

Summary of Executive Board and Committee Chairs Conference Call on October 3, 2007

Attendees: Mary Gillis, Ara Anderson, Brian Green, Cynthia Twing, Sheryl Fanning, Cathy Butler, and Meg Martin. Sandy Barstow arrived late to the call.

Unable to attend: Mary Rhoads, Laura Grott, Katie Jones, Becky Packer, Karen Lange, Lesley Boughton, and Kathy Carlson.

Brian told attendees the call would be recorded for those unable to attend.

Brian took roll call and called the meeting to order.

He entered into the record the email report from Laura about Spring Meeting 2008 plans:

- Parkway totally booked for the weekends we were interested in
- Holiday Inn (307-235-2531) was not returning her calls
- Best Western Ramkota (307-266-6000) available April 11-12 w/ eating options on the terrace and 3 breakout rooms and the theatre open
- Ramkota has April 18-19 totally open

Sheryl F. said Casper location preferred and April 18-19 preferred for the School Libraries/Media Personnel.

Cynthia T. reported that Children/Young Adults section preferred April 18-19 but were split on Casper or Riverton choice.

Brian said the Public Library/Trustee section leaned toward April 18-19 and it wasn't clear but he presumed they wanted Casper.

Brian also reported for the Academic/Special libraries section who appeared to support April 17-19 and Casper for this year's event.

Mary G. for the paraprofessionals reported they preferred April 18-19 and the location of Casper with an additional note that the conference end by 3 PM on Saturday.

Cathy B. suggested we try to be equitable and have one meeting a year in the western part of the state. (Expressing her opinion only – not reporting.)

Brian talked about the need to have a meeting in western part of the state.

Sandy B. had nothing to report.

Brian summarized that the consensus appears to be April 18-19th, 2008 with the meeting to be held in Casper with a special note to consider Riverton in the future.

Cathy B. asked where the WYLD meeting was this year. It's to be held in Buffalo, the first week of June, 2008.

Sheryl F. said we need to go with Casper this year and think about Riverton for next year (2009.)

Meg M. noted that Karen L. had suggested the college might like the opportunity to host the meeting in Riverton.

Brian G. – made the Motion: The 2008 Spring Meeting for WLA Sections will be held in Casper with a strong preference for Riverton for Spring of 2009.

Sheryl F. seconded.

There was a call for the question.

Vote was as follows:

- Ara A. – yes
- Mary G. – yes
- Meg M. – yes
- Sheryl F. – yes
- Sandy B. – yes
- Cynthia T. – yes

The Motion carried.

Brian will follow up with Ramkota for the meeting dates as agreed.

Brian suggested an ad hoc committee to assist with planning. Members will be:

- Cathy Butler, Legislative Committee Chair
- Sheryl Fanning, Section of School Library Media Personnel Chair
- Mary Gillis, Paraprofessional/Support Staff Section Chair
- Mary Rhoads, Children/Young Adult Section Chair

Further members who will be invited to be on the committee include:

- Karen Lange, Academic/Special Section Chair
- Becky Packer, Public Library/Trustee Section Chair

Suggestions for programming ideas at the Spring meeting:

- From public trustees: databases
- Academic/specials: gaming/second life; open-source software online; metadata/digitization projects; how to collect and present meaningful statistics
- Paraprofessionals: databases; blog; brief explanations of wiki and myspace.
- Motivational speaker

Cynthia questioned whether the subject of databases was more like a training need and perhaps it would be more the responsibility of WYLD. Brian remarked that the Director's Station would be considered for the WYLD meeting.

Brian reported the Academic Special libraries would be interested in collaborating on a motivational speaker depending on the speaker and program. Then he stated, there seemed to be a consensus that if an appropriate speaker can be found, then the sections may decide to collaborate at the Spring Meeting.

Cynthia suggested Michael Johnson as speaker describing him as a writer, cowboy, and winner of the Spur award in 2006, inspirational with broad message.

Brian mentioned a survey could be done to get feedback about:

- Various speakers suggested
- Propose a wide variety of speakers so the survey could help to narrow the choices among the sections
- Great Northern Books is already planning to attend the meeting

Brian suggested leaving Friday afternoon and evening open for section meetings. Start Saturday with advocacy programming from 8-9AM and consider scheduling the main event at 9 AM. It's possible to have either a workshop or a speaker. Another alternative is to have a main speaker for 45 minutes – 1 hour with breakout sessions after. There are several different formats available for planning committee to consider.

Brian summarized:

First agenda item:

- ✓ Casper, April 18-19, 2008 at the Ramkota
- ✓ Strong suggestion to meet in Riverton in 2009
- ✓ Ad-hoc committee established to plan the meeting
- ✓ Katie Jones has been suggested to help with a survey of the sections to help determine speakers and theme.

Second agenda item:

- ✓ Karen Lange is making progress – contact her for more detail

Third agenda item – after discussion and vote:

- ✓ Next Executive Board phone conference meeting – Nov. 6th at 2 PM.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Meg Martin, Recording Secretary.