

OLA Executive Board Meeting
February 15, 2002
Molalla Public Library

In attendance

Voting members: Janet Webster (President), Jim Scheppke (State Librarian), Diane Bolen (Support Staff Division), Heidi Weisel (OYAN Division), Rob Everett (Public Library Division), Sara Brownmiller (Academic Division), Suzanne Sager (Treasurer), Carol Reich (acting Secretary), Wyma Rogers (ALA Representative)

Non-voting members: Ed House (Parliamentarian)

Guests - Colleen Bell and Rachel Mendez (OLA Publications), Nan Heim, (OLA Lobbyist), Faye Chadwell (IF Committee), Randy Colver (CE Committee), Leah Griffith (Membership Committee), Diedre Conkling (Legislative Network/SRRT), Paula Hamilton (Resource Sharing Committee)

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. Due to a lack of an initial quorum, a consent agenda was created and approved. Anne Van Sickle joined the meeting via phone after the lunch break, providing the needed quorum.

1. Housekeeping

- a. Introductions: Colver provided a brief introduction to the Molalla facility.
- b. Agenda Review
- c. Approval of Minutes - Carol Reich substituted as Secretary for Barbara O'Neill. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as amended as part of the consent agenda.

2. Officer Reports

a. State Librarian's Report - Scheppke:

- i. The Legislature held a budget session recently; the proposed budget would cut the State Library's General Fund by 2%, about \$64,000. The Governor may veto the entire bill or he may do selective vetoes which may or may not affect the Ready-To-Read portion.
- ii. LSTA must be reauthorized this year. Work on this is starting in Congress earlier than anticipated. A consensus proposal is being put forward by an ALA coalition. There is not a call for many changes at this point - a higher authorization level of \$500 million has been requested, and an increase in the base grant to the states for the first time in 30 years.
- iii. OSL is gearing up for the Gates State Partnership program which starts in Oregon in March. We may receive over 500 PCs. The application has been greatly simplified.

b. Treasurer's report - Sager

- i. Budget update: Sager distributed a balance sheet current through 12/31/01 and a budget

line overview current to 12/31/01. Webster requested a summary of the flow of dues/renewals for the organization. Sager supplied a summary comparison of membership income from 1997 to 2001. A graph of the latter data was provided as well. Membership numbers are remaining stable despite the dues increase.

ii. Membership dues report: membership has risen from 1042 to 1071 - a lot of this increase is in Friends/Trustees. All of the Divisions have had some decrease.

c. President's report - Webster

i. LSTA Retreat & Reauthorization Advocacy: John Berry's editorial from the December 2001 issue of American Libraries was distributed. Webster encouraged members to call their Congress people and encourage them. The State Library is coming up with 5-year plan at the coming retreat. OLA representation has been arranged, including Shirley Roberts, Amanda McKeraghan, Paula Hamilton and Rob Everett.

ii. Interim Senate Committee: they are meeting March 11 with background material provided by Schepke.

iii. Conference 2003 - Webster:

1. Review and approval of contract with Corvallis: the contract has been received, but the deposit is \$1,900 which is larger than the allocation.

Webster suggested moving funds from OLA/OEMA Committee line. This was later approved as part of the consent agenda.

2. Suggestions for public library person for Program Committee - requires someone who attends PLA or ALA regularly who will have ideas for programming

d. Vice-President/Past President

i. Leadership Training at ALA Midwinter: Van Sickle will be the point person for OLA.

e. ALA Representative - Rogers distributed a conference report with updates on key issues; Diedre Conkling should also be listed as running for Council at Large. The best program was on the USA Patriot Act with NYC librarians and an FBI representative. The bottom line is that we must be prepared, have policies in place, talk to legal counsel and have staff refer all questions to Administration. Rogers' attendance costs will be about \$800 each time, which is more than the \$500 allocated. Rogers will set up an ALA informational table at the OLA/WLA conference.

f. PNLA Representative - no report.

g. Parliamentarian - House: some housekeeping alterations were needed to sections 3.0221, 3.0231 and 3.0321 to bring us into compliance with ALA By-laws. House distributed a handout of the changes and they were approved as part of the consent agenda.

3. Division Reports

a. Academic: They met in December to plan for their joint meeting with Washington in October. They hope to attract more community college librarians to the Division.

b. Children's - White was unable to attend. Webster reported that Safeway has declined as a major supporter for summer reading, so Thriftway has been approached. A meeting has been scheduled for Angela Reynolds' task force to discuss long-term planning and strategies.

c. Support Staff

i. Bylaws Change: Bolen provided a handout of proposed changes which were approved as part of the consent agenda.

ii. Update: They have updated their committee descriptions and responsibilities. May 3rd is the last of nine mending workshops. They may hold advanced versions due to the popularity of this series. The annual conference will be July 12th in Agate Beach with Janet Webster as the keynote speaker. They will have fewer, longer workshops. The theme will be "Sailing into the Future." Due to financial losses, SSD has decided not to hold a Gateway Conference 2003. Webster inquired whether SSD would be interested in adding an SSD expansion to the OLA 2003 conference instead.

d. Public Libraries - Everett: The Board met January 17th in Springfield to work on support of Vision 2010. PLD's focus will be on the statewide library card concept; and they are gathering information and comment for the OLA Exec Board and the Interim Legislative Committee. They will be meeting with regional library groups to gather and then collate data. Funding is an issue, such as increased courier service costs. Political jurisdiction is a big issue as well. Webster noted that a survey will be done about the seven key issues of Vision 2010 and OLA will be seeking input on where and how to start.

e. OYAN

i. By-laws Change: Weisel provided a listing of the proposed changes and they were later approved as part of the consent agenda.

ii. Update: Webster attended the winter quarterly meeting. Titles for the 2002 Book Rave (now in its 3rd year) were selected; copies will be available at the conference. The group discussed and submitted YRCA nominations to PNLA. This year's conference sessions include 'Geeks and Freaks: Pop Culture and Teens,' with speakers from Michigan, Erin V. Helmrich & Wendy Woltjer, who are youth librarians and regular contributors to the journal VOYA. The annual fundraising raffle will be held. A session on teen behavior will be presented at the SSD conference, and middle and high school booktalks will be presented at the OEMA fall conference.

4. Committee Reports

a. Conference 2002 - Griffith: Registrations are starting to come in. We need more reservations to get the meeting rooms free instead of paying \$5,000 for their use. \$11,000 in corporate donations has come in. Highlights include the Friday night cruise and the Thursday night Presidents' Reception, which will be "death by chocolate" and will serve as a fund raiser for the scholarship fund. Webster commended the joint conference committee for their collegial atmosphere and success in working together.

b. Publications - Bell & Mendez

i. Update: The spring issue is underway, but the summer issue has no editor yet. Its theme will be research. The Publications Committee is editing the author and submission guidelines. The Hotline has a survey included concerning alterations to the format. Pam North will be on vacation for two issues of the Hotline and they're recruiting a substitute. Mendez suggested making this an internship assignment for an MLS student. A hiatus is possible as well.

ii. Web policy: Mendez prepared a draft policy for Chapter 45 of the by-laws. The group struck 45.7 which stated an hourly wage. The word 'new' was struck from 45.74. The draft, with these changes, was later approved as part of the consent agenda.

iii. There was some discussion concerning possible revision of the OLA home page. The association has been fortunate to have a solid, functional Web page for so long. Oregon was one of the first to have a site and an electronic newsletter format.

c. Resource Sharing Committee - Hamilton: See LSTA Evaluation Discussion below

d. Membership - Griffith:

i. Update: Student membership has been going fairly well. Thirty libraries in the state have no staff member in OLA. The committee will be working with the Divisions on some joint membership activities. The question was posed as to whether OLA membership should be required or at least encouraged for receipt of free summer reading materials or the performer grants. Membership will be working with Dan White to send something out that will at least encourage membership. It would be best to make any requirements effective next year since summer reading 2002 is well underway. Scheppke noted that it's important for the sponsors to have statewide coverage and there's some potential for gaps if all libraries aren't served.

ii. Distance Ed e-list: The list was approved and has begun to be used. It's a good way to contact students for contract jobs, etc.

e. Intellectual Freedom

i. ALA Resolution: The resolution reaffirms important ALA documents related to IF in

- the aftermath of September 11th; the Board will recommend that local Boards reaffirm.
- ii. ALA draft interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights on privacy: feedback is due by April 15th; the text is available on the ALA site.
- iii. Judith Krug will be a speaker at OLA.
- iv. The date has been set for ALA vs. CIPA -- March 25th.

f. Honors and Awards: format of annual awards presentation - tabled.

g. Continuing Education - Colver:

- i. They are working on the issue of core competencies and have gathered papers from a variety of sources to prepare a report for the next Board meeting.
- ii. A CE database was begun sometime ago, tracking topics and dates of CE offerings. It's being revised and simplified so questions can be answered such as "when was a cataloging workshop offered in southern Oregon"?
- iii. Leadership training initiatives: They are gathering listings and criteria.

5. Round Table reports - none

Anne Van Sickle joined the meeting via speaker phone.

6. New Business

a. LSTA Evaluation

- i. Schepcke with overview of LSTA: This is the only major federal grant program for libraries. A handout of funding levels was distributed. Schepcke provided a summation of the history and changes of LSCA/LSTA since 1972. The State Library has tried to create a balance between the competitive program and the other facets of the program. The competitive grants have established a wide variety of significant improvements in the state. The 14-member Advisory Council screens all proposals.
- ii. Griffith with perspective of LSTA Advisory Council member: Regarding large, cooperative grants versus 'individual' grants - what kind of emphasis should the grant awards have in the next five years? Vision 2010 is a logical place for emphasis. Schepcke stated that part of the intent of the grants is to provide leverage for local entities in the future (i.e. three separate grants in E. Oregon turned into a successful grant competition for funding a 10-county shared system). Webster provided information on Washington's method of earmarking funds by type of grants.
- iii. Resource Sharing Proposal - Hamilton: The Resource Sharing Committee's aim is not to take money from competitive grants but to try and adequately fund resource sharing by diverting some funds to begin to break down barriers to service. The courier and statewide databases are primary topics. This would enhance service to all people in the state with

projects which are doable. Hamilton distributed ILL Net Lender Reimbursement data from 1995-2001. They suggest earmarking 50% of the competitive grant funding for resource sharing and leaving 50% for grant competition. Extensive discussion followed. The focus is on improving access.

iv. Other concepts/ideas: Innovation, collaboration and leverage were felt to be the key factors for appropriate grant use. The concept of "best practices" is becoming an important aspect of all grant applications.

b. Nan Heim: The Governor held a session on human services cuts on 2/14/02 and the testimony was very dramatic regarding health, welfare and disabilities.

7. Next Meetings

April 17, 5-6 - Portland, Doubletree

May 17, 10-2 - Roseburg, Douglas County Library

August 5-6 - Retreat at Silver Falls

August 23, 10-2 - Eugene, Eugene Public Library

Consent agenda items:

- by-laws change for OLA
- by-laws change for OYAN
- by-laws change for SSD
- adoption of the minutes as corrected
- budget -- move \$500 from OLA/OEMA to conference line for contract deposit
- draft of Web site policy for by-laws with amendments from this meeting

Be it moved that the consent agenda be approved. Motion by Scheppke, second by Everett. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Reich, for Barbara O'Neill