

OLA Business Meeting
April 26, 2012
Riverhouse Convention Center
Bend, OR
12:30-2:00 pm

President Abigail Elder welcomed the membership to lunch and made several announcements. It was noted that all OYAN raffle tickets had been sold.

Abigail introduced the Oregon State Librarian, MaryKay Dahlgreen. MaryKay indicated her delight in addressing OLA as the newly appointed State Librarian. She thanked the library community for their active participation in the recruitment process and the recent LSTA evaluation survey. MaryKay also noted the newly launched Libraries of Oregon web site (librariesoforegon.org), which provides access to statewide databases to unserved Oregonians, directions for connecting with public libraries, and will soon also include library advocacy materials. Promotional materials for the site are available from the State Library. MaryKay also mentioned a meeting she is convening on May 8th to promote conversation about integrated library systems and the potential for further cooperation among libraries in the state. She noted the passing of two women important to the State Library, Beth Pearl-Gent (Board Member) and Mary Mayberry (Library Development Administrative Staff). She expressed the pride felt by the reopening of Hood River Public Library. Finally, MaryKay challenged the library community to proactively engage with the early literacy groups and initiatives in their communities. Since policy makers like the State's Early Learning Council are looking for results oriented programs, it is an ideal opportunity to promote the Ready to Read Program.

Abigail opened the business portion of the meeting, expressing her appreciation for the breadth of issues being addressed by OLA. She noted the work of the OLA Board and Association Manager to implement new technology and partnership guidelines to provide virtual meeting and other tools for the library community. It is now easier than ever to be involved in OLA, and library directors were encouraged by a letter from the President to support OLA participation among their staff. Abigail noted several other accomplishments, including the Resource Sharing Committee's report on reciprocal borrowing, the redesign of the OLA logo, bylaws cleanup, the new Library Technology Round Table and revitalization of the Reference and Social Responsibility Round Tables, and the Membership Committee's effort to promote involvement in OLA. Abigail also noted the final step of the merger with the Oregon Association of School Libraries (OASL) taking place at today's meeting, and the recent success of connecting with the Oregon members of Congress at Library Legislative Day. She also drew attention to OLA's financial summary, which was made available to members on the lunch tables.

Abigail introduced Buzzy Nielsen, OLA Parliamentarian. Buzzy read the OLA-OASL merger resolution, noting that had been previously distributed to membership. He moved that it be adopted. Laura Madsen seconded the motion. Rob Everett spoke in favor of the resolution. The motion was unanimously passed.

Buzzy then moved that the membership adopt the bylaws cleanup proposal, noting that it included provided for electronic voting, expanded ability to call special meetings of the OLA Board, and miscellaneous other cleanup changes. It was noted that the text of these changes had been distributed to members. Janet Webster seconded the motion. After no discussion, the motion was unanimously passed.

Rob Everett reported on the work of the Nominations Committee. He announced the candidates for the position of OLA Secretary are Steve Silver of Northwest Christian College, and Brian Green from Columbia Gorge Community College. He also announced that candidates for Vice President/President Elect are Todd Dunkelberg from Deschutes Public Library and Penny Hummel from Canby Public Library. Rob noted that in lieu of speeches, presidential candidates would record a video address that will be available on the OLA web site. OLA members should expect ballots in the next several weeks.

Todd Dunkelberg, OLA Conference Chair, ended the meeting by thanking sponsors and making several announcements.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.