

MINUTES  
Public Library Division Annual Business Meeting  
Bend, Oregon  
April 26, 2012  
5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order & review of the Agenda. In attendance were members of the PLD Board as well as public library directors and staff from around the state, about 15 to 20 in all.
2. The Business Meeting is a time when Board Members can share what they have focused their attention on and division members can share with the Board any projects which they'd benefit from. This year the Board particularly wanted to share their thinking about the Public Library Standards, which the Board is supposed to review on a regular and ongoing basis.
3. The Board described to Membership their reasoning in coming to the conclusion that it may be time to completely review the premise of the Standards, and compare them to how they are done in other states. The Board relayed some Members concerns about the apparent lack of considering technology in the space standards and the lack of 'teeth' in the Standards because they are not tied to funding. Many of the people in attendance have been in the state long enough to know something about the creation of the original Standards. It was helpful to get their feedback about the desire not to penalize small libraries. All seemed to prefer the concept of encouraging libraries to adhere to the Standards rather than punishing them for not achieving the Standards. All agreed that in order to move forward with the authority and momentum necessary, it was important to get the State Library involved.
4. PLD pledged to carry this topic forward with the State Library.
5. PLD meets again on May 25, 2012.