

OLA Board Meeting
Oregon State University Library
November 21, 2008

ATTENDANCE

Connie Anderson-Cohoon, Bill Baars, Sarah Beasley, Robin Beerbower, Dana Campbell, Faye Chadwell, Mo Cole, Deidre Conkling, Mary Ginnane, Steph Miller, BJ Quinlan, Robert Hulshof-Schmidt, Suzanne Sager, Steve Skidmore, Kristin Starnes, Garrett Troth, Kimberly Willson-St. Clair.

Shirley Roberts, Jim Scheppke via phone.

Cathy Zraggen via video.

Mary Ginnane called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

Agenda Review

Approval of Minutes

The September minutes were approved as distributed.

Motion by Sarah Beasley, second by Suzanne Sager. Unanimous approval.

Officer Reports

President

Mary has been attending Oregon Reads meetings. She also attended the OLA/OASL Joint Committee Meeting on school/public library cooperation, and Wordstock, where a table was set up for the promotion of Oregon Reads. Mary will attend the Emporia graduation ceremony in December. She has been working with Shirley on the budget. She has sent thank yous to participants in the "Defend Oregon" campaign, and thank yous to the "Big Twelve," those Libraries who purchased significant numbers of copies of Stubborn Twig. She has also been analyzing the grants and contracts procedure.

Past President

(Reported on future conferences later in meeting.)

Vice-President

Connie attended OLA Legislative Conference Meeting via phone. She has been prepping by for next year by reading the bylaws. Will be attending the National Library Legislative Day.

OLA Treasurer's Report

Shirley shared current financials (we are in a money market - less affected by stock market fluctuations. We are about \$1,000 up in dues revenue compared to the previous year. Enterprise Balance sheet - we are in good shape there also. Mary noted the success

of the Stubborn Twig remainder sales.

Conference Committee Report

Robert sent around a copy of the proposed budget. Held meeting on November 14th. The Showcase applications will arrive soon (with a Dec. 22nd deadline) The Program is finalized., with 52 of 54 slots filled. Exhibits - will heat up in Jan. The space is laid out, the menu is finalized, the keynotes (Justice Betty Roberts, Joe Raiola from Mad Magazine) have been confirmed. Robert shared the conference logo. Hotel reservations are available now. (Note that shoulder dates will be at a higher, non-conference, rate). This will be a paperless program, i.e. no handouts at the conference, with the possible exception for bibliographies. There will be copies of the powerpoints online. They hope to have 90% up *before* the conference.. The evaluations will be online. Robert shared the event budget. The Preconference sessions are fully scheduled.

State Librarian's Report

1. State budget - The state economist forecasts that the state is \$140 million out of balance for current biennial forecast, and for 09-11 will be out of balance by \$850 million. The Governor has ordered all state agencies to reduce their biennial expenditures to match the shortfall. This will be a 1.2% reduction of the general fund budget. For the State Library this means a \$40,000 reduction. This won't interfere with the obligation to send out ready to read checks. On December 1st the Governor will release his budget for the next biennium, and this must be a balanced budget, so cuts will be necessary. The composition of the Ways & Means committee, which is involved in budget decision making, may influence this; and the committee may include Margaret Carter and Peter Buckley.

2. Library elections. 4 of the 6 Library funding measures passed, including Library Districts in Clackamas County, and Ontario in Malheur County. Oregon now contains 24 Library Districts. Fern Ridge and Ashland also passed Library levies.

3. The Josephine County Library, closed for the last two years, will reopen in December. The County is contracting with the non-profit group Josephine Community Libraries Incorporated, which will run the Library. They hope to receive a matching \$300,000 grant from Josephine County. This will be Grants Pass Library facility.

Vision 2020

The committee is set, and will convene on December 10th, at the Corvallis-Benton Public Library. \$5,000 has been committed to Vision 2020, but the cost of professional focus groups has been budgeted at \$10,000. Teresa Landers is Chair. They will start with data gathering, then a retreat is planned. Also budgeted, a \$1,200 reimbursement of travel costs. The total their looking for is \$12,700. LSTA funds might be a possible source for the budget. Jim will receive the allotment numbers in March. The LSTA advisory council will meet in May, and Jim suggested that they should be approached. Members of the committee are - Teresa Landers, Anne-Marie Dietering, Darcy Henning, Ally Flannery, Aaron Schmidt. Perry Stokes, Amy Michael, Ann Miller, Steph Miller, Ann Carlisle, Amy Blossom.

Budget Proposal

Shirley shared budgets back to 2001-2002, then up through the proposed 2008-2009 budget. Motion to accept the budget as amended (with Robert's \$2,000 addition in proposed additional conference revenue) - Shirley moved, Sarah seconded. Unanimous.

Future Conferences

2010. Mary reported that a ½ day gaming program is scheduled. The full day “zine” conference program is still under development. PLA proposals for programs are due November 30th.

2011. Sarah discussed the proposal from the Riverhouse in Bend. The catering minimum is an issue, as are attendee numbers. Deschutes County Library in-service activities, Early Literacy and CORL conferences may also be an issue, although some interaction/coordination may be possible.

2012. Mary reports that Salem is the tentative location

Special Task Force reports

Oregon Reads

Oregon Reads was represented at Wordstock; Linda Malone coordinated the booth, with help from Kim and Linda Absher. OPB will provide media support for the program. They are distributing a “WOW” package - with mailings of bookmarks, posters and buttons to Libraries for staff promotion. Mary Oberst will be unable to attend the kickoff event. Helen Spaulding from PSU will host the morning event, Molly Raphael will host the evening event. Mary will speak, too! (Events are scheduled for January 15th).

ALA Representative

Suzanne reported that Midwinter registration ends December 5th. America Speaks from Triumph Books wants to provide 20 books to state organizations. Suzanne will notify Mary when these are available. Suzanne also provided a copy of the Rettig letter to the President and Vice-President elect.

PNLA Representative

Dana reported that it’s time to sign up for the 2009 PNLA Conference, which will be held in Missoula, Montana, August 5-9. The theme is “A Century of Cooperation, A Legacy of Leadership.” Dana also reported that Oregon has 30 members in the organization, most of whom are in academic libraries. She also noted that they are recruiting for a Young Adult Reader’s Choice representative, who will take office in 2009.

NW Central Website Demo

<http://www.nwcentral.org/>

Mo provided the demo of the revised site. This will be up in December. PCC LSTA grant funds were used. The folks who worked on MCL’s did this one as well. It’s nicely interactive for members, e.g. the events calendar.

Oregon Authors Website Demo

<http://oregonauthors.org/home/php>

Kim provided the demo of this site, which was developed with an LSTA grant to OLA. Matt Ike designed the site. Todd Feinman added the salmon color to the site and word outlining. The format has moved away from the wiki format. Each author or committee member will be able to add info to a live database. It will allow RSS feed creation and author blogs. The browse Libraries feature should prove to be particularly useful. This will be a good tool for information

regarding academic, public, school and some special Libraries.

Web Member Manager

Steph has scheduled memberclicks training for December 12th at MCL and December 19th at Eugene. Steph is looking for a replacement as Web Member Manager. Steph reported that Memberclicks doesn't work well in the listserv function - alternatives should be sought.

OASL

Carol Dignes, from the Lebanon High School Library, is their representative to OLA. The committee will continue. The Chair switches from OLA to OASL annually. Diane Sotak (OLA Publications Chair) may expand the guidelines for article solicitation and representation of all members, including school Librarians. A joint OASL and OLA quarterly issue may be possible. Perhaps the Winter 2010 issue.

Division Reports and Action Items

SSD - Cathy reports that SSD has decided to drop the membership fee. They will meet on December 4th. They are working on an OLA survey regarding Library certification. They are also working on an Early Literacy (one time) conference with Mem Fox. They may join the Vision 2020 task force.

CSD - BJ Fall reported that they had a workshop November 1st at the Tualatin Library. Their annual auction raised over \$3,000, with thanks especially to Peyton Stafford and Ellen Fader.

OYAN - Kristin discussed their 2010 conference. OYAN "On the Road" presentation they did a teen services 101 at Menucha, and will repeat this at the OLA conference. Kristin attended OASL/WSL conference. Kristin also reported that the "Fund our Future Oregon" bill will be proposed by Peter Buckley in January.

PLD - Robin reported that they met last Friday and discussed the pre-conference and the PLD dinner. They are currently working on governance standards, and will address technology next after input from technical staffs. They are using memberclicks with help from Steve. They are hoping to do a workshop next fall, and also hoping that OLA preconference profits will tide them over. They will be having a workshop at the Tualatin Library on November 13th, titled "New Technology in Libraries." This will incorporate a 2 hour session in the morning, with a technology "petting zoo" in the afternoon.

ACRL- Garrett reported that they had their "Once & Future Catalog" conference last month, with speakers from North Carolina and Georgia Pines. Garrett recommends that Librarians take a look at what these systems are doing with their catalogs. The conference ended in the black.

Committee reports

Oregon Authors -Kim reports that membership is increasing. There will be 3 sessions at the OLA conference. Two minute reviews, Robin has authors, and there will be an Oregon Authors website session. They are applying for a PLA 2010 session.

Intellectual Freedom Committee. -The committee has a full slate of members. They are working on a public library internet filtering survey.

Legislative Committee -Legislative day is tentatively set for March 5, 2009. Janet will be doing a December OLA Hotline reminder regarding attaching Ready to Read information.

HOLA grant - The second round of the application period is approaching.

Grants & Contract Procedures Document

Mary is working on a draft to provide direction for the incoming President. Mary would appreciate comments.

Southern Oregon University thanked OLA for Stubborn Twig donations.

Meeting closed at 2:45pm