

MINUTES
MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2013
Bozeman Public Library, Bozeman, MT

CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, ETC.

The meeting was called to order by President Beth Boyson at 9:00a.m. In attendance were Matt Beckstrom, Sheila Bonnand, Beth Boyson, Susanne Caro, Della Dubbe, Eva English, Roberta Gebhardt, Suzanne Goodman, Susan Gregory, Judy Hart, Cheryl Hesper, Samantha Hines, Anne Kish, Debbi Kramer, Lisa Lykins, Lauren McMullen, Mary Drew Powers, and Jan Zauha. Introductions included position and background. The Committee Chairs were welcomed as guests, and Beth Boyson clarified who votes.

CONSENT AGENDA

The minutes of the April 17 and 20, 2013, Board meetings had been presented by e-mail and on the website. Lisa Lykins moved that the minutes of the April 17 and April 20 Board meetings be approved as submitted, and the motion passed unanimously.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

OFFICERS

President Beth Boyson: A written report was submitted. Beth shared that the conference planners retired and Board members are working to select new conference planners.

Samantha Hines noted that Trevor Dodd of Bozeman will be the keynote speaker.

Secretary/Treasurer Cheryl Hesper: A written report was submitted. Cheryl asked questions which established that electronic annual reports will go to Debbi Kramer for the archives. Other reports during the year will go to the Secretary. Debbi looked up details and noted that draft minutes are to be done within 30 days and can be posted on the website as drafts and approved later. Further discussion included the MLA archives being available through the Historical Society; questions on what MLA can keep from the conference websites which are done by the planners; and discussion of the website including contributions from committees, divisions, etc., needed procedures, and current efforts by Kim Crowley, Cheryl Hesper, and Staci Bruhn to get the website up to date.

Director-at-Large East and West: Roberta Gebhardt reported for herself and Dawn Kingstad and plans to work with Eva English. One proposal is to change the "new members" breakfast be changed to "first time attendees" breakfast and that an area at the opening reception be for first time attendees, also. It was noted that Interest Groups are to be overseen by the Directors-at-Large and problems need to be solved regarding procedures, including Interest Group sign-up sheets which are missing. Roberta also asked about the inactive people in the database, and Debbi Kramer noted that keeping them there prevents them from starting again as new members.

Executive Director Debbi Kramer: Debbi reported that she, Beth Boyson, and Sheila Bonnard attended a meeting of the Montana Nonprofit Association where they learned a lot including input from other groups and got direction related to the budget. Debbi stated that the budget is set up right. An expense claim with receipts and a signature electronically or in print is required for payment of any bill. We also should be acknowledging in-kind donations, which can be indicated on expense claims, too.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

ALA -- Suzanne Goodman and Susan Gregory: A written report was submitted. Suzanne noted that chapter relations from ALA can be very helpful to us. Major issues this year included political issues such as ALA having stocks in fossil fuel organizations and concern about effects of the Patriot Act. Several MLA members will be attending ALA Convention this summer. ALA President Maureen Sullivan will be coming for the Montana State Library Leadership Institute in July, which will have an MLA presentation. Lauren McMullen gave details on the Institute.

PNLA -- Della Dubbe: Della thanked MLA for sending her to Anchorage for the PNLA Conference. She noted that there is value in free memberships; the Leads Institute has 54 applicants and 3 applicants have been accepted from Montana; Young Readers' Choice Awards are being revamped; the 2013 conference is in Boise, and the 2014 conference will be in Helena. The group discussed MPLA and PNLA and some philosophical differences. PNLA attracts more members partly because the conference programs have been excellent, and they do waive the fee for the MLA President. We'll consider a task force on representation to these two organizations. We also will consider a conference fee waiver for the association presidents.

DIVISIONS

ASLD -- Susanne Caro: The Academic & Special Libraries Division has drafted two versions of a letter to ALA President Maureen Sullivan expressing concern about her consultant work that resulted in a recommendation against faculty status for academic librarians. Members will be consulted. Sheila Bonnard stated that they need to use the stronger statement.

PLD -- Matt Beckstrom: Matt noted that the ASLD/PLD Retreat will be October 27 and 28 at Chico Hot Springs.

SLD -- Lisa Lykins: MLA's contribution to the MEA Convention was discussed, and further collaboration was advocated. Our Directors-at-Large and Executive Assistant can go. Lisa contributes MLA information to the school library listserv, and Mary Drew Powers said that Professional Development information can be sent to the listserv, also. The September FOCUS will emphasize the MEA Convention. Beth Boyson expressed concern over no retreat for school librarians, but limited time away from school limits the things school librarians can attend. There was discussion of inviting school librarians to the Chico retreat, perhaps having programming for them on Sunday. The Board meeting for October 28 will be held at the Livingston/Park County Library again to save money on food and save mileage for those not at the ASLD/PLD Retreat. Divisions can meet at Chico, also. There was some discussion of the

number of active members, with it being noted that school librarian membership vary with the location of our annual convention.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Awards and Honors -- Debbi Kramer and Eva English: The awards plaques this year were made by Debbi's husband and Eva, with cost for materials only. The Board definitely approved. This committee needs more members.

Book Store – Beth Boyson: The bookstore made \$500 profit, and Debbi Kramer handled ordering the books through her library. Gladys Rayhill or Marie Hebner will take over the bookstore from Beth. It needs to be left as a standing committee so that they can offer books at any event. Beth suggested that we consider using some Cates money towards other scholarships, leadership institutes, or professional development. Ideas are encouraged regarding the Cates events, perhaps doing a different format, perhaps doing it the evening after the Membership Dinner and leaving Thursday evening free.

Nominating Committee – Anne Kish: No candidates are being considered yet, but representation from southeastern Montana is being considered.

Conference Planning Committee – Jan Zauha: Because of the change in conference planners, the 2014 conference will be more dependent on the Conference Planning Committee. Changes include having the Friday morning breakfasts at 8:00 and Membership meeting from 9:00 to 10:30 with time limits. A panel discussion with the Board was discussed, but the Membership Meeting must be a regular business meeting, then we can have a special session with the membership. We will consider a later date for program proposals, perhaps October 21 before the ASLD/PLD Retreat. Beth Boyson will select a program selection committee. Jan also suggested that we consider allowing the Conference Planners and the President to attend for free. Future sites are being considered, and we have to nullify or change contracts which included the former conference planners.

Government Affairs – Judy Hart: A written report was submitted. This year's budget supports interim work by the lobbyist. Ideas include highlighting certification for school librarians and early literacy efforts. Judy will contact people helping with Government Affairs to line up training.

Intellectual Freedom – Bobbie Otte: A written report was submitted, and new members have been added. The IF award has been changed so that it doesn't have to be for actions in the current year.

Professional Development – Samantha Hines & Mary Drew Powers: Feedback from recipients of professional development grants indicates that the best aspect of event attendance is networking. They also indicated willingness to serve.

Offline: Matt Beckstrom explained that Offline should be a standing committee rather than an interest group because it is an annual event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

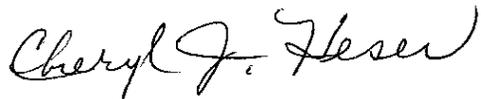
Saved for June 11 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Sheila Bonnand moved that the meeting be adjourned, and the motion passed unanimously.

After the meeting, Anne Kish was presented with an ornamental clock to thank her for the time which she devoted to MLA.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl J. Hesper". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Cheryl J. Hesper, Secretary