

OLA Board Meeting
Multnomah County Library
January 15, 2009

ATTENDANCE

Connie Anderson-Cohoon, Bill Baars, Sarah Beasley, Nancy Black, Dana Campbell, Anne-Marie Dietering, Mary Ginnane, Steph Miller, Laura Orr, BJ Quinlan, Suzanne Sager, Jim Scheppke, Steve Skidmore, Diane Sotak, Garrett Troth, Kimberly Willson-St.Clair.
Eva Calcagno, Barbara O'Neill.
Shirley Roberts, Cathy Zraggen via phone.

Mary Ginnane called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM.

Agenda Review

Approval of Minutes

The November minutes were approved as distributed.

Motion by Sarah Beasley, second by Dana. Unanimous approval.

Officer Reports

OLA Treasurer's Report

Shirley reviewed the latest (November 2008) information received from McCulley's. Other than noting that our Interest Earned is posted quarterly there were no other anomalies or points of interest to be discussed. All areas of financial activity seem to be routine and on track with expected budget planning.

Conference 2009 Issues

We will schedule a 2 hour Board meeting during the preconference day. Business issues will be scheduled for Thursday, Awards for Friday. Conference planners continue their efforts to make this a "green" conference.

Conference 2010

The Public Library Association conference will be held in Portland in 2010. Two preconference proposals have been submitted. One is for a ½ day – the subject is gaming. One is for a full day – regarding graphic novels and zines. A special "exhibits plus" pass will be available, and it should be in the \$35-40 range. We're still looking at a Powell's connection, and other revenue generating possibilities. A tattoo parlor? A brewery tour?

Conference 2011

Sarah continues to pursue Bend, the Riverhouse. We'll be ok with 450 attendees. We'll keep a deposit on Salem until the contract is finalized.

Conference 2012

Salem is the preferred choice.

Bylaws

Laura Orr distributed proposed bylaws for the establishment of the OLA Legal Reference Roundtable. Membership will come from public and academic Libraries. Laura provided signatures from colleagues, many of whom are OLA members, in support.

A motion "For the establishment of the OLA Legal Reference Roundtable" was made by Jim. Second by Suzanne. Unanimous.

This will be immediately established. A message will be sent on Libs-OR.

Two ACRL Proposals -

1 - An Award for Excellence, which they plan to announce at OLA.

Sarah moved, Bill seconded. Unanimous.

2 - An ACRL Board Member addition - A legislative appointee. This will need to be approved by ACRL membership. We will consider this at our April meeting, after the Legislative Committee takes a look.

Bylaws and Notification

Steve was unable to find anything about a notification requirement. Section 3.082 is headed "notification," but it is a repetition of a previous subject and not relevant to this issue. Sarah believes that there is a 30 day requirement for anything the membership has to vote on. 2.062.

Oregon Authors Website User's Agreement

Kim discussed the Oregon Authors website, with special thanks to Sarah and Jim. The site is up now to coincide with Oregon Reads. It is volunteer driven. It will include a Lauren Kessler webcast for her January 15 presentation. Podcast. Browse authors section is the 2008 bibliography; mistakes are being corrected. Kim advocates reducing paper copies of this publication. Authors will not be given personal blogs on this space, but we may reference those. After discussion, it was decided that Kim would edit the document and post the policy on the Oregon Authors website.

<http://www.oregonauthors.org>

Resource Sharing Committee.- Under articles 3.05 and 6.11 and for the re-energizing of the committee, Mary approached Eva, who has agreed to chair this group. There followed a discussion of the nature and necessity of the committee and the clarification of duties. Jim gave the example of the OLA Interlibrary loan code as a major product of this committee. It was decided to not pursue the committee at this time and to address (and bring closure to) some of the issues proposed in Vision 2010.

Visions 2010 and 2020 will converge in 2011. The statewide Library card and statewide Library catalog were two 2010 issues discussed.

State Librarian's Report

1. State budget - Revenue forecasts continue to look bad. The next one will be released Friday, February 13th. Balancing the current budget will be difficult, as will balancing the next one; in fact it could be the worst in decades. The Ready to Read grant came out ok this year with no proposed reduction in the Governor's 2009-11 budget.

2. Fund our Future Oregon Bill for School Libraries. Jim has received a draft of the bill, which includes adding school Libraries as grant recipients. It requires each district to have a written plan for a strong school library program.

3. The Oregon State Library Board is considering an administrative rule that would allow the State Library to assess some public and school libraries to partially support L-Net. They are considering a proposal to assess \$30,000 for the first year, \$40,000 for the second, \$50,000 for the third. The opinions of library directors will be solicited in a survey. A hearing and deliberation on the rule has been scheduled for Friday, February 20th.

4. The Josephine County Library will have their grand opening on January 24th. The Library will be open 20 hours per week; the Library budget will be under \$300,000 per year. The Library will be leasing their facility for \$1 a year.

Reports

SSD - Cathy submitted a list of questions that could be discussed at the conference in June. SSD will be sending someone to ALA. They also have a new webmaster. "Adventures in Libraryland" will be posted on SSD's homepage.

WIMBA Classroom - Mary received a sales call from these folks who provide "a powerful web based education service" that would support meetings. It would require broadband access. Mary will look into a trial use for the June meeting.

PNLA - Dana has convinced Rick Samuelson to be the Oregon representative to the PNLA conference committee in Missoula.

ALA - Suzanne (and Dana) will be attending.

OLA Quarterly - Diane reports that 3 of 4 of this year's issues are lined up. Guest editors are needed for the Fall issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm.