

**WLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2012  
VIA BLACKBOARD/ELUMINATE ONLINE**

**MINUTES**

PRESENT: Brian Soneda; Lisa Adams, Sue Anderson, John Fossett, Phil Heikkinen, Mary Wise, Jennifer Wiseman; Joy Neal

STAFF: Dana Murphy-Love

IG REPRESENTATIVES & COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Darcy Brixey, Robert Roose, Bo Kinney, Diane Cowles, Richard Council, Susan Lee, Anna Shelton; Traci Taylor; Kim Storbeck; Tim Mallory.

- I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:01 pm**
- II. **MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 24 MEETING** – *motion and second to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.*
- III. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
  - a. **iSchool Tuition Increase** – Brian asked the board if WLA wanted to make a statement or write a letter about the increase in tuition for the University of Washington’s iSchool. Board members feel we should tread lightly but were in favor of having Brian work on a gently worded letter to UW. The letter, once drafted, will be sent to the board for review.
  - b. **Bedbugs in Libraries** – Brian shared that he has received an email from a retired librarian who was not a WLA member about the news story concerning bedbugs in the UW library books. After some discussion, the board decided not to take any action or call attention to this. Brian will send a reply to the email he received.
  - c. **ALA Dues Increase**-Anne Crewsdon sent Brian a notice of a discussion that will take place at the ALA Council meetings during the ALA Midwinter meeting concerning an increase in ALA Dues over the next three years or so. Some board members felt that the increase was fairly modest and predicated upon the average increase in the Consumer Price Index. Board members are encouraged to send comments to WLA’s new ALA Councilor, Christine Peck – [cpeck@trl.org](mailto:cpeck@trl.org). Comments need to be received by January 21 so Christine can speak to this on WLA’s behalf at the Council meetings.
- IV. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
  - a. **November 2012 Financials** – *motion and second to put the financials on file. Motion carries.*
- V. **STAFF REPORT**
  - a. **Staff Activity Report** – Dana called attention to the current membership numbers on the Staff Activity Report which show an increase of around 100 members over last year at this time. Special thanks was given to Brian Soneda for his work in getting some new Institutional Members signed up. Tim noted that the new Adult Services Interest Group is not on the membership renewal forms. Dana will get it added.
  - b. **WLA Booth at ALA MidWinter** – Dana reported that WLA gets a complimentary booth at the ALA Mid-Winter meeting. The WLA Marketing & Communications Committee is working on the layout of the

booth and materials to put into the booth. Dana will be sending around a link to a Google Doc to the Board and committee chairs asking for volunteers to staff the booth. Tim noted that the price just to attend the Exhibits is \$25 so you don't have to register for the whole Midwinter meeting to be able to work in the booth.

- c. **WLA Website Update**-Dana also reported that the new website is coming along nicely. The template, branding colors and database migration have all taken place. Jennifer Wiseman is working on an Excel spreadsheet that will direct staff on what content to migrate. The website is slated to go live on January 1 with Conference Registration launching on January 11 (if all goes well!). Interest Group Chairs and Webmasters will be trained on how to update their pages, etc.

### ***Strategic Priorities***

- VI. **LEGISLATIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE**- Patty Reyes was not in attendance, but Brian noted that the committee had met and were planning the Legislative Agenda for 2013. He also noted that Steve Duncan wanted the board to be aware that there has been a shift in the Senate from Demographic majority Democrats to a Republican-plus-two-Democrats coalition majority which has resulted in the change of some important chairs of Senate Committees. This may have some implications for WLA and its legislative agenda.
  
- VII. **OLA/WLA CONFERENCE REPORT** – In Sam Wallin's absence, Dana reported on progress with Conference including the selection of all of the programs and presenters. The Exhibitor-Sponsor Prospectus has been sent out and three exhibitors have confirmed so far. The Conference is coming along well. The committee has a meeting next week.

### **New Business**

**Student Interest Group**- Richard Council proposed that WLA create a new Interest Group consisting of students. He has drafted Bylaws and has collected the 10 WLA member signatures required to create a new IG. *Motion and second to approve this new IG. Motion carried.* Richard will send Dana the purpose statement to include on membership forms.

*There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.*

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 24 at the OLA/WLA Conference in Vancouver, WA.