

WLA Legislative Committee Meeting
September 13, 2007
Annual Conference

Attending: Cynthia Twing, Chair, Lynnette Anderson, Dail Barbour, Boyd Broughton, Cathy Butler, Dale Collum, Maggie Farrell, Carey Hartmann, Paul Heimer, Bill Nelson, Marian Schulz, Lobbyist, Ex-Officio, and Lucie Osborn, Guest.

Cynthia Twing called the meeting to order. The minutes from July 6 and August 30 were approved.

Old Business

Governor's Meeting

The Committee discussed the forthcoming meeting with Governor Freudenthal on September 19. The information packet has been sent to the Governor's Office. Bill Nelson, Marian Schulz, and Lucie Osborn will meet with the Governor on behalf of the Association.

Foundation Assessment Survey

Paul Heimer will resend the survey information and finalize the results.

Training in Fundraising/Foundation Development

The ad-hoc committee has not been formed yet by the Association's Executive Committee. The committee believes training is essential for the success of fundraising and encouraged Cynthia to bring this before the Executive Committee.

Web Postings for the Endowment

The website is being developed and new materials, such as the bill, will be added when it is ready. The bill will be added when it has cleared LSO.

Next steps for the Endowment Bill Process

The committee will meet in October to follow the status of the bill. At this time, the committee is unsure if this will be a committee bill or individual bill. Senator Coe will make the decision. The committee discussed letters of support and decided to send the letters in January 2008. Marian will provide sample letters that can be used to solicit legislative support.

Bylaws

The committee discussed the changed bylaws and was concerned about term limits. The committee will voice their concerns during the WLA Business Meeting later in the conference.

New Business

Cathy Butler was commended as the new Legislative Committee Chair. The committee commended Cynthia for her steadfast and dedicated leadership for the committee.

Action Items

- Bill will send Lucie a copy of the marked up bill from last year.
- Marian will draft sample support letters and organize strategies to send the letters to legislators in January.