

WLA Legislative Committee
Phone conference minutes—8/30/07
1:00 p.m.

Committee members present: Cynthia Twing, Chair, Lynnette Anderson, Boyd Broughton, Bill Nelson, Paul Heimer, Cathy Butler, Dail Barbour, Maggie Farrell, Brian Greene for Ara Anderson, WLA Lobbyist Marian Schulz.

Cynthia called the committee meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

Old business

The Meeting with Governor Freudenthal is scheduled for September 18, 2007, 9:30 am. Attending will be – Lucie Osborn, Bill Nelson, and Marian Schulz. Cathy, Marian, and Bill will prepare a briefing package to include the bill from last year and information from the last session. The group will meet for a pre-meeting planning session that morning at 8:30 at Lucie's office.

Speaker for Legislative Luncheon – Sen. John Barrasso is confirmed to speak during our lunch.

Program for WLA Thursday 9/13, 9:30—11:30 a.m. - The Committee will have a panel on funding and lobbying for various types of libraries along with a legislator on how to work with legislators, communication, and advocacy. Marian will speak with Sen. Massie. Cynthia will pull from the committee's previous lobbying packet to have it for the session along with the legislative process handout that Marian will provide to Cynthia.

Signed resolutions – Cynthia has received several but not all. She will email the committee with the list of what has been received.

Update from Senator Hank Coe—Cathy has been in touch with Senator Coe who is working on submitting the bill.

Bylaws – the committee discussed the proposed changes as revised by the By-laws Committee.

New Business

The need to be able to utilize the WYLA Website for timely posting of legislative news was discussed. The updated Endowment PowerPoint presentation and the Endowment brochure will be emailed to Brian Greene so they can be posted before September 12.

Paul Heimer has put together several lobbying handouts that will be included in WLA Conference registration packets. Included in these is a postcard that can be mailed to legislators. The Albany County Library Foundation has offered to pay for the printing of 500 cards. Paul will email the documents to Committee members for their review and oversee printing of them after committee members have had an opportunity to review them. The Endowment brochure will be included in this information. All items must be given to the Local Arrangements Committee prior to the conference so they can be put into registration packets.

The next meeting of the Legislative Committee will be scheduled the week of October 22nd. Incoming Legislative Committee Chair Cathy Butler will set a time for the meeting.

Action items:

- Cathy Butler, Marian Schulz and Bill Nelson will prepare a briefing package for the Governor's review to be sent within the next week
- One week prior to the meeting the Governor will receive a one-page briefing sheet
- Handouts for the Legislative Committee program at WLA will include the Endowment brochure provided by Dail Barbour the Library Advocate's Handbook from ALA, a flowchart of how a bill is made from Marian Schulz
- Dail and Bill will email to Brian Greene the Endowment brochure and the Endowment PowerPoint presentation so they can be mounted on the WYLA website
- Paul will oversee printing and delivery of lobbying documents to Local Arrangements for inclusion in WLA Conference registration packets
- Cynthia will gather any comments on the lobbying postcard and pass them along to Paul, otherwise will give him the "go ahead" to get them printed