

OREGON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (OLA)
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

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Voting Members Present: Sarah Beasley (Academic Division/ACRL-Oregon), Colleen Bell (Secretary), Connie Bennett (Past President), Faye Chadwell (President), Teresa Landers (Public Library Division), Sonja Patzer (Support Staff Division), Carol Reich (PNLA Representative and OYAN), Wyma Rogers (ALA Representative), Suzanne Sager (Treasurer), Jim Schepcke (State Librarian), Dale Vidmar (Member-at-Large)

Other OLA Units, Members, and Guests Present: Aletha Bonebrake (Resource Sharing Committee), MaryKay Dahlgreen (Honors, Awards and Scholarships Committee), Ed House (Parliamentarian), Cara List (Intellectual Freedom Committee), Lynne Middlestein (Technical Services Round Table)

Meeting convened at 5:00 p.m.

1. HOUSEKEEPING

It was established that a quorum was present.

Faye Chadwell provided local details.

Introductions were made, and the agenda reviewed.

Teresa Landers moved, and Sonja Patzer seconded, that the minutes of the March 12, 2004 meeting be approved. Passed by unanimous vote.

2. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. President (Faye Chadwell)

- i. OLA Conference 2006: Seaside's convention center is holding dates for 2006; we need to make a decision soon. Newport and Salem will both have convention centers by then, but there's concern that there are not enough meeting rooms in Salem. Portland State University has acquired the Doubletree hotel on 4th avenue in Portland, and it's now available for conferences. The Board suggested that Faye appoint a small committee to review conference locations for 2006; Dale Vidmar volunteered to do it.
- ii. OLA Hotline: Diane Sotak, University of Portland is our new Hotline editor.
- iii. Summer Reading Program: The Board discussed the Summer Reading Program's outstanding debt to Metropolitan Group. Faye announced that she had received an email from Debra Bogart about the issue, but was unable to talk about the details because she had not yet had time to read through it in detail.
- iv. USA PATRIOT Act Follow-up: The Intellectual Freedom Committee drafted two letters to seek co-sponsorship from Oregon's legislators to support SAFE Act. Links to information about SAFE Act will be placed on the OLA web site.
- v. ALA National Legislative Day: Oregon's delegation will include two OLA members (Sarah Beasley and Faye Chadwell), Jim Scheppke, one State Library Board member and two OEMA members. The primary purpose of Legislative Day is to put a personal face on ALA, and delegates are briefed on several issues, more than each can cover in the 10 minutes they are allotted with each elected official.

b. ALA Representative (Wyma Rogers)

- i. Candace Morgan has retired from the Fort Vancouver Regional Library. Wyma and Deidre Conkling asked for the Board's permission to introduce a resolution, on OLA's behalf, at the American Library Association's annual conference to recognize Candace's long-time commitment to intellectual freedom. The Board was in favor of this.

Jim Scheppke moved, and the Board seconded, that OLA grant honorary life membership to Candace Morgan.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. 2004 Conference (Loretta Rielly)

- i. There are 565 attendees pre-registered for the conference. Faye Chadwell sent letters to library directors emphasizing the one-day registrations, to try to boost the numbers. There are 58 exhibitors registered. We did not meet the room minimum for the Hilton, but the hotel is full, and we won't have to pay for the additional rooms. The pre-conferences went well. Ed House will present the bylaws changes at the membership meeting (during lunch) on Thursday.

- ii. Faye Chadwell presented Loretta with a bouquet of flowers, thanking her for her work on the conference.
- b. Resource Sharing (Aletha Bonebrake for Paula Hamilton)
 - i. LSTA Proposal: Aletha provided an overview of the previous LSTA grant project, which involved a survey of libraries throughout the state regarding ground delivery of ILL materials. This new grant seeks to build on the previous grant by providing for 22 additional Orbis courier drop sites at the places where the links break, to evaluate the service, and to hold conversations with the library community about a true statewide service. The idea is to demonstrate seamless statewide service for one year, then analyze the costs and impact. SB 12 authorized the use of LSTA funds to pay for statewide courier service, if libraries so choose.
 - c. Library Legislation and Development (Connie Bennett)
 1. People for Oregon Libraries: Nan Heim has noted that in order to operate effectively, the PAC needs an annual contribution of at least \$5,000. She states that the most effective way to raise funds for the PAC is to have an optional contribution on the membership form. Concerns have been expressed by public library directors, many of whom pay OLA membership dues for library staff. It is important to maintain a legal separation between OLA and its PAC, but other state associations have been able to do this. As long as we are clear on the membership form that the money supports People for Oregon Libraries, it should be OK.

Connie Bennett moved, and Sarah Beasley seconded, that the Board instruct the Membership Committee to work with Nan Heim to implement a means to provide a voluntary PAC contribution during the membership renewal process, and to investigate the best way to do this. Passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.