

OLA Board Meeting
January 13, 2006
Wilsonville Public Library

Attendance

Rea Andrew,Carolynn Avery, Robin Beerbower, Aletha Bonebrake, Dierdre Conkling, MaryKay Dahlgreen, Patrick Duke, Steven Engelfried, Camila Gabaldon, Leah Griffith, Curtis Kiefer, Bob Kingston, Allen Kopf, Susan Ludington, Linda Lybecker, Carolyn Rawles-Heiser, Jim Schepcke, Stephen Skidmore, Barbara Valentine, Janet Webster.

1. Housekeeping

Quorum Achieved

2. Officer Reports

A. President – Leah Griffith

1. Nominating Committee

Leah has appointed the Nominating Committee: Eva Calcagno of WCCLS (chair), Cara List of University of Oregon, and Sarah Beasley of Portland State University. Jim Schepcke moved to approve the appointments. Barbara Valentine seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Leah encouraged Divisions to consider possible candidates for OLA offices and notify the Nominating Committee with suggestions.

2. OEMA Voting Rights

Currently associate members of OLA and OEMA do not have voting rights. Leah has been discussing this with OEMA membership. No changes have been made yet, but the issue is still under consideration.

3. President's Award

Leah shared draft wording for a proposed "President's Award." After discussion, consensus was reached that a formal award should be established. It would have to be incorporated into OLA by-laws, but would not require a membership vote. MaryKay Dahlgreen moved to approve the award. Susan Ludington seconded. The motion was

withdrawn and further discussion was tabled, pending future input from the Honors, Awards, and Scholarships committee. Leah will contact Gary Sharp, who chairs HAS, and discussion will resume at a future OLA Board Meeting.

4. Wordstock

The second annual Wordstock Festival of the Book is scheduled for Friday, April 21 to Sunday, April 23, 2006 at the Oregon Convention Center. OLA staffed a booth at last year's event. Last year OLA got a free booth and gave Wordstock a free booth at the OLA Conference. Last year's OLA focus was on L-Net and the Summer Reading Program. OYAN will consider playing a role this year. We can ask OS LIS about participating also. The Statewide Early Literacy Initiative might be another area for OLA to feature. Leah will e-mail CSD, OYAN, OEMA, MCL, and Mo Cole (who attended last year) to gauge possibilities. If the booth is not free this year, the cost is \$250 for a booth. The State Library can distribute materials to libraries about Wordstock, as they did last year.

5. Library Technician Certification / Training by Chemeketa Community College (CCC)

CCC contacted Leah about possible plans to develop a certification for library technicians. CCC could offer it statewide, with on-line options. CCC asked if Oregon might consider requiring certification for library technicians. The OLA Board is not interested in making this a requirement. Portland Community College currently has a library assistant certification program. OLA's Support Staff Division will look into the program at PCC to bring more information about their program back to the Board.

6. Early Literacy and Ready to Read

A presentation and full discussion about the Statewide Early Literacy Initiative will be held at the March OLA Board Meeting. Jim Schepke reported that Multnomah County Library will soon be wrapping up the LSTA grant related to the initiative. The grant deadline was extended by the State Library because there has been so much enthusiasm and participation. Jim gave recommendations from Sara Behrman, the project consultant, to State Library Board in December. One of her recommendations is to focus the Ready to Read grant program more on Early Literacy and Summer Reading Programs. Currently Ready to

Read grants can be used for any area that improves reading for children ages 0-14. The State Library Board is considering this recommendation. The Build Initiative, which addresses early literacy on nationally, is considering Oregon for a project. The Reading for a Healthy Start initiative may also be revived as part of the groundswell of interest in Early Literacy. This interest could indicate that it might be a good time to consider a request to increase the amount of state aid. There has also been some discussion about setting a minimum Ready to Read grant level for all libraries. Information related to Early Literacy should be shared statewide, with feedback from Library Directors around the state. Leah and Janet Webster recently sent out a packet of information to Library Directors encouraging libraries to thank legislators for Ready to Read funding.

7. Portland Opera Discount Tickets

Leah received an offer from Portland Opera for OLA discount tickets (20% off) to *MacBeth*. OLA members can receive this discount. Leah passed the discount information to Camila Gabaldon to share as a benefit to OLA members.

8. Web Site Updates

Leah talked with OLA webweaver Rachel Mendez about the process of updating the OLA website. They will work out specifics of how much updating of the site she should be doing according to her contract. In the future, updates to the OLA webpage may move more towards individual Divisions having access and permissions to make changes.

B. Past President – Mo Cole: not in attendance

C. Vice President – Aletha Bonebrake
No report.

D. Secretary – Steven Engelfried

Steven noted two corrections to be made to the draft minutes of the November 18th, 2005 OLA Board Minutes. Jim Schepke moved to approve the corrected minutes. Susan Ludington seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Treasurer – Julia Longbrake: not in attendance

Leah noted that we are now ahead of last year's pace for Dues income,

which currently stands at \$925.

F. Parliamentarian – Steve Skidmore

The changes to OLA Awards that were approved at the November meeting have been made and are on the website. The new wording about the ways the Treasurer can invest, also approved at the November 18th Board Meeting, has been sent to the OLA webweaver for updating.

G State Librarian – Jim Scheppke

1. Vision 2010

Jim is working on reviving the Vision 2010 committee. It is possible that LSTA money can be used to support this effort. Leah and Jim will work together to plan a possible reconvening.

2. Career Fairs

Jim is interested in library presences at Career Fairs around the state. One Vision 2010 goal was to have a more diverse library workforce around the state, and career fairs are one area we could have an impact. ACRL has worked with career days. Some libraries participate at local career fairs. Aletha will consider forming an ad-hoc committee which could look into possibilities, and possibly create shared resources that libraries can use.

3. Oregon Benchmark #38

This Benchmark looks at the “percentage of Oregonians served by a public library that meets minimum service criteria.” In 2005, the percentage was 80%, down from 83% in 2004 and 87% in 2002. Targets for this benchmark were 94% for 2005 and 99% by 2010. The State Library will continue to work on helping more libraries reach the benchmark. The Legislative Committee recommended that we share this data with the libraries not meeting the benchmark, in hopes of getting feedback about how OLA or the State Library can help. Directors may be able to share the information with governing boards to help support budget requests. The Public Library Division has been working on mentoring libraries in relation to OLA Standards, and those efforts may also include this benchmark.

4. OLA Conference

Jim has invited Governor Kulongoski to make an appearance at the OLA Conference in Salem, and has not heard back yet.

H. OEMA Representative – Alan Kopf
The OLA/OEMA Joint Committee will begin work soon.

I. ALA Councilor – Carolyn Rawles-Heiser

1. ALA Election

The ALA election will be on-line again. Polls open March 13th and ballots go out March 15th-17th. Members can request paper ballots by March 3rd.

2. Midwinter Resolutions and Proposals

The ALA Council has drafted a resolution on the reauthorization of the Patriot Act, with specific emphasis on Section 215 and Section 505. The resolution can be found at:

<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=ifresolutions&Template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=114304>. A

Midwinter resolution is likely in opposition to a proposed “Academic Bill of Rights,” which could threaten academic freedom. The proposal for ALA dues increase will also be voted upon at Midwinter.

J. PNLA Representative – MaryKay Dahlgreen

1. PNLA Leadership institute

MaryKay has recommended Jey Wann from the Oregon State Library as a mentor for the PLA Leadership Institute, which will be held from October 22-27th, 2006.

2. PNLA Conference

Program proposals for the PNLA Conference are due February 1st. The proposal form is at

<http://www.pnla.org/events/conference06/ProgramProposalForm.doc>.

OLA members will be charged the PNLA member fee for PNLA Conference registration.

3. Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse

The Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse at the State Library is concerned that they’re not getting a full picture of what’s happening regarding challenges in libraries. The Washington Library Association (WLA) has similar concerns. WLA has submitted a proposal to PNLA to

extend the Clearinghouse to include all PNLA affiliates. It would be coordinated by PNLA, rather than by state libraries. The PNLA Executive Board will consider the proposal in February.

K. Member at Large – Pat Duke

Pat is working on the proposal to present an “extreme library makeovers” pre-conference, co-sponsored by OLA, at the PNLA Conference in Eugene. He has commitments from 2 principal participants with one more in the works.

3. Division Reports

A. Academic/ACRL/OR – Barbara Valentine

The ACRL Board met recently. They are working on planning for the Fall 2006 Conference which will be held on October 26th and 27th.

B. Children’s Services Division (CSD) – Jane Ahern: not in attendance
Leah reported that CSD will use the approximately \$2,900 recently transferred from the CSD Summer Reading fund to offer \$100 to libraries around the state. The application form will be available soon.

C. Oregon Young Adult Network (OYAN) – Susan Ludington

The last OYAN meeting included voting on the 2006 “Book Rave” list and training on L-net. OYAN is still interested in establishing a new award, but will not try to have this ready for the 2006 Conference. OYAN is considering what limits, if any, to put on scholarship requests and is interested in feedback from other OLA divisions. ACRL usually covers Conference registration. SSD’s scholarships are non-specific, with a general guideline of \$200 maximum. Susan will contact Gary Sharp of Honors, Awards, and Scholarships (HAS) for more input.

D. Public Library Division (PLD) – Linda Malone: not in attendance

Linda Lybecker reported that PLD is working on the project to help libraries with OLA Standards. PLD currently has a graduate student working on the Division web page.

E. Support Staff Division (SSD) – Rea Andrew

SSD is considering participating in an in-service day in Southern Oregon by presenting the mending workshop. George Fox University has requested an advanced mending workshop. SSD does offer scholarships and would like to

see more applicants. Scholarships can be used for the OLA Conference, the SSD Conference, OLA Membership, and book mending workshops. Applicants should be members of the SSD.

4. Committee Reports

A. 2006 Conference – Robin Beerbower

Notification postcards for the Conference went out in early January. Organizers planning Pre-Conferences can start publicizing them at any time. The Conference Registration page (<http://www.olaweb.org/conference/confregforms.htm>) links to various registration forms, including “meals only” and “name badge only.” On-line registration is not available yet, but the print form is in fillable PDF format. All meals choices and room assignments are completed. Conference publicity will promote the Grand Phoenix Hotel, which has excellent rooms, pricing, and continental breakfasts. The final deadline for program descriptions with presenter information is February 15th. Equipment requests are due February 6th; later requests for equipment needs cannot be guaranteed. Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management is providing \$2,000 for Conference bags. OLA Divisions such as CSD and OYAN will receive free booths; locations for these have not been finalized yet.

B. Continuing Education – Open

C. Honors, Awards, and Scholarships (HAS) – Gary Sharp: not in attendance

Gary submitted a written progress report on the OLA MLS Scholarship Project. Consultants Susan McLaughlin and Sherrill Krichhoff have collected survey results and conducted research interviews. Survey analysis and interviews will continue. Upcoming activities include preparing scholarship options and drafting scholarship guidelines.

D. Intellectual Freedom Committee (IF) – Curtis Kiefer, Bob Kingston

The joint Banned Books Week celebration with ACLU in September is coming: any suggestions or ideas can be e-mailed to Curtis Kiefer at curtis.kiefer@ci.corvallis.or.us. The Committee is considering possibilities for the IF award.

- E. Library Development and Legislation Committee – Janet Webster
The Committee recently mailed out information related to Ready to Read funding, and this will be on the web soon. Jacque Mills, an OSU lobbyist, attended the recent IF meeting and gave a run down of current issues facing higher education. Only about 20% of the funding for OSU and U. of O. come from the state budget and enrollment booms can be stressful for higher education budgets. Legislative agenda ideas include Ready to Read funding and Early Literacy in Latino populations. Ed Dennis, chief of staff for Susan Castillo, Oregon’s Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be a guest speaker at the April 25th IF Committee meeting in Salem. A January 2006 *American Libraries* article (p. 19) looks at a national movement to focus school funding on classroom instruction. ALA is currently considering a resolution to reject any policy that would dismantle school libraries and school media specialists. OEMA will be discussing this issue, as will the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA).
- F. Membership – Camila Gabaldon
The draft membership form is still in progress, with work still being done on drop down menus. Most problems should be resolved soon.
- G. Nominations Committee – Eva Calcagno: not in attendance
Leah reminded board members to consider nominating people for OLA positions and to encourage Division members to dominate or run for a position.
- H. OLA/OEMA – Jackie Partch: not in attendance
Leah reported that Jackie Partch from Multnomah County Library has agreed to chair this committee.
- I. Oregon Authors – Sue Kopp: not in attendance
- J. Publications Committee – Alex Rolfe, Loretta Rielly: not in attendance
- K. Resource Sharing – Mary Jane Fisher, Wes Stevens: not in attendance
Leah reported that she has talked with Mary Jane and Wes about reviewing the ILL code.

5. Roundtable Reports

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BIGOR – Scott Heron: not in attendance

DIGOR – Laura Ayling: not in attendance

IRRT – Carolee Hirsch: not in attendance

LIBRARY DISTRICTS – Diedre Conkling
No report.

LIRT – Rachel Bridgewater: not in attendance

OUTREACH – Carolynn Avery

The Outreach Roundtable is offering scholarships to attend the OLA Conference and also co-sponsoring a pre-conference with PLD. The Roundtable would like to offer one day registration and also another scholarship for free registration to the pre-conference.

PAST PRESIDENTS – Open

REFERENCE – Carrie Ottow: not in attendance

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES – Deidre Conkling
No report.

TECHNICAL SERVICES – Jian Wang: not in attendance

Next meeting = West Linn Public Library
Friday, March 10th, 2006 10:00 am – 3:00 pm