

WLA Legislative Committee Meeting
October 24, 2007
Conference Call Meeting

Attending: Cathy Butler, Chair, Dail Barbour, Boyd Broughton, Dale Collum, Maggie Farrell, Carey Hartmann, Paul Heimer, Bill Nelson, Brian Greene WLA President, Cynthia Twing WLA Vice President, Marian Schulz, Lobbyist, Ex-Officio.

Cathy Butler called the meeting to order at 2:05. The minutes from September 13th were approved. Brian noted that the WLA Legislative Committee webpage needs to be updated and Maggie will send minutes and Brian will send a current list of members.

AGENDA

Meeting with the Governor

Bill provided an overview of the meeting. The Governor did not agree to include the endowment within his budget since the endowment funding requires more than two years. The meeting focused on the working with the House and getting the bill through the House. The governor encouraged the committee to work individually with Representatives to solicit their support. Cathy will work with Senator Coe to solicit additional sponsors and strategize.

Foundation Survey Update

Paul is working on finalizing the survey and will send an update to the committee.

Resolutions of Support

The Committee needs letters from the following counties and assigned committee members will check the status or will have the resolution re-sent if already approved.

Crook	Bill
Goshen	Carey
Hot Springs	Cathy
Lincoln	Dail
Niobrara	Bill
Platte	Paul
Sublette	Dail
Teton	Dail
Weston	Cathy

Cathy reviewed the letters that have been received by various county entities such as foundation, friends, and boards.

Endowment Bill Legislation Strategy

Marion will develop a support letter template and will send it to Cathy.

Grass roots events/support

The draft list of activities for library directors was sent out and approved by the committee. Cathy will revise the sample letters to the newspaper editor that can be used by directors. The committee will send out a packet via email to library directors. The grassroots efforts need to be completed by mid-January. We will need to encourage folks to let Marian know of contacts as well as letting Marian know if someone will be at the Capitol.

Foundation Training

The Executive Board has not created an ad-hoc committee to work on training efforts nor assigned it to a committee. The committee sees the need for comprehensive training and mentoring for the association. Maggie will draft a committee charge based on Paul's for the committee to review and then pass onto the President. Cathy discussed the foundation training in Salt Lake City and will contact specific county librarians to see who is interested and able to attend.

WLA Legislative Reception -- Wed, February 20, 2008

We need a chair for the reception that does not necessarily need to live in the Cheyenne area. Cynthia recommended soliciting participants from the Leadership Institute.

Academic Library Funding

Maggie reported on the Joint Education Committee meeting regarding library funding. Lesley Boughton presented the county library report, Karen Lange presented the joint report from the college libraries and Maggie presented the UW report. The discussion covered the collaborative work of Wyoming libraries, benefits of the funding, and sustaining the funding through the county library endowment legislation, college and university funding. Maggie is working with the college librarians on an informational handout for academic funding and will distribute to the committee when finished.

WLA Update

Brian announced a spring meeting April 18-19, in Casper at the Ramkota. Library Workforce Training meeting was held and is just getting started.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in early December.

ACTION ITEMS

Maggie - send minutes to the WLA Webmaster to post to the website. (done)

Cathy - work with Senator Coe on sponsors.

Paul - send Foundation Survey information to the committee. (done)

Cathy – finalize the packet of information for directors including the sample editorial letters.

Various – will work with counties on resolutions of support.

Maggie – draft committee charge for training.

Maggie – finalize the academic library funding handout.