

OLA Business Meeting

April 7, 2011
Salem Conference Center
Salem, Oregon
12:30 – 2:00 pm

Rob Everett welcomed the membership to lunch and gave a special welcome to Helen Wilbur of Gale Cengage Learning. Rob recognized each member of the Conference Committee.

Rob introduced Oregon State Librarian Jim Scheppke and noted the many ways that Jim has changed the face of Oregon's libraries.

In his final address to the membership as State Librarian, Jim named several of the librarians who had worked to create a culture of excellence in Oregon's libraries. In noting the improvements to Oregon libraries over the past 20 years, Jim commented on the improvements to library buildings, technology, collections, and outstanding library staff. Among the accomplishments that Jim felt most proud of, Jim singled out Ready to Read Grant program, the renovation of the State Library building, the ORBIS Cascade Alliance, the Oregon Digital Alliance Consortium and Library2Go, the PLINKIT content management system, the Oregon Battle of the Books, the restoration of a Carleton Watkins book of Columbia River photographs (the most valuable book in the State Library's collection), and the development of 25 library districts in Oregon.

Rob opened the business meeting with a report to the membership of significant accomplishments of the past year. These included the work of the Branding Task force, the OASL merger proposal, the Virtual Collaboration Task Force, the Membership Participation Task Force, the Public Library Division Technology Standards, the Children's Services Division ORCA Award, and the streamlining of the Communications Committee. Rob also provided a summary of the OLA financial report. Rob introduced Janet Webster and Janet provided a summary of the significant legislative issues facing Oregon libraries.

Rob introduced the vote on the proposed bylaws revisions and gave special thanks to Buzzy Nielsen for his work on the revisions. Rob explained that the bylaws have been cleaned up and the procedural parts of the bylaws have moved into the procedures manual while keeping the structure of the organization in the bylaws. He explained that the one significant revision was the removal of the requirement of two candidates for each position in OLA elections.

It was moved to adopt the revised bylaws.

Motion: Steve Skidmore

Second: Robert Hulshof-Schmidt

Rob called for discussion and Emily Papagni gave her reasons for opposing the bylaws revision due to the removal of the requirement of 2 candidates for each position in OLA elections.

Rob called for the vote. The voice vote was inconclusive so a hand vote was taken. The results, 135 yes and 124 no, fell short of the two-thirds majority vote required to change the bylaws.

Buzzy Nielsen moved to adopt the proposed changes to the bylaws with the modification of striking the phrase "even if the Nominations Committee is unable to secure two candidates for each position" from Section 2.0641.

Second: Janet Webster

The motion carries unanimously.

Rob announced the centennial libraries: the Elgin Public Library, the Emma Humphrey Library (Vale), the Bandon Public Library, and the Brownsville Community Library. Rob also recognized the centennial of the University of Washington Information School.

Rob expressed his gratitude to Past-President Connie Anderson-Cohoon for her service to OLA and presented her with a plaque. Connie thanked various members of OLA for their contributions to the organization and noted some of the major accomplishments of OLA. Connie thanked the members of the Nominating Committee and named all of the candidates of the upcoming election. The candidates for Vice-President/ President-Elect, Abigail Elder and Eva Calcagno, addressed the membership.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.