

MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
Board room, Bozeman Public Library
NOVEMBER 18, 2013

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

In attendance in person or by Go to Meeting: Sheila Bonnand, Beth Boyson, Dana Carmichael, Della Dubbe, Roberta Gebhardt, Nortma Glock, Susan Gregory, Judy Hart, Cheryl Hesper, Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Anne Kishm, Debbi Kramer, Montana State Librarian Jennie Stapp, Jan Zauha.

President Beth Boyson called the meeting to order at 1:09pm

MINUTES: Sheila Bonnand moved to approve the minutes of the MLA Board meetings on June 10-11. The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

ALA REQUEST: Handouts were provided with the Proclamation in Support of the American Library Association's National Library Legislative Day. Jennie Stapp shared that Montana State Library is not at the point of supporting the proclamation but being cautious and trying to gauge librarians' reaction. Beth suggested that we consider the issue at conference, perhaps with Division Chairs presenting the proclamation on the division agendas for their meetings and getting signatures there. We need local support and support from schools. Jennie noted that in other states libraries are collecting signatures. The concern here is sending the wrong message to our legislators. Judy Hart noted that we need to affirm our gratitude to our supportive legislators. Sheila Bonnand added that the effort is to get the same support elsewhere as Montana enjoys.

OFFLINE: We are hoping for good support. It will be February 7-8 at Carroll College in Helena.

NEXT MEETING: Our mid-winter meeting will be Monday, February 3, from 1:00-4:00pm. Cheryl Hesper noted that we will need mid-year reports from all officers, division chairs, committee chairmen, and special interest group chairmen.

REPORTS:

NOMINATIONS/HIRING: Anne Kish reported that she has candidates for Vice President, MPLA Representative, and Representative-at-Large West, and is seeking candidates for Secretary/Treasurer. We need a Conference Planner and will put out an RFP. Discussion was held on whether to post the salary of \$18,000 or to start lower. Della Dubbe suggested that we have Debbi Kramer as the Conference Planner for this year and do the RFP in the future, with the salary to be considered.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Debbi Kramer shared financial reports. She reported that we have received about \$14,000 in dues and almost \$900 from license plates. At this point there are no cash flow problems. We have 983 members, 41 of them new. The first vendor is already registered for the convention. Offline registration will begin December 1. We're paying \$417/mo. For Smith & McGowan.

ALA: Susan Gregory reported that she will attend the mid-winter conference in January. She will continue to pass on ALA news through Wired-MT. She shared that Maggie Farrell is running for ALA President.

MPLA: Norma Glock reported that the September Conference will be in Sioux Falls. Two people have applied to attend the Leadership Institute in Colorado.

PNLA: Della Dubbe reported that the PNLA Convention will be August 13-15 in Helena. The Board met and approved the logo last Saturday. Thirty-two members are attending the Leads Institute. PNLA has changed their dues structure. They offer institutional membership, where an institution can send an unlimited number of people to conference at a membership discount. Oregon may rejoin PNLA, which would be wonderful. Jan Zauha suggested that the people who attend PNLA Leads are offered Professional Development help to do something for the PNLA Conference. We need to ask our leadership institute attendees to do more for our conferences and association.

DIVISIONS:

ASLD: Presentations at Chico were successful.

PLD: Chico conference went over well. ^{PLD} is working on membership development, considering raffles for new members. They will have a presence at the PNLA Conference with a focus group presentation. Next year the Chico retreat will be over Columbus Day week end October 12-13. Should we consider travel grants for retreats, perhaps 5 for each division and 5 for MEA. It was noted that we need to make money at the ASLD/PLD retreat. It was suggested that we designate \$6700 for 3 travel grants for ASLD/PLD and Offline. Beth Boyson suggested we should consider moving the ASLD/PLD to another location every other year, something that was discussed with the people in attendance this year. We will also visit about it at conference. Della Dubbe suggested we create another kind of retreat to be held in other parts of the state.

SLD: Teachers had a good conference in Belgrade with 11 sectionals for librarians. We co-sponsored the keynote speaker. Winner of the drawing for a membership was Norma Glock.

COMMITTEES:

AWARDS & HONORS: Plaques will be made in-state like last year. One committee member comes from each division, with three year terms. Eva English is the co-chair. Awards and Honors will have an article in the December FOCUS and information on Wired-MT for soliciting candidates for awards after the first of the year. The Board will make decisions by e-mail.

CATES COMMITTEE: A video ^{will be} has been made about Sheila Cates with 20 volunteers; it will be ready for conference. Changes include having the Cates event after the Friday evening Membership Dinner. Three scholarships have been given out for Library Masters Degree program attendees. ^{this year}

CONFERENCE PLANNING: Jan Zauha reported that they met in Billings on November 17. Elizabeth is helping with local arrangements and equipment. They had a tour of the facility. So far they have good proposals and good preconference offerings. The wireless is excellent. We will have trolleys for the tours and other off-site events.

MARKETING & PR: Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson reported that they are working on a historic library calendar which will be ready for MLA. It is agreed that we need more FaceBook presence with more photos. Jack Albrecht is doing the FaceBook site but needs more help from other people.

MEMBERSHIP: They are planning to use new members to introduce the presenters. In December they will talk about the new membership and first timers breakfast on Thursday morning and honoring new members at the reception.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Samantha Hines and Carmen Clark will use grants to attend the Leads Institute. We need to promote grant use, perhaps post of FaceBook how you use your grant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

STRATEGIC PLAN: We need to remind everyone what needs to be done to complete the effort.

NEW BUSINESS:

LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS: Judy Hart reported on the Library District Task Force, which had a good meeting November 7 at Montana State Library. Jennie Stapp's agenda includes legislative proposals which are being considered by the MSL attorney. In January and February she will report to Montana librarians for feedback. Jennie noted that they are reviewing district statutes. Problems have been local issues rather than the statutes. They are making sure that any legislation has the complete support of the library community and are being cautious about opening statutes.

NEXT MEETING: Phone meeting, February 3, 1:00-4:00pm in Bozeman. Norma Glock noted the success of using "Go to Meeting".

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl J. Heser, Secretary