

MINUTES
MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Clark Fork Boardroom, Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula, Montana
April 17, 2013

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:

The April 17, 2013, pre-convention meeting of the Montana Library Association Board was called to order at 1:00p.m. by President Anne Kish. Introductions were made; no guests were present.

Present were board members Beth Boyson, Kim Crowley, Della Dubbe, Norma Glock, Suzanne Goodman, Judy Hart, Pam Henley, Cheryl Hesel, Anne Kish, Debbi Kramer, Lauren McMullen, and Mary Drew Powers; and State Librarian Jennie Stapp.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2013, BOARD MEETING

Suzanne Goodman led a discussion of the website database changes and procedures. Pam Henley moved that the minutes of the January 16, 2013, Board Meeting be approved as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Debbi Kramer provided handouts and will have updates in a few weeks for the Finance Committee. Budget requests are due by April 26; Debbi will provide spending figures from previous years as needed. The Budget Committee will clarify line items and eliminate extra lines. Debbi noted that the budget figures look much better at this point.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

OFFICERS

President – Anne Kish shared highlights from her printed report.

Vice-President – Beth Boyson is planning the Board Retreat for June 14-15 at Bozeman Public Library. The plan is to arrive Thursday evening, meet all day Friday and half a day Saturday. Outgoing and incoming members should attend, but outgoing members can leave early.

Past President -- Kim Crowley is continuing work on the website items which will replace the handbook.

Director-at-Large East and West – Roberta Gebhardt and Dawn Kingstad were not present, but Anne Kish reported that the New Member Breakfast at the MLA Convention will be sponsored by ProQuest.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT – Debbi Kramer reported that the auditor needs specifics on what we need done. In the past, it has been a simple overview, and Board members agreed that the same thing should suffice. It will be done in August; cost should be the same as quoted in this year's budget. Debbi shared the new brochures, which are beautiful and not time sensitive.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

ALA – Suzanne Goodman shared a printed report and led discussion on whether only ALA members should vote for the ALA Representative, with a separate ballot. Beth Boysen stated that this is not a good idea because the ALA Representative represents and reports to us all. There was discussion of coverage in our By-Laws because currently it indicates following ALA By-Laws, which do not cover elections of representatives. We need to clarify our By-Laws. Meanwhile, the Board decided to continue the election process including all members voting for all representatives.

MPLA – Norma Glock shared a printed report. The Board discussed concerns with Montana's membership in MPLA with so few members statewide. There has been consideration of combining representative positions, but the timetables vary and make any combination difficult.

PNLA – Della Dubbe had a written report. Honore Bray will run for office in PNLA.

DIVISION REPORTS:

ASLD – Lauren McMullen submitted a written report.

PLD – Pam Henley shared that Matt Beckstrom will be the new PLD Chair and Carly D. will be secretary.,

SLD -- No report at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards and Honors – This committee is on the agenda for Saturday's Board meeting.

Bookstore – Beth Boyson has everything ready to go.

Cates Scholarship Committee – This committee will have a report at the Membership Meeting.

Nominating Committee – Kim Crowley presented the slate of candidates, several of whom will speak at the Membership Meeting.

Government Affairs – Judy Hart expressed her thanks to State Librarian Jenny Stapp and her staff and gave a report on current bills and their progress, and Jenny will give a further report on budget concerns. The Read posters are available for handing out at the Convention. Jenny and Judy were commended by the Board for an excellent job.

Professional Development – Mary Drew Powers reported that all moneys were committed. Samantha Hine will take over this position for next year.

INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

Report of State Library – Jennie Stapp reported that LSTA expenditures have been approved.

MLA Website – Stacy Bruhn has taken a new position with the State Library but still will be our webmaster.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Report on Strategic Plan: Copies were provided. Anne Kish will talk to individuals about anything pending.

Report on Budget Plan: The Finance Committee will meet electronically the week of May 13. They will provide a draft budget to the Budget Committee by June 1, and their report will be presented at the summer retreat.

Tax Status: A handout was provided. The form will be completed covering lobbying expenditures.

NEW BUSINESS

Decision-making Authority and the Government Affairs Chair: The Board was asked to authorize the Government Affairs Chair for quick decision making. She keeps in close communication with the State Library and the lobbyist. The Executive Board can be consulted if there is time, but if not, the Board agreed to grant the decision-making authority to the Chair.

Vendor Discussion: Vendors want to be able to access the membership listserv on Wired-Montana. Pam Henley supported a position of no objection, but Cheryl Hesper stated that she doesn't want the additional e-mails. It was decided to allow members to opt in if desired at vendor tables or with conference registration. The Board discussed vendor booth fees because ours is higher than other organizations. At this point we have plenty of vendors. Discussion included considering vendors on Saturday for teachers and other coming that day, perhaps considering giving vendors various options. For this convention, the vendors have an excellent space, are sharing in giving presentations as part of the workshops, and are strongly participating this year. The Vendor Committee membership will be discussed at the Board retreat; new procedures are needed.

E-Mail Voting: A clarification of By-Laws is needed. A decision will have to be made whether this should be a Board action or referred to the membership.

Template for Annual reports: Anne Kish is providing a template, but reports will probably continue to vary for different entities.

Document Retention and Access: This item was tabled to the Saturday meeting.

Next Meeting: Saturday, April 20, 1:45-3:45pm following the MLA Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl J. Hesper, Secretary