

MINUTES April 5, 2000 Portland - Annual Conference Board meeting

ATTENDEES: Ruth Allen (OYAN Div), Connie Bennett (Public Library Div), Andrew Bonamici (Treasurer), Deb Carver (ALA Rep), Sara Charlton (Past President), Anne Christie (Academic Div), Diedre Conkling (Member at Large), Jan Griffin (Support Staff Div), Jill Heffner (Children's), Carol Reich (Secretary), Terry Rohe (President), Jim Scheppke (State Librarian), Nancy Spaulding (PNLA Rep), Anne Van Sickle (Vice-President), Faye Chadwell (IF), Carole Dickerson (Nominations), Mary Ginnane (CE), Leah Griffith (Conference), Ed House (Parliamentarian), Elizabeth Mannarino (Reference), and Sandi Olmstead (HAS). The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES Moved and seconded to approve the March minutes as corrected. **PASSED.**

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT Due to the billing schedule for the Metropolitan Group, there is a cash flow problem that needs to be addressed so that OLA isn't required to annually underwrite the summer reading program early in the fiscal year. It is possible this program can receive interim support from unprogrammed LSTA funds which would then be offset with income from the Metropolitan Group's fundraising. Engelfried and Dahlgreen will work together to draft a letter of request for the LSTA Advisory Council detailing the issue and the need for funding.

TREASURER'S REPORT & BUDGET The last balance sheet provided by the McCullys was dated February 29, so no update is available at this time. * The issue of the tax penalty refund is still being pursued with the accountant. * The overview of a two-year dues cycle is complete and will be sent out at a later date. * Bonamici will provide an overall review of the organization's budget at the General Session.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 790 people were registered for the conference by April 5th, which signifies that the conference will be successful, and will probably set an attendance record. * Rohe received an invitation to join the Freedom to Read Foundation at a cost of \$35.00 and queried the Board about OLA joining. It was **MOVED** and seconded that OLA do so. **PASSED.** Bonamici noted that the 'President - Miscellaneous' budget line would be a possible source of this payment; a new budget line can be established next fiscal year. * Rohe reminded the Board that the Advocacy Workshop at ALA is being held on July 7th and requested a volunteer to attend on behalf of OLA. Van Sickle noted that she spoke to ALTA at the Public Library Association conference concerning OLA's Trustees and Friends Division, and ALTA has offered to send a representative to work with the Division on revitalization. * Jey Wann has volunteered to coordinate the State Fair booth. Volunteers will be needed to cover shifts. * Rohe passed out copies of newspaper articles regarding potential impact from the proposed tax initiative.

AD HOC EXECUTIVE SERVICES REVIEW COMMITTEE Heim's April 4 memo regarding providing executive/management services for OLA was distributed for review prior to the May Board meeting.

PNLA UPDATE The conference Web site is now available.

CHANGES FOR THE BYLAWS The Intellectual Freedom Committee has requested that OLA develop a policy on accepting gifts and sponsorships. This may fall under the Procedural manual and not require a change to the by-laws. Scheppke passed on Dahlgreen's suggestion that OLA wait until a full year's process is complete in working with the Metropolitan Group before framing this policy, so that as many points and problems as possible may be addressed. Rohe will obtain Multnomah County's policy, and this item will be on the May agenda. Conkling suggested the Board also revisit the statement regarding McDonald's sponsorship from several years ago and House suggested all committees involved should be asked for input. House also noted that By-law 3.0711 under 'Notification' should state that 10 days advance notice is required for the membership prior to a vote. An OLA member who lives in Washington and works in Oregon has queried whether the By-laws should be expanded to address the issue of whether a member who lives in Oregon and works in Washington would be eligible to hold office in the organization. This will be placed on the May agenda.

ACADEMIC DIVISION No report.

CHILDREN'S DIVISION The pre-conference with Molly Bang, which was both enjoyable and informative, was well-attended and should be profitable. * The Metropolitan Group has purchased \$6,000 of theater advertising. Summer sponsors have been invited to the Thursday banquet and will be acknowledged for their contributions.

OYAN DIVISION Tickets are on sale for the first, annual raffle and will be sold until Friday.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION The pre-conference "Where's the Beef?: Sacred Cows and Change" was stimulating. The final draft of the standards is available on the Web site (<http://www.olaweb.org/pld/index.html>). At their last meeting, the Division's Board decided to have the membership vote on raising dues to \$10.00.

SUPPORT STAFF DIVISION The mending workshop will take place on April 20th. Rooms are still available for the July 14th conference. SSD will be helping Jey Wann coordinate the State Fair booth when Wann is out of town.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE The stakeholders' report is on the Web site. (<http://www.olaweb.org/ce/stakeholders.shtml>). The last two meetings have shaped input into an Action Plan which will be submitted soon.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE With 672 paid registrations, the conference is expected to top 800, more people than ever expected. 330 registered for the lunch with Kee Malesky and over 200 for the Callahan banquet.

HONORS, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE Olmstead noted that the By-laws may need

revision regarding Board approval of the HAS awards and the Honorary life memberships. MOVED and seconded to approve the HAS slate. PASSED.

VISION 2010 COMMITTEE The draft planning document is on the Web (<http://www.olaweb.org/v2010/draft.html>). The environmental scans have proven to be first-rate information. At their May meeting the Committee will fold in comments received and revise the document for presentation at the first fall Board meeting.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE Karyle Butcher is still seeking a second person willing to run for President-Elect from the academic libraries. Patty Cutright has agreed to run. Candidates for Secretary are Melanie Lightbody and Curtis Kiefer. One candidate has agreed to run for PNLA Representative and one nominee is considering running. Dickerson acknowledged the contribution to the Nominating Committee of her staff member Jackie Rose in doing the footwork of contacting a large number of potential candidates for the PNLA Rep. position.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE The public library Net survey has not been tabulated yet. The next meeting will be May 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Salem Public Library. The fall retreat for new and returning Board members will be August 7-8 at Silver Creek Falls. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Reich, OLA Secretary