

WLA Executive Board Meeting minutes April 18, 2008

Attendees:

Brian Greene
Cynthia Twing
Ara Anderson
Meg Martin
Karen Lange
Mary Rhoads
Mary Gillis
Sheryl Fanning
Cathy Butler
Cheryl Wright
Lesley Boughton excused
Kathy Carlson excused
Laura Grott excused
Sandy Barstow excused
Marcia Cheney resigned
Becky Packer did not attend

Agenda #1 Call to order, quorum and introductions:

Brian extended congratulations to Mary and Cynthia and the whole committee for the Spring meeting event. 104 attendees is a new record!
Brian stated that there was a quorum for the meeting.

Agenda #2 President announcements:

WLA Legislative Reception is planned for February 5, 2009 at the Plains Hotel.
Update: Lesley and Maggie are going to Legislative Day at ALA in May

Agenda #3 Approval of minutes for 02/20/08:

Sheryl moved, Mary seconded. Ayes carried.

Agenda #4 MPLA/WLA State representative selection:

Under the bylaws, the Exec. Bd names the replacement.
Two candidates: Sue Knesel and Deb McCarthy. Discussion made it clear both would be good representatives for Wyoming. The Board voted and Deb McCarthy was the winner. Brian will inform Deb and Sue.

Agenda #5 WLA Archives – American Heritage Center:

Susan Simpson with permission from Brian, moved the 30 boxes of WLA history from her library to the American Heritage Center. The Center sent a letter acknowledging their receipt of the items and requesting a standard Deed of Gift form be signed. Discussion occurred.

Three main concerns about the items as they now exist:

- Not accessible or organized
- No good way to respond to questions
- Not carefully preserved

If the Center were to keep the 30 boxes, they would in their own time, organize the materials for better access and weed from it what they felt was not important to be saved. The Deed of Gift requires WLA to decide what will happen to items that the Center does not wish to keep. The Board recognized why Susan wanted to take action. The Board doesn't want to rush into a decision about AHC. One suggestion was to store a few boxes at each library in WY where each library would be given responsibility to organize and inventory their portion of the collection and to be prepared to answer questions that arise regarding "their" boxes. Brian and Karen will make an initial inventory type of visit to AHC and the boxes to help determine what items have been saved.

Agenda #6 WLA Ad Hoc Committee on Library Endowments:

Cathy B. reported that the \$9.1 Million endowment passed in the legislature. The Ad Hoc Committee has met and is organizing training about the endowment including training about how to run a foundation and the guidelines and documents necessary.

Agenda #7 Workforce Study Update:

Lesley did not attend – sick. There has been a response rate of over 50%, with nearly all counties participating.

Agenda #8 2008 Conference update:

Cynthia received over 60 program proposals. She was delighted! The list will be submitted to the sections who will then meet and prepare prioritized lists of programs. After the program committee produces a schedule then there will be a conference call about section financial support for programs at the annual meeting.

Agenda #9 Statewide Smoking Ban:

After discussion, the Board chose not to come out in support of the ban.

Agenda #10 Committee/Section activity highlights:

No reports.

Mary R. moved to adjourn and Cynthia T. seconded. The ayes carried.

Agenda #11 Other:

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for the evening of October 1, 2008 at WLA annual meeting. Adjourned at 5:40.

Respectfully submitted by Meg Martin, Recording Secretary