

OREGON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (OLA)

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 23, 2003

5:00 PM

Oregon State University Alumni Center

Corvallis, Oregon

Present

Voting Members: Connie Bennett (President), Dana Campbell (Children's Services Division), Faye Chadwell (President-Elect), Cindy Gibbon (Public Library Division), Anne Guevera (OYAN), Ellen Mueller (Support Staff Division), Carol Reich (PNLA Representative), Suzanne Sager (Treasurer), (Oregon State Librarian), Stephen Skidmore (Secretary), Dale Vidmar (Member at Large), Heather Ward (ACRL/OR), Janet Webster (Past President).

Non-voting Members: Ed House (Parliamentarian).

Other OLA Units, Members, and Guests: Bonnie Allen (Library Development and Legislation), MaryKay Dahlgreen (Honors, Awards, and Scholarships), Ellen Fader, Cara List (Intellectual Freedom), Heather McNeil (Intellectual Freedom).

President Connie Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Library Development and Legislation Committee (LDLC) Bonnie Allen

i. Bonnie reported on her recent conversations with Nan Heim about OLA taking a position on the USA Patriot Act. Nan believes that the time is not right for OLA to do that now. The climate in the legislature is such that OLA taking a position in opposition to the USA Patriot Act could undercut Nan's ability to represent the association effectively. Our next Executive Board meeting is in June and by then the legislature would have nearly completed its work. Connie told Nan that the Board would likely agree to postpone any action until June.

ii. Nan also has several suggestions for changes in the language of the resolution, especially regarding the issue of lobbying. She believes the current language might be damaging to OLA in the legislature.

iii. There was discussion about Nan's long record of service to OLA and the high quality of her advice to us on all matters legislative. We need to take her counsel seriously and to heed her advice. There also was discussion about the need for the Executive Board to set OLA policy.

iv. The consensus of the Board was to direct Connie to return the draft resolution to the Intellectual Freedom Committee, for the IF Committee to look carefully at the wording used in the resolution and make any modification they believe necessary, and then forward the resolution to the Library Development and Legislation Committee for their consideration. The OLA Executive Board will consider the resolution and take action at the June 13th Board meeting.

v. There will be a work session tomorrow of the General Government subcommittee considering HB 3101. This legislation would require filtering of all public access computers, both adult and children, in Oregon public libraries. Because this would be an unfunded mandate for Oregon public libraries, the legislation would require a three-fifths majority to become law. Nan is hoping that there is little or no debate at tomorrow's work session. The less said, the better. There will be no testimony allowed at tomorrow's session.

vi. Nan is asking that all OLA members be strongly encouraged to contact their legislator and ask them to vote against the bill. Members of the subcommittee are receiving lots of calls from those supporting the bill, and we need to let the legislature know that the library community is opposed to the bill. There will cell phones available tonight at the Public Library Division dinner and the ACRL/Oregon reception for making calls.

2. OFFICER REPORTS

a. President Connie Bennett

i. Connie asked Ed if the proposed bylaws changes were ready for tomorrow's luncheon and Ed said that they were.

ii. Connie went through the agendas for the two conference business meetings.

3. DIVISION REPORTS

a. Children's Services Division (CSD) Dana Campbell

i. Dana stated that a decision needs to be made about OLA participating in the Collaborative Summer Reading Program. She believes that the Collaborative may be a solution to CSD and OLA's financial dilemma. Twenty-two state are currently participating in the program. The Collaborative hires an artist, creates the manual, prints all of the material, produces a CD with the clip art, etc. OLA's annual cost would be \$539, plus a small charge for each library in Oregon that participates. OLA would have six votes. The commitment is for two years; a one-year notice to leave the Collaborative is required. There may be a need for OLA to subsidize the smaller libraries and some of the cost of the travel for our six delegates. The Collaborative also has a YA program this year for the first time.

ii. Connie will be appointing a small task force to study the Metropolitan Group experience what worked, what didn't. They will also look into retiring the CSD/OLA debt.

iii. Dana moved and Janet seconded that OLA join the Summer Reading Collaborative for two years, with CSD fronting the initial expense of \$1,078 Ayes: all.

iv. Dana was acknowledged and commended by the Board for her yeoman work this year on the Summer Reading Program financial situation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were three corrections in the Executive Board minutes of March 21, 2003. Alex Toth should be added to the list of people volunteering for the Archives Implementation Team. In the "Housekeeping" section of the minutes, Faye was interviewing prospective employees that day; she was not out of town as the minutes indicated. Dale asked that the reason he was not at the Executive Board meeting he was attending a conference in California be added to the minutes. With these three changes, the minutes were accepted without a motion.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Most of Suzanne's time and energy has been taken up with conference business. She has forwarded a lot of money recently to the McCulleys. Suzanne has sent Silver Falls a reservation for the 2003 retreat.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Janet reported that Leah Griffith is looking into Portland hotels for the 2005 conference. She has contacted the Holiday Inn near the airport and the Doubletree Hotel at the Lloyd Center in downtown Portland.

Carol reported that the McCulleys have tracked down the the proper procedure for obtaining the certificate which will allow OLA divisions to conduct raffles, such as the one OYAN does every year. Carol will be working with the McCulleys, the IRS, and other divisions of OLA to accomplish this in the coming months.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen C. Skidmore, Secretary