

## **OLA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**FINAL**

June 6, 2008  
University of Portland, Franz Hall  
Portland, OR

Meeting called to order at 10:05am by Sarah Beasley.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Brandon Barnett, Sarah Beasley, Aletha Bonebrake, Mary Ginnane, Steven Engelfried, Curtis Kiefer, Stephanie Michel, Steph Miller, Merrie Olson, Shirley Roberts, Suzanne Sager, Jim Scheppke, Gary Sharp, Liisa Sjoblom, Steve Skidmore, Diane Sotak, Carol Uhte, Jey Wann, Kim Willson-St. Clair. By phone: Bob Kingston.

### **HOUSEKEEPING**

Stephanie Michel welcomed us to the University of Portland, and explained about restrooms, snacks, and internet-access computers.

Sarah Beasley called for additional agenda items.

February minutes approved with correction. April minutes approved as-is.

### **PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS**

Sarah Beasley, President:

Regarding committee membership and new chairs: we need to determine where there are vacancies (partially for attendance at August retreat). Sarah B. asks if division etc elections have been completed. Curtis K. said by the end of this month. Sarah B. wondered if we can use some information from Memberclicks; Mary G. says she does use information on the website with some success.

As an aside, Mary G. mentioned she discovered in the bylaws that the VP was supposed to be going to OASL board meetings and she hasn't. Jim Scheppke suggests that if that rule is in procedures, perhaps we can change it so it's more flexible. Steve Skidmore confirms it is in procedures. Discussion of logistics of flexibility. Decide to consider changing it later.

Returning to committee membership and leadership: The board must approve chairs so Mary will email before the August retreat. Sarah B. asks if there is any way to use Memberclicks to track history of committee membership/leadership. Steph says may be possible but would like to talk with Sarah B. more.

Reminder that annual reports are due by July 31. Steph will make a form that chairs can complete on the OLA website. Must bring paper copies to retreat.

Sarah B. asked someone to volunteer to take fotos at retreat. Brandon B. volunteered.

## **REPORTS**

### Aletha Bonebrake, Past-President

Voting going on now, and working with Steph on Memberclicks. Voting closes end of day June 10.

There is a petition to form a new Roundtable for retired librarians/OLA members. Possible activities would be fund-raising and mentoring. This Roundtable would also provide a forum for retirees, which is currently lacking. Suggested name: Wise & Retired RT = WARRT. There were suggestions about wording so it'll sound inclusive. Jim suggests the word advocacy. Aletha gave bylaws rough draft to Steve S. for review.

MOTION: Jim Scheppke moved that the Board authorize the formation of the Wise and Retired Roundtable for retired library staff and supporters. Suzanne Sager seconded. Approved.

### Mary Ginnane, Vice-President

Retreat: Silver Falls confirmed, and Mary will work with Shirley R. on remaining paperwork. They will also make arrangements for the 2009 retreat.

Ideas for retreat topics: Vision 2020, Mary's presidential theme "Oregon Reads," brainstorming session for goal setting for the coming year, hearing about school library advocacy, joint activity w/ OASL (besides auction).

Discussed pro's and con's of Memberclicks training at retreat. Steph thinks it would be better to break everything into segmented trainings. Since the second board meeting in August is short, a suggestion was made to do the meeting, then the Memberclicks training, ending with the reception.

### Brandon Barnett, Secretary

Passed around the attendance sheet, explained about April laptop meltdown, and asked for anyone's notes to share to reconstruct minutes. The April meeting was held during conference, not well-attended, and was very brief, so not much data lost. Motions were recorded correctly.

### Steve Skidmore, Parliamentarian

The dues increase improved at conference, but we need to make updates to bylaws, Memberclicks, and McCulleys. Discussion: which exact date should it go into effect?

MOTION: Stephanie Michel moved that the dues increase become effective August 1, 2008. Aletha Bonebrake seconded. Approved.

Shirley Roberts, Treasurer

Reviewed report she passed around. Working with McCulleys to transfer grant activity into enterprise budget. There is an 18k overexpenditure, but we haven't added in conference figures yet.

Jim Scheppke, State Librarian

The State Library Board will meet June 13. They will set budget for next 2 years, which goes to the Governor August 1. The budget includes enhancements: general funds to replace LSTA because of concern by IMLS of over-dependence on LSTA funds; enhance Oregon.gov access, do extensive help page for site (more than just current search box) such as live chat and knowledgebase; more staff for the Talking Book program; double funding for Ready-to-Read grant (trying to tie it to Head Start). Jim thanked many people for helping make ALA Legislative Day a success. Jim explained NewsBank situation in context of SDLAC; they will meet again Monday June 9. State Library will pay for Ebsco for schools if ODE will not.

Merrie Olson, OASL Representative

"The Mothers" from Spokane are working to re-build school libraries. They've created a website called Fund Our Future [<http://www.fundourfuturewashington.org/>]. OASL supports their efforts. The Mothers are going to ALA, possibly also our August retreat. Mothers model is spreading into Oregon. Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) was successful and a lot of fun.

Suzanne Sager, ALA Councilor

The ALA Intellectual Freedom committee has suggested changes to their documentation. Suzanne passed around a handout, describing the changes as mostly "word smithing." OLA's Intellectual Freedom committee hasn't looked at it yet but will, and Suzanne will send the document to libs-or. Suzanne will attend the annual conference in Anaheim.

Steven Engelfried, PNLA Representative

PNLA Leads received the most applications from Oregon. Final selections will be made soon. The PNLA conference information is available online; elections are in June/July.

[[ Lunch ]]

Sarah Beasley reporting for Carol Reich, Archives

on board? SB says Task Force should get caught up, then we can consider changing it. Showed where on OLA website to find retention policy. The Archive is located in

basement of Oregon State Library. Sometimes the archivist hosts an open house. Mary G. asked if we still need task force. Sarah says yes, though the retention policy written, still lots of work to do with actual materials. Aletha asked how do you archive something? Send to Robert Hulshof-Schmidt, but email Carol. Perhaps instead of continuing the task force, a committee or a position SB will talk with Carol.

### Oregon Reads

Kim W. showed the approved graphics for Oregon Reads, created by Multnomah County Library as an in-kind contribution. Will be online soon on website. Jim S. says the Governor will write a forward for the new edition of Stubborn Twig.

### Stephanie Michel, ACRL

Conference planning is coming along, slated for October 23-24, save the date going out to libs-or soon. New projects: e-learning scholarships for ACRL members for attending online training sessions; accepting applications now. New, still planning: offering an award for academic librarians (much like the public librarian award).

### Sarah Beasley for Molly Carlisle for CSD

Reported on "Letters about Literature," a national competition for kids to write a letter to an author about a book that's been important to them, some letters are chosen for awards. Sarah mentioned that she had attended this event before and it was very moving.

### Curtis Kiefer, OYAN

NW Film Center approached them for partnership for film projects, they send a film crew to a library or program, and then they produce a film. Curtis suggested uses such creating training films. Waiting for proposal from NW folks, OYAN may offer a little money (\$300) for project.

### Carol Uhte, PLD

They have received 38 responses to the standards survey, and will review them at PLD meeting in two weeks and will provide summary in annual report. Will award PNLA Leads scholarship.

### Jey Wann, SSD

Looking for candidates for their election. The SSD conference is in July in Newport. 40 people attended an open house at Multnomah Country Library, which yielded interest in SSD, memberships, and scholarship applications. Over all very successful. Jey wishes to thank Molly Raphael and Ellen Muller for supporting the event. Sarah B. asked about the inclusive language document Jey mentioned in an earlier discussion. Jey will try to find it.

Bob Kingston (by phone), Intellectual Freedom Committee

Very successful web 2.0 & privacy presentation at OLA/WLA; materials are on NW Central website. They updated and streamlined their OLA web materials with the move to Memberclicks. Scrutinized toolkit, which was first created in 1999 and not updated since; will work on that and possibly add training modules. Tracking open access and real ID issues, getting a sense of how these will play out and may make a conference presentation out of one or both at OLA 2009. Plug for Banned Books Week, maybe do a joint display at PSU with Dark House graphic novel/comics collection. Committee needs 2 members, especially looking for public library representation.

Sarah Beasley reporting for Communications Committee

April Witteveen is taking over for Hannah.

Liisa Sjoblom, Conference Committee

Liisa shared high-lights from her report. Numbers are not quite final yet because some bills are outstanding, and profit will be split with WLA via a complex formula. Full report at retreat.

Sarah B. wondered how we'll keep the knowledge flowing from year-to-year with all the interruptions coming up, like with PLA 2010. Who's doing what? Liisa, Sarah, and Aletha will explore this further. 2011 is not far when considering contract negotiations for a location and hotels.

Sarah B. is speaking with PLA next week, pushing for 2 preconference sessions. PLA is putting out an RFP for the concession/bookstore. Sarah wants to know how serious we are about competing for this since it would take considerable work and commitment. Kim shared insights from when she did this before with Powells.

Gary Sharp, Honors and Awards

MLS scholarship recipients have selected. Gary asked for board approval.

MOTION: Mary Ginnane moved that OLA award scholarships to the group of candidates recommended by the OLA MLS Scholarship Selection Committee. Carol seconded. Approved.

Sarah Beasley reporting for Janet Webster, Library Dev. & Legislation

Legislative Day was a success and will happen again next year. The "statement about public libraries" press release went out in mid-April; Oregonian editorial staff will meet with Sarah B. and others soon. Still discussing whether to release to national press. Janet will talk with Steph M. about placing document prominently on OLA website.

Sarah Beasley reporting for Mo Cole, NW Central

OLA/WLA presentations are on website, but have to be searched for to be found.

Sarah Beasley reporting for Robert Schroeder, OLA/OSAL

Looking for members. Distributed handouts including a PDX Tribune article about the school library situation, and a draft letter to be sent by PAIL to PPS. Jim S. suggest Robert sign it in his capacity as both PAIL coordinator & chair of OLA/OSAL. Sarah B. will also co-sign.

Kim Willson-St. Clair, Oregon Authors

The new bibliography is selling well. The sell of Stubborn Twig book for Oregon Reads is also going well. They will be selling them at both the SSD and PNLA conferences. With the LSTA grant for the website, they are reviewing a web developer job description and are purchasing a domain name. Losing 3 members and looking to replace them.

Diane Sotak, Publications

All past OLA Quarterly issues are now online, and submitted to Ebsco, which can take 3-6 months to appear in their database. Contacted by a person doing a book about green library practices. Reminder about opportunities to guest edit an issue and/or write articles.

Next meeting August 4-5 at retreat at Silver Falls.

[[ Meeting adjourned at 2:27pm ]]