

Your Future Is NOW: Making a Difference in OLA and WLA (4/25/13)

A Brief History of WLA

- WLA founded in 1905 in Tacoma but...
- Voted to merge with PNLA in 1909
- 1931, a new WLA was formed, an expansion of an existing regional association, the Puget Sound Library Association
- First official meeting of the new WLA was on June 30, 1932, at the Paradise Lodge of Mount Rainier National Park
- Time passes...
- Membership currently; 51 “institutional members” and 600 all other members.
- Members belong to one or more “interest groups”
CATS, CAYAS, IFIG, IGLU, RIG, SAIL, SIG, SRRT, TRIP, WALE, WALT, WLFFTA. (OLE, SAM are recently de-commissioned IGs)
- Interests groups are the pillars upon which WLA stands
- WLA contracts with Melby, Cameron & Anderson, an association management firm
- WLA is now transitioning to a 1/1/1 presidential schedule (1st year VP/President-Elect; 2nd year President; 3rd year Immediate Past President), from a 2/2/? schedule
- IGs, Conferences, *Alki*, as volunteer options
- Continuity/sustainability/succession planning

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