



April 16, 2020 • 2:30-4:30 pm • WLA online meeting room

Read in Advance of Meeting: January 2020 Board Meeting Minutes, Leadership Reports

Facilitator: Emily Keller & Brianna Hoffman

Present: Lisa Shaw, Kate Laughlin, Hope Yeats, Joe Olayvar, Ryan Grant, Steven Bailey, Danielle Miller, Kaitlyn Griffith, Greg Bem, Jane Lopez-Santillana, JoLyn, Judy Pitchford, Nic Figley, Rebecca Wynkoop, Rhonda Gould, Samantha Schmehl Hines, Suzanne Carlson Prandini, Warren, John Sheller, Tami Masenhimer, Beth Bermani, Hope Yeats, Elizabeth

Notetaker: Na-Moya Lawrence

TOPIC

Call to order

- Online meeting reminders

Board Meeting Procedure Reminders

- All WLA board meetings are open and participation is encouraged from any attendees
- Only nine WLA Board members are eligible for voting

Approve minutes from January 2020 meeting

- No corrections needed. Minutes approved.

New Business

- Leadership Reports: follow-up questions/updates
 - Jane provided an update from PNLA: they're considering cancelling till next year due to budget. Also considering virtual conference (though they are concerned people might be too oversaturated with Zoom meetings by then)
 - Brianna and Kate are planning to reach out to Rick at PNLA.
- Academic Virtual Conference Recap
 - After refunds, the Academic conference made a profit of \$4,055 after refunds.
- 2020 Strategic focus: EDI
 - Talking w/ CiKeithia about an in-person workshop for WLA leadership sometime in Fall after the conference for about 35 people.
 - ASGCLA is dissolving within the next 6 months so there will be a gap in activities related to disabilities and access within ALA.
 - Most resources and library websites are not providing translation online so even trying to get an online library account is almost impossible for non-English speakers right now, when they most need the access.
 - There are studies that low-income neighborhoods are being targeted by ISPs in terms of throttling service.
 - Over 70% of talking book & braille library patrons are over 65 (30% over 85) and many, many live in skilled nursing homes or care facilities and don't have access or the ability to be using the internet and we aren't able to mail out our books right now. It is really difficult.
 - Broadband access, SHLB (Schools Hospitals, Libraries, Broadband Coalition)
 - E-Rate requirements are being softened like opening access points after hours.
- 2020 Legislative Report
 - Sales tax & BNO tax are dropping drastically
 - Retail and car sales dropping



- Governor Inslee looking at how to reopen construction
- Talked with Marissa Rathbone about getting Spokane school librarians to present to them (Washington State School Director's Association) about the value of libraries.
- It's recommended that libraries go in for a big budget ask for next year.
- ScLD bill died in the house appropriations committee.
- 6670 allowing up to two Discover Passes per patron.
- Board members should email Carolyn to organize a meeting with Ormsby and Bilig in Spokane.
- WLA Division/Section Hosted Zoom RT Discussions
 - Encouraged folks to sign up
 - Putting the registration info on the COVID resources page
- Library Snapshot Day
 - Coincides with National Library Week
 - Visual photo sharing type of event
 - Maybe combine with Snapshot day (via Elizabeth)
 - Hoping to get twitter access to @WLA_School to provide location for School Librarians to post and then retweet @walibassn (via Rebecca)

Old/Ongoing Business and Updates

- ALA Councilor - ALA Updates
 - June 24-26 Virtual Conference
 - Forward Together initiative
 - LITA, LLMA, ALCTS have voted to dissolve and combine as CORE.
 - Patty Wong for ALA President 2020
 - ALA has COVID-19 page with survey data, updating pandemic resources, webinar
 - Discussed making MidWinter all virtual
- Member needs assessment, April 29th
- ACRL-WA Update
 - Will still be the ACRL-WA state chapter within WLA.
 - ACRL is a 501(c)6 and needs to dissolve as such so we can draft an MOU.
 - MOU will go to ACRL board and WLA board.

Closing questions or comments

Meeting adjourns

Future 2020 Board Meetings:

July 23, 2020 • 1:00-3:00 pm

October 10, 2020 • 9:00am-12:00pm

(Spokane Convention Center)

2020 WLA Board, voting members:

Emily Keller, President 2020

Danielle Miller, Vice-President/President Elect 2020

Rhonda Gould, Past President 2020

Ahniwa Ferrari, Director/ALD Rep 2019-20

Lisa Vos, Director/PLD Rep 2020-2021

Rebecca Wynkoop, Director/ScLD 2020-2021

Joe Olayvar, Director/SpLD Rep 2019-20

Joy Neal, Treasurer 2020

Steven Bailey, ALA Councilor 2019-21

2020 WLA Board, non-voting:

Brianna Hoffman, WLA Executive Director

Kaitlyn Griffith, Student Rep 2020

Advisory leaders:

Jane López-Santillana, PNLA Rep 2020-2021



Kate Laughlin, WLA Strategic Advisor