

Minutes: July 23, 1998

Oregon Library Association
Executive Board

ATTENDING: Anne Van Sickle, Legislative Committee; Connie Bennett, Network coordinator; Diedre Conkling, SRRT; Anne Carter, Trustees and Friends Chair; Sara Charlton, Vice President; Aletha Bonebrake, Baker County Library; Jim Scheppke, State Librarian; Steven Engelfried, Chair CSD; Jey Wann, Secretary-elect; Maresa Kirk, Chair SSD; Linda Johnson, Incoming SSD Chair; Ed House, Past President; Sue Kopp, continuing Education; Anne Christie, Resource sharing; Gary Jensen, President; Wyma Rogers, Secretary

Jim Scheppke had proxy for Ronnie Budge; Wyma Rogers for Janet Webster. Quorum declared.

House moved and Scheppke seconded that minutes of the May 22, 1998 meeting be approved. Passed.

A short discussion ensued around problems with getting bills paid quickly by McCulley's. Jensen will look into the problem.

State Librarian's Report Scheppke said that it was gratifying that libraries are going to the ballot for money in the fall. Of the four on the ballot in May, all are returning in the fall, three because of the double majority provision. Also some will be on the ballot for building funds. He also said that George Bell is working hard in a tough race against Kevin Mannie.

OLA Retreat. Charlton reported that it will be a full house with a lot of new people coming to the event. It begins at noon on the 3rd and ends at 3 on the 4th.

Vision 2010 Committee Jensen reported that Deb Carver is the Chair and that Jensen, Scheppke, and Charlton have been working with her. They will add some representation from different types of libraries, begin in January, 1999 and expect to have a report within a year. Bonebrake asked if divisions should recommend representatives. Jensen was unsure and said that could be discussed at the retreat. Engelfried asked how others will give input. Jensen said that there would be

meetings around the state and at the conference. Scheppke said that there will be a request for input and review of the draft.

Web Site Update Jensen said he thinks the web site is working out well. Wann mentioned that some committees are not up to date. Jensen said he is working on updates. His evaluation of the Hotline editors and web masters has been completed. Billeter has the evaluation; it indicates that OLA is satisfied with the work. Jensen recommends the same money (\$3500) and contract for the upcoming year. He said that the site is still temporarily on the U of O computer and will be moving to Open.org soon

Conference Manager. House reported that the contract for conference manager for the year 2000 was awarded to Jim Hayden. He will begin work as soon as instructed. Jensen said that Hayden would help with the 1999 Seaside conference for \$500. This was passed by an email vote last month. Charlton will work with Hayden on his part in the Seaside Conference. That conference will be March 31 - April 2, 1999.

For year 2000 we are looking at Portland airport locations - the Holiday Inn and the Sheraton. Other suggestions included the hotels on the Max line. For 2002, the joint conference, Jensen said he is concerned about guarantees to the hotel which could cost us. The date is April 16-20, 2002, and we expect 800 people.

The contract with Hayden for the year 2000 conference is a one year contract, set up for one conference so that OLA can evaluate the use of a conference manager. Rogers suggested that OLA evaluate Hayden's performance at the end of the 1999 conference and consider the possibility of extending his contract beyond the 2000 conference. Christie suggested we invite Hayden to a Board meeting. Jensen said he would invite him to the August meeting. Christie questioned whether we would extend a contract to cover the 2002 conference since with a joint conference, the manager's role might be different. Scheppke asked if the conference manager role would be an option in the RFP for an executive director. Bonebrake said she thought it was important to keep the three distinct needs - financial, executive, and conference - as separate possibilities in the RFP.

The question arose - was there a report on the 1997 conference? And, where is the conference notebook?

Division Reports

SSD Kirk said that it had been an active year for the 86 members. The conference in Newport was good. They had 246 attending. Kopp asked for representation from SSD on the CE committee.

Jensen said that a larger issue for OLA was the proliferation of smaller conferences - their impact on the OLA conference and the possibility of duplication. Scheppke said that the CE committee could be working with the divisions and round tables to make up a calendar so conferences wouldn't be scheduled simultaneously. Kirk said that the July date for the SSD was chosen as the best time for support staff to get away for a conference. Discussion indicated that the CE committee should seek representation from the divisions and others who sponsor annual conferences.

Trustees. Carter said that the two ed net workshops in April and May had about 50 participating. Feedback was positive. Videos of the sessions are available. A workshop for trustees is planned for the conference. Ruth Anne Lidman is working on a second draft of the trustee handbook.

Jensen said that there had been a request from Library Literature for indexing and full text rights to the Oregon Library Quarterly. He will talk with the Publications Committee and Charlton will respond to Library Literature.

Children's's Division Engelfried reported that the five youth services workshops around the state will be advertised in a flyer arriving at libraries next week. He said that they have made progress on their quest for sponsorship for summer reading. They secured the LSTA funds to work with Metro Group. Their goal is to have next year's summer reading program underwritten. They are also working toward a grand vision for summer reading programs in Oregon.

Public Libraries Bonebrake said they are meeting to work on the conference programs and goals for next year. Ethics in librarianship is a topic.

CE committee Kopp handed out the CE Plan, a draft for which they are requesting feedback. A revision will be submitted in August. She stressed that this is not a one-year plan. They expect it to be a three or five year plan. Scheppke said that the most important item is Goal 1 which is the development of standards for library staff development. House said that in Goal 2 - the listing of CE activities on the web site - Oregon activities should be distinguished from out of state activities.

OYAN Plaisance said that they are meeting in Ashland next week where they will elect officers and discuss Internet filters.

Network Coordinator Bennett said that she is still involved in setting up the network.

Legislative Van Sickle reported that July 14 they will meet to address major issues in the legislature. One of them is Internet access in public libraries. She said that the political reality is that we need to go to the Legislature with a plan or statement that shows that Oregon libraries are working on this issue. Such a statement should include support for intellectual freedom and local control in public libraries. She emphasized that it is important for all libraries to have policies in place. She requested librarians to contact their legislators and discuss issues of concern, then send notes to Nan Heim of these discussions.

Other Business

House asked if one has to be a member of OLA to be a member of a subsidiary group, such as a round table or division. There are special memberships where this has not been necessary in the past, as with OYAN and DIGOR. Jensen will contact John Cawthorne, the membership chair and they will clarify this issue.

Rogers reminded committee chairs of the annual reports due by August 15.

Jensen said that the organization of an Oregoniana round table is still pending. They submitted proposed by-laws. Also an Instructional round table has been discussed.

Nominations were sought for an honor roll of intellectual freedom to be presented January, 1999. Those proposed are Mary Ginnane, Deborah Jacobs and Candy Morgan. These names will be forwarded to the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom and the Freedom to Read Foundation.

Budge asked Jensen to bring forward a discussion of a joint ALA-OLA membership at a reduced rate for librarianship students. The consensus was favorable. The current membership for OLA for librarianship students is \$20.00. To change this amount would take a by-laws change. The consensus was that \$20.00 seemed reasonable and could be used as the basis for a joint ALA-OLA membership. Jensen will report this to Budge.

Discussion ensued of an OLA Internet access statement. Scheppke reiterated that we need to emphasize local control. House said that libraries should be indicating that they will work with their communities. Jensen said he will ask the Intellectual Freedom and Legislative Committees to draft a statement. Plaisance and Engelfried asked to review it. The final responsibility will rest with the Legislative Committee.

The last meeting of this Executive Board will be August 28, 1998, Oceanside Community Hall from 10 - 2. A reception will follow.

Meeting adjourned.

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