

Wyoming Library Association Business meeting
Little America, Cheyenne, Wyoming
September 13, 2007

President Ara Anderson called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. Kathy Carlson, acting parliamentarian, declared a quorum.

Approval of the agenda: Susan Simpson moved that the agenda be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Approval of the minutes: Susan Simpson moved that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

President's Report: The executive board has implemented the new strategic plan which is slated to go through 2009. The President's full report has been posted to the website. In the future, the president of the association may be calling for electronic voting as we move forward into the electronic age.

Financial Report: Laura Grott reported that the Executive Board approved the financial report at their meeting last night.

Other Reports: Sandy Barstow, ALA Councilor, has posted a report to the website. Because she could not attend the ALA meeting, Maggie Farrell attended in her place.

Michael Dowling from ALA in Chicago was asked to address the meeting. He stated that ALA has a strategic plan that extends through 2010. They are creating an advocacy office. A website has been created to sell libraries to the public. It also allows people to learn more about libraries and how they can take action on behalf of libraries. ALA will be introducing a Skills Act to congress. PLA has received a \$7 million grant from the Gates Foundation for advocacy.

Richard Landreth, MPLA Representative, has posted his report on the WLA website.

Lesley Boughton, State Librarian, announced staff changes as follows: Joe French and Norma Cloyd have retired. Jack Willmarth will be taking Joe's place. They are now advertising for an entry level librarian and they also need a government publications coordinator. They will be giving up two positions (they may only have the number of positions the legislature approves). Debbie Buchmeier and another young person left so their position salaries may be reallocated.

Jamie Kearley, Chair of Academic and Special Library Section, announced that the section meeting will be held tomorrow at 4 p.m. and she will post a report to the website after that meeting.

Cynthia Twing, Chair of the Legislative Committee reported that her committee and WLA are moving forward with the Endowment Legislation for 2007. Hank Coe, senator from Park County, will sponsor the bill. The Legislative Committee is working hard to keep WLA membership informed of progress they are making in this endeavor. On September 19 a group will meet with Governor Freudenthal to discuss the Endowment Legislation. After the bill passes, library foundations will need training from WLA, the state library, the Legislative Committee and an ad hoc committee. Kathy Butler as the new Legislative Committee Chair is working to revive interest in being a member of the committee.

Katie Jones formulated a history of past WLA officers and posted it to the website. If anyone has any additions or corrections please contact Katie. The new officers of WLA are Vice President - Cynthia Twing, Recording Secretary - Meg Martin, MPLA Representative - Marcia Cheney and President - Brian Greene.

New Business: Bylaws changes

Article VI, Section 1 A-D: Sue Knesel moves that the Chair of the Conference Committee shall be appointed by the President 2 years prior to the conference. The committee shall consist of the conference chairs, vice president, ex secretary, WLS continuing education secretary and a member appointed by each section. The motion was seconded and passed as amended Maggie Farrell offered this friendly amendment: The chair of the 2009 conference shall be in place in the fall of 2007. The amendment was seconded and passed.

Article VI, Section 2: Jamie Kearley moved that the changes to this bylaw be accepted as rewritten. The motion was seconded and passed as amended.

Article VI, Section 3: Sandy Barstow moved that the changes to this bylaw be passed as rewritten. The motion was seconded and passed. Kathy Butler offered a friendly amendment: serve for a 4 year term instead of 3years. No term limits should be applied. The motion was seconded and passed.

Article VIII, Section 2: Susan Simpson moved that the changes to this bylaw be accepted as rewritten. Sandi Barstow clarified the reasoning behind the changes. The motion was seconded and passed as amended.

Article XI: Erin Kinney moved that the changes to this bylaw be accepted as rewritten. The motion was seconded and passed as amended. Lucy Osborne offered a friendly amendment "shall solicit not less than three candidates". The motion was seconded and passed.

Article X, Section 3: Susan Simpson states that the final session often doesn't have a quorum. In light of that Sandy Barstow moved that the quorum be changed from 15% to 10%. The motion was seconded and passed.

Article XIII: Dail Barbour moved that this article be passed as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

Conference 2008 will be held in Casper on October 2 and 3.
Conference 2009 will be held in Laramie on October 1 and 2.

Ara Anderson passed the gavel to the new WLA President Brian Greene who declared the meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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