

Minutes of the September 25, 2014 WLA Legislative Committee Meeting

Call to Order

Chairperson Lori Phillips called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. Present were Kate Mutch, Janice Grover-Roosa, Sid Stanfill, Isabel Zumel, Richard Landreth, Carey Hartmann, Rebecca Lehman, Lori Clark-Erickson, Jamie Markus, and Lesley Boughton.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as written.

Reports:

Community colleges: Janice Grover-Roosa reported community college librarians will meet in Casper next week.

UW: Lori Phillips reported that personnel changes in upper university administration at UW have slowed but not ceased. UW Libraries continue to work on strategic goals and projects.

ALA/National: Carey Hartmann reported she has been appointed to the ALA Chapter Relations Committee.

State Library: Lesley Boughton reported on a further reduction in force at the Wyoming State Library, with business office being relocated elsewhere in A & I. She and Jamie Markus voiced concern that WSL's ability to demonstrate "maintenance of effort" may be compromised, and future federal funding impacted. Committee members affirmed their support of the WSL.

Old business:

Public library endowment challenge. Sid reported that 1 county (Fremont) is on record in opposition to the plan to extend the legislation. The committee is awaiting a letter from their Foundation Board. Lori will ask Marian to look into key players and recommend strategy. Some face to face work with the Fremont County Library Board or with legislators may be undertaken. The committee feels strongly that we should proceed with our plan despite the stated dissent.

Certified librarians in schools: More work needs to be done to develop a set of talking points that can be used to communicate the impact of librarians upon student achievement in Wyoming.

New business:

Isabel Zumel was invited to attend the Wyoming Early Childhood Association Legislative Roundtable. She asked for input about how libraries support the work of the ECA. Committee members recommended she talk about existing early literacy programs in county libraries.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Lori Phillips at ~ 3:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Phillips, September 30, 2014