

OLA Board Meeting
Minutes
June 10, 2005
Hood River County Library

Attendance:

Maureen Cole, Leah Griffith, Faye Chadwell, Suzanne Sager, Marsha Richmond, Susan Hinken, Alison Kastner, Sonja Patzer, Jim Tindall, Steve Skidmore, Sue Kopp, Colleen Bell, Pam Horan

There was not a quorum for this meeting.

1. Housekeeping:

The March minutes could not be approved due to not having a quorum.

2. Officer Reports:

A. President Maureen Cole

1. The August 19th meeting will be in Newberg.

2. Archives Committee

a. Carol Reich and Maureen Cole spent a day sorting OLA archival materials in the basement of the State Library. They have recruited more volunteers to help and also have some others interested in helping with the electronic materials. They are working with Leah to come up with a budget for keeping up with the organization of archival materials. It was suggested that the archives situation be brought up at the retreat so that this information is passed on and incoming new chairs understand what is going on.

3. Public Relations: The possibility of OLA sharing a booth with L-Net at the State Fair was discussed. The main question was whether the State Fair is helpful exposure for OLA. It was decided that there is really no connection between OLA and the people as there is with L-Net, which provides a service to the people and it would be best if OLA provided support such as requesting and encouraging volunteers to help the L-Net

staff with their booth if they choose to proceed.

4. Next year Leah is planning to create an advocacy task force to determine what steps OLA could take to help members have more advocacy for their libraries.

5. Technology committee: The committee has been having discussions regarding online membership services, conference registrations, elections, etc. It is a huge project. The first thing that is needed is the membership database; nothing else can be done until this is set up. Things like voting and conference registration can be added on later. The committee made a list of companies that provided internet services for associations, then contacted them about pricing. Most required about \$10,000 to set up then a monthly service fee. However, there is a company (Memberclicks) that has a completely different pricing structure than all of the others. For a one time set up fee of \$300, then \$150 per month, it would be possible to get the membership database online and set up membership renewal forms online. A test site was demonstrated. Discussion regarding how to pay for this followed. Approximately \$2000 would be needed in next year's budget if it is decided to use start using this for next year. Activa was paid \$2019 last year and it appears that approximately half of the McCully's fees relate to membership fees and lists so there is a possibility that money could be saved from these areas which would help pay for the use of Memberclicks. It will still be necessary to be able to accept checks since not all organizations have access to a credit card. It will take some time to implement this if the tests go well. Due to the bulk of the renewals coming in October, it was determined that it would be best to start on September 1st (along with the budget year) with working on forms for conference, then implementing online renewals January 1st. This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

6. Maureen Cole passed around a calendar she received as an offer for a possible fundraising activity.

B. Past President – Faye Chadwell – no report.

- C. Vice President – Leah Griffith – The retreat will be on August 1st & 2nd. There will be a speaker regarding advocacy. OEMA will be having an auction. Leah reported that she and Jim Tindall went to Washington to the ALA Legislative Day. Many others from Oregon attended also.

- D. Secretary – Marsha Richmond – no report

- E. Treasurer – Suzanne Sager – The treasurer’s report and the revised credit card procedure form were distributed. There is still confusion as to who can use the credit card. The final financial reports for the conference are not in yet.

- F. Parliamentarian – Steve Skidmore – There is a need for a change in the Public Library Division section of the bylaws in Chapter 13. This will need to wait for the August meeting when there is a quorum.

- G. State Librarian – Jim Scheppke – not in attendance.

- H. OEMA representative – Jim Tindall – Discussed obtaining division seed money for the literacy conference next summer. Regarding the organizational merger between OLA and OEMA, there seems to be interest in discussion. The recommendation is to look for ways to work cooperatively for the benefit of all. A packet was distributed regarding dues structure for OEMA, OLA Washington Library Media Association (WLMA), Alaska Library Association (AKLA), and the Idaho Library Association (ILA). This had been distributed to the OEMA board for them to see how other organizations handle dues. The dues structures offer a fair amount of variety. OLA and OEMA may, in the future, wish to look at a dues structure that would benefit both organizations.

- I. ALA Councilor – Carolyn Rawles-Heiser – not in attendance-no report

- J. PNLA Representative – MaryKay Dahlgreen – not in attendance-no report

- K. Member at large – Rob Everett – not in attendance-no report

- L. Academic/ACRL Division – Susan Hinken –The ACRL board met and planned programs for the 2006 OLA conference. They have six program

proposals they are working on and one pre-conference. They hope the programs will appeal to academic librarians and others. The pre-conference will deal with cataloging in the 21st century.

M. Oregon Young Adult Network – Alison Kastner

N. Support Staff Division – Sonja Patzer

4. Committee Reports

A. 2005 Conference – Cindy Gibbon-not in attendance-report by phone

1. The Conference Committee requested discussion regarding the refund of internet fees that had been charged to vendors for the 2005 OLA Conference. The internet access was not reliable and was not able to be used by the vendors as they, or the OLA conference committee had intended. This was discussed at length and it was decided that whether to refund the \$1725 which was charged to the vendors for internet connections is the decision of the 2005 OLA Conference Committee, not the OLA Board.

2. The next OLA Conference will be April 5-7, 2006 in Salem.

B. Continuing Education – Pam Horan – Pam Horan will be retiring from the State Library.

C. Honors, Awards, Scholarships – Gary Sharp – not in attendance – sent a report. The Award Criteria Recommendations Report from the Honors, Awards and Scholarship committee was reviewed and discussion followed.

The background: Questions from committee members were raised during the 2005 OLA annual awards. One candidate could not be nominated for the Librarian of the Year award because she did not have an MLS degree. Also, since groups were not listed as being eligible for the Supporter of the Year award the committee decided it was best to keep to the stated criteria to determine the 2005 recipient of that award.

Discussion followed regarding whether the Librarian of the Year award recipient

be required to have an MLS degree. There are many professional librarians, library managers and supervisors that may be deserving, but not have the MLS. Many recommended that having an MLS or equivalent be acceptable for those working in professional librarian positions. Discussion also followed as to whether a group should be eligible for the nomination of the Library Supporter of the Year award. The stated criteria is currently for individuals, however, the award has been given to groups such as the 2004 award to the Friends of the Driftwood Public Library and the 2003 award to the Olmstead Family. It was decided that this discussion be turned back to the HAS Committee.

The Revised RFP to Hire a Consultant for the OLA MLS Scholarship Program was then discussed. The deadline for responses to the RFP has been extended from July 1st to July 31st. It was suggested that due to this change that the date listed for the award of the contract be extended to mid-August instead of August 2nd to allow adequate time for review of proposals.

D. Nominations Committee – Ruth Kratochvil – not in attendance-no report

E. OLA/OEMA – Jim Tindall – OEMA is tentatively looking at Redmond for the OEMA Literacy Conference which is scheduled for the summer of 2006. The new OLA/OEMA representative is Alan Kopf from Umatilla.

5. Roundtable Reports

A. There were no roundtables in attendance.