

OLA Executive Board Meeting

March 24, 2010

Multnomah County Library

Present: Connie Anderson-Cohoon, Mary Ginnane, Lorie Vik, Steve Skidmore, Isaac Gilman, Jane Scott, Ruth Murray, K'Lyn Hann, Rick Samuelson, Anne-Marie Deitering, Robert Hulshof-Schmidt, Todd Dunkelberg, Rob Everett, Rachel Bridgewater, Susan Gilmont, Dana Campbell, Liisa Sjoblom, Shirley Roberts, Diane Sotak, Garrett Trott, Suzanne Sager, Judy Anderson, Lisa Todd, Susan Smallsreed, Gary Sharp, Kim Wilson-St. Clair.

Welcome & Introductions

Meeting called to order at 2:02 pm.

Agenda Review and Minutes Approval

Changes: 1) Archives Report if time (Robert), 2) Discuss business meeting voting procedure (Connie)

It was moved to approve minutes of the 1/22/10 meeting.

Motion: Susan Smallsreed

Second: Suzanne Sager

Motion carries unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Liisa distributed and summarized a paper report. We are currently in the black. Results of the conference income will reveal if we stay in the black. A new checking account was opened with funds from the Horner Exchange to facilitate the Chinese librarians' visit. The model will be evaluated as a possible method for handling some conference expenses.

Business Meeting

We need 10% of membership present to pass a vote at the business meeting. After looking at the constitution and the definition of member for this reason, we should have quorum. Chapters 2 and 3 have different numbers in order to pass – one needs 2/3 and the other a majority.

Awards Recommendations

The OLE Award winner was announced. It was moved to approve the winner.

Motion: Dana Campbell

Second: K'Lyn Hann

Motion carries unanimously.

Gary Sharp announced that it is time to apply for grants for the next round of scholarships. There is \$25,000, the same amount as last year. 8-12 scholarships in different amounts will be awarded depending on need. Discussion about the application. Its purpose is the same, but it has been revised to include stats and information to strengthen the application. It was moved to authorize submission of LSTA grant from OLA to State Library.

Motion: Susan Gilmont

Second: Mary Ginnane

Motion carries unanimously.

Gary also announced they have recruited Debbie Brodie of North Plains Public Library to fill an opening on the MLS scholarship committee due to a resignation.

OLA Conference 2011

Garrett reported on conference planning. Most of the board established. The theme is “Libraries build communities build libraries.” This idea of the theme is that during an economic downturn the community relies more on libraries and libraries rely more on the support of their communities due to budget cuts. The next step is putting the program together. Program proposals will need sponsorship by committees and round tables (stamp of approval, not money unless the program has a financial need). A program subcommittee will oversee and approve proposal suggestions – usually one person from each OLA group. The call for proposals will be this summer with a deadline of August or September. Pre-conferences are limited to one per division. Recruitment is underway for a program chair. The program chair position requires an 8-month commitment with meetings beginning in July. They also need a food coordinator and graphic design work for a conference logo. The conference committee needs more public library representation. The conference will be in Salem. Position announcements will go out in the Hotline.

Oregon Readers Choice Award (ORCA) By-laws

Rick went over the structure of the by-laws which are based on OLA’s existing awards and other states’ reader’s choice awards. The purpose is to give Oregon youth the chance to become familiar with the best and most popular literature, not just Oregon authors. It follows the structure of YRCA with three age levels. The award is to be announced at OLA and presented at OASL in October to give time to coordinate the award presentation. The ORCA committee plans to cover the expenses of the presentation, depending on the budget. OASL may be able to contribute. YRCA is good model that worked which is why the same structure is being used. One difference is that kids get to make nominations. It was moved to adopt the ORCA by-laws.

Motion: Mary Ginnane

Second: Dana Campbell

Motion carries unanimously.

OLA/OASL Merger

OASL leadership approached OLA about looking into being a division of OLA using the model of ACRL. The request to the OLA board now is to officially assign this as a charge to research and see what it could look like. Pending approval a short discussion paper would be written to bring to the OASL board in May. Discussion ensued. Would this division have their own conference? Yes, like support staff and ARCL. This model exists in other states like Texas and Georgia. One main purpose of a merger is to have a common voice for political advocacy. OASL has not brought this up with membership yet. It was moved that the OLA/OASL joint committee move ahead in researching the pros and cons of merging OASL as a division of OLA.

Motion: Dana Campbell

Second: Suzanne Sager

Motion carries unanimously.

Oregon Authors Proposal

Kim Wilson-St. Clair discussed options for the future of the Oregon Authors website and bibliography. 2009 entries are coming in strongly. There is a committee to establish authority control over genres and subject headings. Kim distributed a proposal via email that the Oregon Authors Committee maintain the bibliography online and not print it for publication. Instead, two archival copies would be printed annually along with one flash drive copy from an Excel spreadsheet that includes full entries with subject

headings. It was moved to accept the proposal as stated. Discussion: What about the budget? Action was already taken in November and there is a line item. This would not impact the by-laws.

Motion: Rob Everett

Second: Suzanne Sager

Motion carries unanimously.

Legislator of the Year Award

There was discussion about moving the June 4 board meeting from Florence to Ashland in order to have a reception for Rep. Peter Buckley, Legislator of the Year award recipient. The meeting would go from 11:00-4:00 with the reception from 4:00-5:00. Is there money for travel? You can request reimbursement for travel at the current IRS rate less 100 miles. We encourage board members to ask their institutions to cover travel costs. Connie will send out email with the official venue change for those that need to submit a travel request. It was agreed there was enough of us who could commit to attend.

IFC Award Procedures

Judy distributed a proposal to amend the OLA Intellectual Freedom Award section of the OLA by-laws. The modification of the by-laws is desired because there is not much guidance about the award. Question about when the award would be announced and the judging. When the numbering is in place and minor changes are made we can proceed with a vote. Steve offered to help.

PLD Governance Standards

At a previous meeting we discussed a draft of revised PLD governance standards. PLD members approved the revisions. It was moved to approve the standards as presented.

Motion: Susan Gilmont

Second: Mary Ginnane

Motion carries unanimously.

SSD Membership Dues & Involvement

Susan Gilmont proposed adding a waiver to the by-laws to allow SSD dues to be waived instead of requiring \$5.00. They will decide whether to propose simply taking out the dues or offering the option of waiving the dues. Susan will draft official wording for the board to vote on at the June meeting.

Susan asked if anyone was having problems with people being permitted to participate in times of furloughs, etc. Is the financial climate impacting other groups? OYAN – some members are reevaluating. CSD yes, had committee member withdraw. It is not just support staff. PLD had its first video conferencing meeting. Someone needs to host the software – the State Library? PLD did it with software they were testing and considering purchasing. Connie will address it in the Hotline.

NW Central Budget Request

The board welcomed Lisa Todd, the new NW Central liaison. At the most recent quarterly meeting it was agreed to upgrade to Drupal 6 for about \$600. There is \$300 budgeted for NW Central and nothing has been expensed so far. PCC has been very supportive, and if that were to change, an increase to the budget could be requested during that time in the budgeting process.

Nominations Committee

This year we are seeking candidates from non-public libraries for VP/President-elect. We have one candidate for this position and two each for Secretary and ALA Representative. We need two

candidates for each position. The ballot will go out within two weeks of the annual meeting. Mary will announce the candidate slate at the meeting for the positions with two candidates but not the other.

Announcements

Archives: Robert has a committee. Everything has been moved to accommodate boxes from McCully's, all of which have been gone through. The archives now have clear sections. History archives are caught up through 1979 and could probably be finished in one more day. He gave credit to the previous archives committee. The Board thanked Robert and the committee. Robert noted there is a place on the website for past-presidents to submit their annual report - 3 or 4 are yet to come.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Next meeting: June 4, Ashland - Hannon Library at SOU, 11-4 with legislator reception 4-5.

Retreat: Aug 2-3.