

## Legislative Committee Minutes - September 2001

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WYOMING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 28, 2001  
Cody, Wyoming

I. Lynnette Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

II. Roll Call:

Present: Lynette Anderson, Carol Thomas, Cynthia Twing, Kim Capron, Alice Hild Farris, Frances Clymer, Vicki Roth, Sue Knesel, Tom Jones/ex officio, Lesley Boughton/ex officio  
Absent: Cheryl Davis, Helen Higby, Lucie Osborn/ALA Councilor  
Guests: Floyd Esquibel

III. Approval of minutes from May 30, 2001 meeting  
ACTION: Motion made by Carol Thomas, 2nd by Cynthia Twing

IV. Old business

A. Legislative reception

Lesley Boughton, Alice Hilled Farris, and Lucie Osborn will select a site and date. The Civic Center and a church were suggested to work around the food issue.

B. State Library Update -- Lesley Boughton

1. The exceptions budget approved by Frank Galeotos. This will shift WYLD staff to full state funding. This is for cost centering and the move has zero cost shift.
2. The requested increase to spend more in acquisitions was approved. This looks like a cost increase but there is really no cost to the State Library since the money comes from the member libraries.
3. The State Library requested a one-time expenditure of \$100,00 to install high density compact shelving and move 1790-1850 law books and government information from the Supreme Court on the third floor. The move will provide more security and the Supreme Court will acquire more space.
4. Lesley made a one-time request of \$65,000 for library staff training. There are plans to use laptops for training.
5. Increase in General Fund costs. The increase is to lease computer equipment in a four-year cycle, the cost is \$70,000.
6. Lesely requested \$250,00 for electronic resources, i.e. databases. Lobbying of legislators will be required here.
7. E-Government report. State Library has asked for \$495,000 to provide connectivity for all libraries and branches in the state. This will be in the biennium budget. Lesley plans that at least the main libraries will be connected. This has the support of the Governor and Frank Galeotos.

C. CIPA Update: Lesley gave a report in Lucie's absence. A hearing is scheduled for February 12, 2002.

V. New Business:

- A. Wyoming Library Association Legislative Agenda (Marketing). Tom Jones advised that we maintain until the Governor's budget is released. This is usually released December 1st. Kim talked about time frame to educate members about all the products that the Legislators will be asked to fund. Frances asked if we could still go to vendor web sites after the demonstrations on Wednesday. The web sites should still be available. Lesely said that we would know what products have been chosen by December 1st. Lesley reminded everyone that we wouldn't be asking Legislators for funding for the migration. That money is already in the budget.
- B. Discussion--who is leaving the committee? Members leaving: Vicki Roth, Helen Higby, Sue Knesel. Denice Wheeler was an ex-officio member but is no longer on the State Library Board. Carol Thomas shared that she had been asked to chair the committee and had accepted. Lesley stated that she would be glad to work with Carol. Everyone congratulated Carol.
- C. National Legislative Day -- A discussion was held as to who should plan to attend representing WLA. Usually the chair of the Legislative Committee is invited. Lesley extended her invitation for whoever attends to share a room with her to save WLA money. Direction was given to Carol to continue to budget for a member of the Legislative Committee to attend.

ACTION: Motion made by Alice Hild Farris, 2nd by Frances Clymer.

- D. Committee programs: 2002 WLA Convention-Casper, September, 19th and 20th. Carol asked for guidance as Legislative Committee Chair--how often does the committee meet. Meetings are generally held at convention, just before the Legislative Reception and in the summer if needed.
- E. Discussion: Strategy

Lesley asked Floyd and Tom, "How does a bill get introduced?" Her concern was that in the last legislative session Bill Vassey's bill to create library districts was a surprise. How can we be better informed?

Tom and Floyd both agreed that a bill doesn't have to go through the party for approval and is just registered with the LSO. Lesley asked whom do we need to talk to? The bill had the support of county commissioners. The general consensus was that we would need to pay attention.

Floyd suggested that we send a letter to Senator Vasey asking if he plans to reintroduce the bill the next session. Lesley expressed concern that county libraries would still have to look to commissioners for funding. Tom suggested we send letters to all legislators asking if we could be a resource for them and if they had any plans to introduce legislation that might impact libraries.

ACTION: Vicki will help Carol draft a letter.

ACTION: It was decided that a meeting in December would be helpful to new committee members. Next meeting will be in Casper, December 12th at Casper College Library. Lynnette will arrange for a meeting room. Meeting time will be 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a working lunch. The purpose of the meeting will be (1) react to the Governor's budget (2) Plan goals for legislative session (3) Discuss reactions to letters sent by Carol.

- F. Subcommittee reports:
  - Local -- no report
  - State -- Intellectual Freedom Committee tracking national issues
  - National -- ALA Councilor Report -- Lesley reported earlier on CIPA
  - Member Education Committee Report -- none

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Committee went to Legislative Luncheon, guest speaker John Hines presented information about redistricting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Knesel