

OLA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

December 7, 2007
Jesuit High School

Meeting called to order at 10:02am by Sarah Beasley.

ATTENDANCE

Katie Anderson, Brandon A. Barnett, Sarah Beasley, Molly Carlisle, Maureen Cole, Steven Engelfried, Mary Ginnane, Curtis Kiefer, Gregory Lum, Stephanie Michel, Suzanne Sager, Jim Schepcke, Liisa Sjoblom, Steve Skidmore, Caleb Tucker-Raymond, Hannah Gascho Rempel, Carol Uhte, Jey Wann. Shirley Roberts, Gary Sharp, Janet Webster via phone.

HOUSEKEEPING

Sarah Beasley reviewed handouts with attendees, and asked for any additions to agenda. Brief introductions. Steve Skidmore indicated we have a quorum.

Minutes from October meeting approved verbally without a motion (one typo will be corrected).

Sarah encourages members to make sure email addresses are correct in Memberclicks.

REPORTS

Sarah Beasley, President:

Future conferences. Sarah is talking with PLA about 2010. Possible pre-conference, waiting to hear whether 1 or 2 sessions. Possible ALA bookstore. Discussion of whether Powell's would partner or an independent store (concerns they couldn't afford it). Sarah will approach Powell's. Programming ideas: Aaron Schmidt of <http://www.walkingpaper.org/>; Hannah Gascho Rempel of <http://infodoodads.com/>; open source ILS, teen services.

Sarah read report for Aletha Bonebrake, Past-President:

Aletha is working on the white paper update regarding OLA's position that public libraries are vital for public good. More soon.

Mary Ginnane, Vice-President:

Mary is attending meetings of the Legislative Committee and Oregon Reads. She asked about the chapter relations training with ALA, wondering whether to go at Midwinter or wait until June? No opinions so Mary will go at ALA in June.

Brandon Barnett, Secretary:

Passed around signup sheet, no report, asked for questions/comments, there were none.

Shirley Roberts, Treasurer (by phone):

The phone connection was problematic. Shirley struggled to make her report, hear our questions, and answer them. Reviewed dues changes suggestion from sub-committee formed out of October meeting. Memberclicks can't do a percentage increase so suggestion reflects a rounded increase instead. Jim Scheppke mentioned suggestions modeled on other state library association, but we can't get comparable figures out of Memberclicks.

Question about whether the sub-committee considered regular yearly but small increases based on CIP? Sub-committee did not discuss that idea in depth. This proposal makes no change for institutional members; suggestion to market business and institutional memberships. It would be best for board to make final decisions about proposed changes before or at February meeting, so the proposal can be voted on at annual conference. Steve Skidmore will look in archive to find out exactly when dues raised last (found later in the meeting: dues last increased March 30, 2001; hadn't been increased since 1991 before that).

Suggestion that since dues increase will not generate huge return immediately, we should have a goodwill gesture of not raising dues for lowest salary bracket. Concern then about bigger difference between lowest and second lowest, barrier to moving up. Sarah will contact McCulleys to see if they can get data that Memberclicks can't. Mary pointed out that the website isn't clear about what benefits an institutional membership affords. Suggestion to add a retired librarian level.

Wrap-up: We'll revisit and vote on this proposal in February.

Steve Skidmore, Parliamentarian:

Steve is working with CSD for their bylaws changes, and continuing with the renumbering project.

Jim Scheppke, State Librarian:

State Library Board retreat Thursday next week. Will discuss issues he reported on at October OLA meeting. State Dept. of Education will not support the EBSCO subscription for schools for fiscal year 08/09. This terrible news also affects OSLIS. Will consider actions/options at retreat. Sarah asked what OLA can do? Jim says State Library board needs clear signal from OLA that we would fight for it. Budget requests due in June. Sarah asks should this be a priority for the Legislative Committee?

Oregonian newspaper digitization summit: Statewide newspaper project possible? U of O is taking lead (similar projects in CO & UT), discussed how to fund start-up & ongoing costs. See: www.cdphheritage.org The State Library Board is also planning to ask for a budget increase to improve citizen access to the Oregon.gov website.

Greg Lum, OASL Representative:

Oregon Battle of the Books (LSTA grant funded) is a regional competition in seven areas of Oregon, winners will advance to state competition at Chemeteka College. January 9 2008 is the grant deadline for schools who want to participate next time. Debbie Alvarez is looking for volunteers lsta_oema@yahoo.com

Carol Uhte, Public Library Division:

Removed specific mentions of “2007” from standards documentation based on feedback at October meeting. Passed out handout with minor, wordsmith changes for the PLD standard on community involvement.

MOTION: Jim Scheppke moved: Accept the changes proposed for the standards for Oregon Public Libraries. Seconded by Stephanie Michel. Approved.

Also conducting a survey about use of the PLD standards.

Molly Carlisle, Children’s Services Division:

CSD bylaws changes: Chair-elect separate from Summer Reading chair. There is more work now because of the collaborative summer reading project. Discussion reveals that exact changes are not yet ready for a vote. Steve Skidmore suggests board approve concept and let Steve and Molly work out the wording.

MOTION: Carol Uhte moved: OLA Board approve in concept what Molly is trying to do with the CSD bylaw changes, and let her and Steve follow up as necessary. Seconded by Mary Ginnane. Approved.

Also had some great workshops since last meeting.

Suzanne Sager, ALA Representative:

Suzanne will attend ALA Midwinter.

Steve Engelfried, PNLA Representative:

PNLA Board met in November. Edmonton conference made approximately \$10,000. Next conference is in Post Falls, Idaho, in August 2008. Program proposal information is available on the website: www.pnla.org They need an Oregon representative for the program planning committee. Let Steve know if you’re interested. Preliminary work is

electronic, but you would need attend conference. Membership is erratic because conference rotates between member states.

PNLA Leads: 10/26-31/07 in Idaho, more information is available on the website. The Quarterly may become peer-reviewed, and Sporg (similar to Memberclicks) costs are increasing.

[[Lunch – Thanks to Greg and Jesuit for providing such a nice lunch!!!]]

Janet Webster, Legislative Committee (by phone):

Working on a conference program with freshmen legislators. Will be talking at next meeting about EBSCO situation and about recent changes regarding state ID cards and driver's licenses. 'Ready to Read' checks have been mailed; this is an opportunity to thank your local legislator. ALA looking at e-advocacy web portals for local organizations; Diedre Conkling will email more about it.

Stephanie Michel, Academic/ACRL Division:

Planning their conference, theme is Next Generation ILS. They have two pre-conferences and six programs at OLA/WLA. They also have money for e-learning opportunity scholarships.

Curtis Kiefer, OYAN:

Passed around new logo for OYAN. Reported that the mock Printz is January 5th at Multnomah County Library. Trying to encourage YA authors to tour throughout state when they happen to be in Portland or other big cities for a program. Resource sharing is popular on the Internet with youth, and OLA/WLA conference planning going well.

Jey Wann, Support Staff Division:

Speaker at SSD conference will be Anne-Louis Sterry; they've awarded two scholarships for memberships; strategic planning for future; discussing new t-shirt possibilities.

Wade Guidry, Web Design Development (not present):

Unable to attend this meeting due to aftermath of storm in Tillamook issues. Has sent updates to mailing list. Let him know who your unit contact is if you haven't already.

Hannah Gascho Rempel, Communications Committee Chair:

Trying to build community feel in the Hotline. Send her fun, local items!

Liisa Sjoblom, Conference Committee 2008 Chair:

Shared written report, high-lights: Full-day pre-conference on Evergreen (open source ILS). Hotel information is already up on website. Registration form and preliminary program will be on website in January. Menus almost finalized, food costs higher than expected. Using Sporg (like Memberclicks) through WLA.

Gary Sharp, Scholarships (by phone):

MLS scholarship awards program needs a wording change regarding what full-time status means. Brief discussion, general agreement.

MOTION: Mary moved: the OLA Executive Board authorize the OLA MLS Scholarship Committee to change the scholarship eligibility rules by dropping the term “full-time” and inserting language about meeting institutional credit hour requirements to receive financial aid. Carol Uhte seconded. Approved.

Next round of scholarships going well, past presidents group working on ideas for fundraising.

Maureen Cole, Northwest Central Liaison:

Northwest Central advisory group met recently, Portals tech support (web) is moving to PCC. Receiving LSTA grant to make website better for users and for sustainable management. Advisory group membership extended to more kinds of libraries and geographic areas, adding Mary Ross (WLA Continuing Education chair).

Oregon Authors - Katie Anderson reporting for Kim :

Receiving LSTA grant to create an Oregon Authors website; partnering with Oregon Committee for the Book; first tasks are create search committee to find web developer and get domain names. Obtaining domain names approved by board, no motion necessary.

Maureen Cole, Past Presidents Roundtable Co-chair:

Raising MLS scholarship funds with temporary tattoos; no events at OLA/WLA.

Katie Anderson reporting for Leah Griffith:

Work on Oregon Reads is progressing well. Sarah Beasley has paperwork for grant request from Meyer Memorial.

MOTION: Jim Scheppke moved: the Board approve the grant request to the Meyer Memorial Trust for Oregon Reads. Suzanne Sager seconded. Approved.

Jim Scheppke is working with Oregon 150, he volunteered OLA to help with booklists for their program

HOLA scholarship: Program going forward well. Will select ten people for scholarship to attend OLA/WLA, with a special breakfast for networking and mentorship.

Next meeting February 8 in Corvallis at Corvallis Public Library 10:00am.

[[Meeting adjourned at 2:08pm]]