**OLA Legislative Committee
September 16, 2013; 10 a.m- 12 noon
Special Districts Association**

**Present:** Janet Webster, Nan Heim, Sara Charlton, Kate Lasky, Candice Watkins, Amy Goodall, Buzzy Nielsen (phone), Emily Ford (phone), Tina Hovekamp (phone), Erica Findley, Abigail Elder, Diedre Conkling, Cathryn Bowie (phone), MaryKay Dalgreen

1. **EveryLibrary Presentation**
	* Erica Findley is a board member with EveryLibrary, a national 501c4 PAC that provides expertise and funds to assist local libraries with ballot measures. EveryLibrary recently donated money to the Cornelius Library campaign.
	* EveryLibrary can also help library employees prepare their informational efforts, and would like to provide a conference session at the 2014 OLA conference.
	* OLA Legislative Committee will sponsor 1-2 EveryLibrary conference proposals. Sara and Buzzy will help Erica with the proposals.
	* MaryKay and OSL staff hope to someday create a toolkit with resources for successful informational campaigns, based on tools created by other libraries.
2. **OLA Conference Planning:** Janet has contacted Lisa Arnold from the Paul G. Allen Foundation about providing a session on evaluation. Janet will follow up and submit the proposal.
3. **State Librarian’s Report:**
	* **State Library Reorganization**
		+ The Legislature has directed the State Library to reorganize, and has only authorized the first year of funding for this biennium.
		+ As part of this effort, the State Library and Department of Administrative Services have identified ten *transformational changes* and seven *enhancement changes*.
		+ Tomorrow 9/17, MaryKay will appear before the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means Interim Subcommittee on General Government, along with Sara Miller from DAS.
		+ OSL Transformation Page: <http://www.oregon.gov/osl/Pages/OregonStateLibraryTransformation.aspx>
	* **Ready to Read**
		+ Ready to Read is being raised to 94¢ per child, but the ages remained the same.
		+ OLA had hoped that it would be expanded to include 15-17 year olds. Looking forward, we may need to rebrand Ready to Read to better reflect learning across the youth age groups.
		+ Katie Anderson will be pulling together an informal task force to consider how R2R might look in the future and consult with possible community partners.
		+ OLA should be prepared to support those task force findings in the FY15-17 budget. We may anticipate R2R being moved to the Early Learning Council.
	* **Online Reference Services**
		+ The Task Force for Statewide Collaborative Reference Services will present its report state LSTA committee.
		+ There is widespread recognition that online reference services provide a valuable service, along with the need to move the service away from LSTA funding.
		+ The OLA Legislative Committee will monitor and support this issue as it develops.
4. **Lobbyist Report:** Amy and Nan have attended many fundraisers as of late, and talked with legislators about the State Library reorganization.
5. **Discussion of Legislative Agenda and priority projects**
* General agreement with most items in the legislative agenda
* Under Stewardship of Public Resources, add a point that OLA will advocate for “stable funding” and seek to educate officials on how libraries contribute to the economic development of their parent agency (university, city, county, etc)
* Remove or edit the last point: “Advocate for transparency in the management of public libraries.”

**Action Items**

1. Erica, Buzzy, and Sara will submit two program proposals for OLA by Sept 30.
2. Janet will follow up with Lisa Arnold for a program proposal for OLA by Sept 30.
3. Ruth and Carol will be working on a school libraries report later this year.
4. Janet and Kate will be working on a report of public library statistics/state of Oregon public libraries later this year.
5. Janet and Abigail will revise the Legislative Agenda and present to the OLA Board for approval on October 4.

**Next meeting:** November 18, 2013 at Special Districts Association, 10am – 12.