

MINUTES
MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013
Bozeman Public Library, Bozeman, MT

CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

This work meeting was called to order at 9:00a.m. by President Beth Boyson. In attendance were Matt Beckstrom, Sheila Bonnand, Beth Boyson, Della Dubbe, Roberta Gebhardt, Cheryl Heser, Anne Kish, Debbi Kramer, Lisa Lykins, and Jan Zauha.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1) Recertification of Interest Groups

After discussion, it was agreed that 7 Interest Groups were recertified. The Interest Groups have a listserv, but it is optional by request. The forms at conference need to be handled more visibly and securely, and it was suggested that they be on clipboards handy to the registration area. The Vice President and Executive Director will work on it, and Debbi Kramer asked to have the forms with the chairs and other information.

2) The future of the ASLD/PLD Retreat

This was discussed and resolved at the June 10 meeting.

3) Conference Planners

A task force has been appointed including people who have been involved in conference planner selection before. It was decided that we will contract with a Bozeman planner for one year to give the RFP process some time before the 2015 conference. It was suggested that the planners could be offered a percentage of the vendor registration. The task force will explore collaboration with the Montana State Library before they issue an RFP. They also will look at other conference sites.

4) 2014 Conference

Jan Zauha shared ideas on vendor education. It was agreed that even though we don't want the vendors actually on Wired-Montana, there could be an e-mail list of those agreeing to be contacted and we could have a notice on Wired-MT of the vendors attending the conference. Great Northern Books may sponsor the author for the Author's Luncheon and sell their books there. Debbi Kramer offered temporary assumption of the conference website and conference planning. Sheila Bonnand moved that the Board authorizes the Conference Planning Task Force (Beth Boyson, Lyn McKinney, Kathy Mora, Matt Beckstrom, and Sheila Bonnand) to hire interim conference planners as per the 2013-2014 budget by July 15, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

5) Annual Conference 2015, 2016, and Future Sites

After discussion, the group decided to be in Bozeman in 2015 and Missoula in 2016, meanwhile considering other sites like Helena, Great Falls, and Butte if they can accommodate our needs.

6) ALA Support for MLA Board Members

The ALA website includes access to information and programs covering every position.

7) The Role of Wired-Montana

Google Groups is working but could use more features like Google Drive and calendar applications.

8) Executive Director Request

Debbi Kramer asked that her title on the Executive Assistant's contract be changed to Executive Director, which is the more appropriate title. Roberta Gebhardt moved that we change that title to Executive Director, Matt Beckstrom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

9) 2013-2014 Budget

The preliminary budget was reviewed and a few changes made. Sheila Bonnand moved to approve the 2013-2014 preliminary budget as amended, Matt Beckstrom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Further discussion addressed the investments, including an overage in the checking account. All investments must be readily available, and Beth Boyson agreed to investigate. After further discussion, Anne Kish moved to invest \$20,000 in an interest-bearing liquid fund, and the motion passed unanimously.

10) Cates Scholarship Fund

It was noted that the fund is large and we should consider other uses such as scholarships for teachers getting library endorsements or for areas of continuing education. The Cates Committee will consider our suggestions because they have jurisdiction over the usage.

11) Leadership Retreat: 2014 Dates and Site

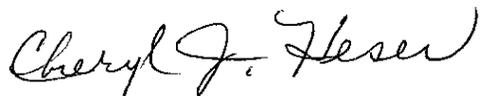
Some officers and chairs have had problems with mid-June meetings, but discussion established that there are problems with other proposed times in May, July, or August and a major factor is having the budget passed and governing decisions made before the fiscal year starts on July 1. The group agreed to continue meet in June and to use Bozeman as a meeting place because of location and reasonable prices, including free use of the Bozeman Public Library meeting rooms. Mileage payment for meetings was discussed. Della Dubbe moved that we reimburse half of the state rate for mileage reimbursement to the MLA Board meetings effective June 11, 2013. Members of the Board may also make an in-kind donation of this expense.

12) Contracts for the lobbyist and the Executive Director

These contracts will be signed.

Lisa Lykins moved that we adjourn the meeting, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl J. Hesel, Secretary