

**OLA Executive Board Meeting**  
**February 7, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting**

Present via Zoom Meeting:

Elaine Hirsch (President), Esther Moberg (Past President), Kate Lasky (Vice President), Lori Wamsley (Treasurer), Laura Baca (Secretary), Jennifer Patterson (State Librarian), Kirsten Brodbeck-Kenney (ALA Representative), Star Khan (REFORMA), Shirley Roberts (Association Manager), Laurie Nordahl (OASL President), Sare Webster (SSD), Candise Branum (ACRL-OR), Elsa Loftis (Awards Committee), Suzanne Sager (Portland State University), Jian Wang (IRRT), Ross Fuqua (LSTA State Coordinator), Charles Wood (Communications/OLAQ), Liisa Sjoblom (Conference Chair), Deborah VanDetta (CSD), Keli Yeats (OYAN)

**Approval of December 6<sup>th</sup> minutes**

**Kate Lasky moved to approve the minutes; Kirsten Brodbeck-Kenney seconded. Motion carried.**

**President's Report** (Elaine Hirsch)

- The Special Districts Association of Oregon conference is February 6-9, 2020 in Seaside. There is an at-large position that will be filled by nomination at the At-Large caucus meeting held on Friday during the conference. MaryKay Dahlgreen, Director of the Lincoln County Library District, is willing to be nominated for that position, with the goal of improving SDAO's service to libraries.
- EDI Task Force will present their recommendations at the April 29 Board Meeting
- New contact for OLA archives at the State Library is Caren Agata
- Washington Library Association has a new executive director. They held a virtual conference on January 14<sup>th</sup>. This may be something we wish to explore.

**ALA Chapter Councilor Report from Midwinter** (Kirsten Brodbeck-Kenney)

- Vendors and conflicts with patron privacy
- Resolution in opposition to charging prisoners to read (paying per minute to use e-readers)
- Resolution in defense of supporters of Palestinian rights – couldn't be supported as written
- Most stressful topic: ALA operating with a \$2 million deficit in the general fund
  - No reserves or significant liquid assets

- Result of IT infrastructure, increased conference expenses, decreased revenue
- Will make cuts, not fill positions
- Student loan services successfully sued for using the “PA Forward” slogan

**Missouri legislation, Library Squad, Core Values** (Esther Moberg)

- Missouri tying state funding to libraries preventing minors from accessing sexually inappropriate material; parental board over selection & deselection
  - Libraries can be prosecuted if not restricting materials
  - ALA working with Missouri libraries on this. Jan 16<sup>th</sup> statement that libraries “already have procedures in place” to help parents choose materials
- Library Squad: application is live on website. Applied for LSTA grant. 3 projects first year with evaluation after each project. Will present at OLA this year.
- Core values sent to executive board. Esther would like to send out draft to entire membership before being voted on in April.

**Lori Wamsley moved to share the draft with our entire membership; Laura Baca seconded. Motion carried.**

- Esther still recruiting academic library staff for board

**Strategic Planning update** (Kate Lasky)

- Still crafting survey we talked about at last board meeting. Plan to finish in February. Will then share with Elaine and membership. Conference is not a hard deadline.

**Oregon Digital Library Consortium** (Elaine Hirsch, Ross Fuqua)

- PLD is fine with being the OLA unit home of ODLC and would like to invite an ODLC rep to attend the board meetings.
- OLA can try sponsorship for a year or two and see how it works

**Elaine Hirsch moved to approve OLA sponsoring ODLC under the wing of PLD; Kate Lasky seconded. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer’s Report** (Lori Wamsley) (see separate report for details)

- Total assets just over 1 million December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Dues income shows a slight decrease but still on track for year’s budget
- Conference income & expenses about to begin (registration just opened)
- Finance & investment committee looking at how to withdraw gains from long-term investments to re-invest in our organization
- Revenue committee working with strategic planning on membership survey
- Looking at fee structures from other library associations

### **Association Manager's Report (Shirley)**

- Continues to work with OBOB: getting regionals running, insurance for sites, late registrations in January
- Completed quarterly reports for OSLIS & OBOB
- 1099s due out have been mailed & met IRS deadlines
- Worked with conference committee on registration form
- Will continue to work with revenue committee & conference committee
- Working with finance committee on distribution policy

### **OLAQ Platform Transition and Review of Draft Editorial Guidelines (Elaine Hirsch & Charles Wood)**

- Transition to OSU should be complete in a couple of weeks. Pacific has been generous about delays.
- One suggestion after summer issue: hard look at guidelines. Communications committee has been working on a document. Needs to be edited down for public-facing statement.
- How to improve on what was missed and how to do better in the future?
- Board would like more time to review. We will read & make suggestions before next board meeting.

### **OLA partnership with ODOT/KATU Real ID communications (Elaine Hirsch & Shirley Roberts)**

[https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/Pages/realid\\_communications\\_toolkit.aspx](https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/Pages/realid_communications_toolkit.aspx)

- Elaine & Shirley attended meeting in January. ODOT & KATU felt libraries would be good partners. Asked OLA to help with public service announcements and advocating for people to get passport book or card.
- Real ID licenses not available until early July & backlog expected
- We can share public service announcements. We don't tell libraries what to do. We are not comfortable pushing for people to get passports.
- Consensus: We are happy to distribute toolkit but that's all
- We recognize the need for materials in Spanish & other languages on this topic

### **Librarian Report and Review of Draft Libs-OR Guidelines (Jennifer Patterson)**

- Oregon Reference Summit announced & accepting proposals
- Free Edge workshops coming up May 2<sup>nd</sup>: Edge assessment & insights to action
- Tribal cultural inventory report completed as required
- ALA doing another fly-in this year – strategically invited people to meet with congresspeople

- Libs-OR guidelines draft: improvements made after heated discussion on Libs-OR this fall.
  - Intellectual Freedom Committee has seen draft
  - From old Libs-OR guidelines: “suggested etiquette” section deleted. Removing guidelines not well-defined by law.
  - New version: We don’t monitor messages before they are posted. Guidelines: messages including defamatory, abusive, profane, threatening...” IFC and other stakeholders had issues with the words “abusive” and “profane.” New: guideline violations section stating what happens when there’s a violation.
  - Appeals process may be necessary
  - Draft will be shared with Libs-OR e-mail list. That feedback will be incorporated before finalized.

### **Conference Committee Report (Liisa Sjoblom)**

- Registration has begun. Early bird rate ends March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Asking people to pre-select sessions to help select room size, especially since we have one room that’s smaller this year.
- Sonja Ervin is keynote speaker. David F. Walker will be Saturday speaker.
- Banquet entertainment plans fell through. Working with a local performer.
- Snag with Riverhouse room availability Friday night. Riverhouse has released additional rooms for our group on Friday.
- We have met minimum. Once we fill all our rooms we can advertise other lodging.
- Need to know day, time, location if units are having offsite receptions for program & website
- Next planning meeting on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>
- 27 exhibitors registered. Target is 30.

### **Unit Reports**

LDLC (Buzzy Nielsen in an e-mail to Elaine Hirsch)

- Short session Feb 3 – March 8
  - HB 4044: state school fund distributions & possible school library impact
  - HB 4055 directs the Higher Education Coordinating Committee to investigate how Oregon's community colleges and public universities can combat housing and food insecurity
  - HB 4079 includes services such as broadband internet in Oregon's Universal Service Fund tax, potentially opening up funding streams for poorly-connected areas
  - SB 1520 expands who’s eligible for free & reduced lunches

- LDLC main sponsor of 2 conference sessions: Get Your Work On & Legislators are People, Too
- Preparing for legislation that may be introduced in the 2021 regular session (whether by OLA or others) on topics including county law libraries, Ready to Read funding changes, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and a mandatory digital archive deposit law for Oregon newspapers

#### CSD (Deborah VanDetta in an e-mail to Elaine Hirsch)

- Mock Geisel held on January 18<sup>th</sup>
- Next event spring workshop & Lampman luncheon

#### REFORMA (Star Khan)

- Conference March 4-7, 2021. How would OLA like to structure programming time? Individual sessions, a few hours of programming? All-day Wednesday session?
- Next business meeting February 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### ACRL (Candise Branum)

- Theme for Menucha conference will be set at next week's meeting, calls for proposals after that
- Continuing with webinars every 2 months
  - Talking with ACRL-WA about partnering with them on these
- No policies in place about content for blog. Looking at getting guidelines & editorial process in place.

#### OYAN (Keli Yeats)

- Reviewing communications: blog & how people are using it to focus content
- Streamlining activities as we are doing more than other states. May scale back efforts to make more sustainable.
- Ramping up for conference. Keli will run raffle again since no incoming chair.
- Preconference: Not If, But When: books to help talk with children about death
- Mock Printz very successful. Good number of teens showed up.
- Book Rave will be announced at OLA Conference

#### SSD (Sare Webster)

- Reconnected with library support from state library
- Securing funding for scholarships – offer free conference registrations for applicants
- Lightning talks @ Timberline conference wanted

#### OASL (Laurie Nordhal)

- Turned in affiliate of the year application to AASL
- Trying to secure SSA funds to reinstate licensed librarians in schools
- Standards in action available on website soon
- Next board meeting May 16<sup>th</sup>

#### IFC (Kirsten Brodbeck-Kenney)

- Full-day preconference at OLA – privacy & technology decisions, Lynda, etc.
- Call for intellectual freedom champion award

#### Awards Committee (Elsa Loftis)

- Nominations due 20<sup>th</sup> of March – promotions through our channels appreciated
- 4 awards given – librarian of year, library supporter of year, etc.

#### International Relations (Jian Wang)

- Application for Oregon Humanities grant declined – proposal did not align with mission
- Horner Exchange: librarians from China expected this May – not sure if will happen as originally planned
- Our group goes to China November 2021

#### **Action Items**

- Shirley will investigate what Virginia is doing with membership fee structures
- Shirley will re-send the editable version of the OLAQ Editorial Guidelines draft by e-mail
- All: read and make suggestions on OLAQ Editorial Guidelines draft

Next meeting: April 29, 2020