

OLA Members Business Lunch
April 16, 2015
12:45 – 1:45 p.m.
OLA Conference, Eugene, OR

Welcome and Announcements

- Candice welcomed the membership to the annual business lunch meeting, thanked sponsors, and reminded people to participate in the OLA Members Bingo activity.

Time Capsule

- Michele Burke, chair of the time capsule committee, talked about the current time capsule that the committee is assembling. She reported on the survey in which OLA members weighed in on what they wanted to see in the time capsule.
- The committee visited OBOB, to give kids the opportunity to vote on the book they wanted to see go into the capsule; the kids also wrote a message to be included.
- People said they wanted to hear stories. Michele invited attendees to write a story at the time capsule table.

Comments from Michael Dowling, ALA Chapters Relations

- Michael wished all attendees a Happy National Library Week.
- He mentioned the current round of strategic planning at ALA; three areas that they will focus on are advocacy, leadership and professional development, and information policy.
- He mentioned that IFLA is coming to the U.S. next summer (Columbus, OH), and ALA is working on fundraising for scholarships for members to be able to attend this international conference.

OYAN Announcements

- Sonja Somerville and Ian Duncanson reminded everyone to buy OYAN raffle tickets. The drawing will happen before lunch on Friday.
- Sonja shared a video book trailer that was created at Wednesday's Filmmaking for Library Types pre-conference.

Proposals for membership approval

- Buzzy Nielsen introduced proposed changes in the by-laws regarding the member-at-large term of service, leadership committee proposal, and finance and investment committee proposal.
- It was moved and seconded that the Association approve these proposed changes in the by-laws. The motion passed.

President's Report

- One priority that came out of the Board retreat last summer was to work on communication. Candice congratulated the Communications Committee on spearheading this work.

- A second priority that came out of the retreat was leadership training and development. As a result, a leadership taskforce was formed to examine possible avenues for this. So far, there has been a sold-out leadership pre-conference; a newly approved Leadership Committee; and collaborative work with WLA to create future leadership training opportunities for members in Oregon and Washington.
- The Association is revamping its work on scholarships to focus on emerging librarians.
- Candice issued a call for members to step up into leadership roles with OLA.
- The Intellectual Freedom Committee has been busy with its activity in support of net neutrality.
- OASL was successful in getting the Oregon School Library Standards adopted by the State Board of Education. This effort took many years
- The OLA Mentoring program is going strong, and is expanding to welcome support staff at all levels to the program.
- Some round table news: NW Central is now officially part of OLA; the Social Responsibility Round Table has been revitalized; the New Members' Round Table was recently approved.
- Big thanks to the Oregon Reads Committee for all their work over the past year.
- The Legislative Committee has been busy with advocating for the Reading for Success program and for HB3523; there has also been work related to accelerated learning and textbook affordability.
- Thanks to Shirley Roberts and all her work in holding OLA together.
- The Treasurer's Report was dispersed on tables for members.
 - OLA's total assets as of February 28 are \$759,386.43. A lot of this money is restricted to specific purposes, such as the Enterprise accounts, which are funds that the divisions, committees and round tables use for their projects, several endowments and investment accounts, and the OLA-MLS Scholarship fund. You can read the details for yourselves in the report and the Balance Sheet, which is included on the other side of the page.
 - While this is a good amount and makes us a very healthy organization financially, it is lower than last year. This can be attributed primarily to a drop in our dues income, which is a conversation that the board will be addressing in the coming months.
 - Something you won't see reflected in the Report yet, because it is still quite recent, is that we've implemented the first part of our investment strategy, which various Board members and the new Finance/Investment Committee have been working on for some months now. A portion of our restricted funds, which have been mostly sitting in low-interest bank accounts, have been invested with the advice of an independent financial advisor. We've been planning for this for some time, and we're very excited to finally be getting started. You can find more information about our plans and processes on the Financials page of the OLA website.

Nominating Committee Announcements

- Penny Hummel stated the timeframe for the upcoming elections: current members would be sent ballots on Monday, April 20. Voting will be open for three weeks, closing on Sunday, May 10.
- There are two candidates for Treasurer, which has a two-year term: Stephanie Lind (WCCLS) and Dan White (Scappoose Public Library).
- There are two candidates for Secretary, which has a one-year term: Lynne Mildenstein (Deschutes Public Library) and Fawn McGee (Lake Oswego Public Library).
- There are two candidates for Vice President/President-Elect, which has a three-year term: Karen Clay (Eastern Oregon University) and Elsa Loftis (Oregon College of Art and Craft).
- Karen and Elsa gave short candidate statements. The other candidates have statements and bios available on the ballot.

Afternoon kick-off / Announcements

- Steve Silver reminded attendees to visit the exhibitors and posters. He also made announcements about several receptions that will take place tonight.