

OLA Legislative Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, September 14, 2017 • 10 AM to 12 Noon

Salem Public Library, Anderson Room

Attending: Ted Smith, Stephanie Lind, Jane Corry, Elsa Loftis, MaryKay Dahlgreen, Paige Battle, Sue Ludington, Nan Heim, Amanda Dalton, Kate Lasky, Kim Olson-Charles, Brooke Robertshaw, Buzzy Nielsen

Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome to our new committee members: Stephanie Lind, Kim Olson-Charles (ACRL rep), and Paige Battle (OASL Past President.)
- Our committee supports the OLA Legislative Principles and Agenda, with its guiding principles of Intellectual Freedom; Lifelong Learning and Literacy; Equitable Access; and Stewardship of Public Resources. This document was last reviewed by the OLA Board in May 2016. **Abigail and Ted will review to see if it needs updating and/or review by the OLA Board.**
- We also help forward the work of the strategic plan core focus areas: Advocacy, Education, Leadership, and Collaboration

2. Lobbyist Report (Nan and Amanda)

- Amanda provided an overview of the past legislative session (for details, please review Nan and Amanda's report that was sent to you on 8/30/2017.)
- This is Nan's last OLA Legislative Meeting! She has served as OLA Lobbyist since 1979 and stuck with libraries through thick and thin. We are so grateful and wish her the best!

3. State Librarian Report (MaryKay)

- The State Library is losing two key employees: Katie Anderson has accepted a position with WCCLS while Jessica Rondema is moving to ODOT.
- Ross Fuqua has been hired to coordinate library statistics and LSTA grants.
- MaryKay is working with the cities in Douglas County on next steps for their libraries. The County has agreed to give the main library to the City of Roseburg.
- MaryKay is also working with Wallowa County, which is considering a tax measure next year.

4. Planning the coming year (Ted, Amanda, Abigail)

- Amanda presented the PowerPoint talk that she gave at the OLA Retreat recently, including ways to build relationships with your legislators when they are out of session.
- We identified topics that the committee might want to address in the coming year: early learning; definition of public libraries
- Expect Summer Lunch, Learning, and Libraries (SL3) and Children's Special District (perhaps Wash Co only?) to be reintroduced at some point so we need to monitor these.
- Strong interest in being included as an entity recognized by the Dept of Education for vision screenings. The DOE reimburses education provider for any necessary expenses to deliver this service. **Amanda and Abigail will follow up.**

5. **Closed session** (Abigail, Elsa, Buzzy)

Future Meetings:

Thursday, November 9: Oregon State Library,

Thursday, January 11: Oregon State Library

Thursday, March 8: Oregon State Library

Thursday, May 10: Oregon State Library

Outstanding Action Items:

- Ted to draft a model gun policy. Kate, Buzzy and Diedre will review it. (Thanks Ted!)
- Sue (with help from others) to work on Engage site.