when they were members. There will be no guarantees that WLA would change any of their values, etc. The board is in agreement with this procedure.

**Washington State Library**

Rand Simmons has been corresponding with Brian regarding their 2012 Dues. The original agreement was to keep the cap of dues at \$9,000. Rand has indicated that they cannot possibly afford the \$9,000 with the state budget cuts and has offered a recommendation of a special one-time assessment of \$1,000. The board is in agreement with this especially since WLA receives several in-kind donations through WSL service and programs.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 am.

The next full board meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 14.