

Minutes
OLA Board Meeting
January 28, 2005
Oregon State Library-Salem

Attendance:

Maureen Cole, Leah Griffith, Faye Chadwell, Suzanne Sager, Carolyn Rawles-Heiser, MaryKay Dahlgreen, Susan Hinken, Chandra vanEijnbergen, John Sexton, Bill Kelm, Kevin Barclay, Rob Everett, Jim Tindall, Steve Skidmore, Cindy Gibbon, Cara List, Sue Kopp,Carolynn Avery, Diedre Conkling, Alex Rolfe, Gary Sharp

Quorum achieved.

1. Housekeeping:

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

2. Officer Reports:

A. President Maureen Cole

Caleb Tucker-Raymond from L-Net spoke on the statewide online reference service. He noted that the chat portion of the service has grown since the service is now 24/7. A couple of members of the OSL Board perceive the service as low-use and are concerned about the cost. They are encouraging Multnomah County Library, as the operator, to work toward more promotion and there is a plan and committee that is doing so. They have hired two part time people to concentrate on outreach and marketing. L-Net will present at the OEMA Regional conferences to work with the schools. About 17-18 libraries are currently providing the service. They usually work on 2 hour shifts and sometimes the questions are few and far between. There is a need to make sure that all libraries realize their patrons can use L-net whether or not they provide the service and for libraries to also use it as their 2nd level reference source. Mo offered the support of OLA and will write a letter to the OSL Board expressing OLA's support for L-Net. Discussion continued on the need to encourage libraries to support and use the service and to look at how other states are successful. There was consensus to have OLA support continuing L-Net at the April 22nd OSL Board Meeting.

4. I. Sue Kopp, chair of Oregon Authors, related that they selected Sometimes a Great Notion by Ken Kesey as the book to nominate to ALA as representative of Oregon. Sue related concerns with the Oregon Authors project and the intensive level of work involved in producing the bibliography. The costs include a statewide clipping service and then a tremendous amount of work in writing the bibliography and preparing it for publication. Sue asked if the Board considered the Oregon Authors project an appropriate OLA function. The Board discussed and the consensus was that it indeed was an important service of OLA. Sue will develop job descriptions for the various portions of the project and recruit new members. She and MaryKay Dahlgreen and Leah Griffith will work to develop partners to help support the expense of the project. Faye Chadwell moved to raise the price from \$7 to \$10-15. MaryKay seconded. The motion failed and the Board decided to leave the price up to the committee to set.

2. a. 2. c. Scott Poole, executive Director of Wordstock, presented information on this book fair to be held in Portland April 19-24. They expect 20,000 people at the Oregon Convention Center and other locations. There are 130 authors booked for the event. Most activities are free and Poole offered the library community (OLA, OSL, OEMA) a booth at no charge. It was suggested that he be invited to the OLA conference and be given a free table/booth and allowed to announce the event at a membership meeting.

2. I. ALA Representative Carolyn Rawles-Heiser reported on ALA midwinter. A highlight was a resolution recommending the inclusion of school librarians in the "No Child Left Behind" programs. The ALA Council expressed sympathy for Tsunami relief, but no specific action was taken. The APA is in a dire financial situation and the council is following it closely.

2.a. 4 Mo related that ALA and IFLA are developing plans to support libraries wiped out by the Tsunami. She will research and see if there is a role for OLA.

2.1.2.a. The Chalkboard Project, an effort to gather citizen input on public education, has asked for our support. Jim Tindall, OEMA, indicated that it is a good way to provide input and he is participating. Leah & Jim will work on a notice to encourage librarians to participate for the Hotline. Leah moved that OLA supports the Chalkboard Project and will facilitate getting information to our members. Faye seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. B. Past President – Faye Chadwell – no report

2. C. Vice President – Leah Griffith – no report

2. D. Secretary – Marsha Richmond – not in attendance

2. E. Treasurer – Suzanne Sager – She has sent in the reports and is working on the credit card and had the first expense go through the card and the process worked.

2. H. OEMA representative – Jim Tindall – The OEMA/OLA joint committee is working on a whimsical calendar and confirmed that CSD is not pursuing a calendar project any longer. Work continues on developing the concept of a literacy conference in summer 2006. The committee will also be meeting with a representative from Homeland Security regarding citizenship activities that libraries can promote. He distributed copies of the Good Schools have School Librarians brochure.

2. F. Parliamentarian – Steve Skidmore – Steve introduced June Bass and Victoria Eggleston who, along with 32 OLA members, have requested the formation of the Volunteer Services and Development Directors Round Table. Steve stated the proposed by-laws meet requirements. The group was formed as a single group as development directors also deal with volunteers and in many smaller libraries they are the same person. In the future if there is enough interest, they might separate, but now it is appropriate as one. The Bylaws provision that requires membership in professional volunteer organizations to be an officer was of concern as no other round table, committee or division requires it and it was decided to remove it from the bylaws, but to continue it as a practice. Rob moved that the bylaws of the Volunteer Services and Development Directors Round Table be approved, with the removal of the section requiring officers to be members of the AVA. Chandra seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Steve will proceed to formally integrate VSDDRT into the OLA organization.

B. G. State Librarian – Jim Scheppke – not in attendance – no report

2. J. PNLA Representative – MaryKay Dahlgreen – distributed a thank you from PNLA for our support of the leadership conference.

2. K. Member at large – Rob Everett – no report

3. Division Reports

3. A. Academic/ACRL/OR – Susan Hinken – Sue expressed concern about updates being posted in a timely fashion to the OLA web site. The web site group is meeting February 11th.

3. B. Children's Services Division (CSD) – Chandra Vaneijnbergen –The mock Caldecott program made money this year. The summer reading collaborative meeting is in Bismarck ND and Chandra, Jane Stelle and MaryKay Dahlgreen will be attending. OLA and WLA will have summer reading advertising on Safeway bags this summer, as both groups are part of the cooperative. It will be generic with both the teen and kid art and will simply encourage people to visit their local library.

3. C. Oregon Young Adult Network (OYAN) – John Sexton- No report as OYAN was meeting in the next room at the same time.

3. D. Public Library Division (PLD) –Kevin Barclay- The Preconference is being promoted to non-library groups as it crosses boundaries in general management and community building. They are working with OHSU on medical resources training. A committee is working on standards for materials and services. Olé nominations are being sought.

3. E. Support Staff Division (SSD) – Bill Kelm – They are developing a letter to directors to encourage SSD membership for their staff. They are doing the winter 2005 OLA Quarterly. The book repair workshops continue to be very popular. July 15 is the annual conference in Newport.

4. Committee Reports

4. A. 2005 Conference – Cindy Gibbon-Program sponsors are reminded to get their information in for the program. Online registration is up and operating and seems to be working fine. There are some problems with the hotel's online reservation system. Exhibits are selling well and we will give a space to Wordstock. Fundraising is doing well at the \$250-\$500 range, not the larger amounts. The Internet café has had some problems and currently there isn't one, but the Holiday Inn is wireless and there is Internet in the rooms. Speaker Mike Eisenberg would like his honorarium to go to a different group. Leah moved that the Conference Committee manage the honorarium. Kevin seconded. It passed with one no vote. Molly Gloss is the banquet speaker. They will be touring the 2006 site soon.

4. B. Continuing Education – Susan Whyte, Pam Horan – no report

4. C. Honors, Awards, Scholarships – Gary Sharp – The Librarian and Employee of the Year will be presented at the banquet rather than the lunch and the committee is now requesting nominations. There is support for a scholarship program for MLS students and the committee has \$5,400 and would like to launch it soon. Rob indicated we needed to support the MLS as a profession; Sue Hinken expressed concern that we focus on the MLS and not go too far afield to other areas with our limited funds. Gary indicated we would look at the Oregon Community Foundation to manage the fund and Faye reminded the group to have any contracts reviewed. It was suggested that 2005 is too early to give out scholarships, but fund raising for the scholarship fund might begin at the 2005 conference. Gary will also investigate LSTA funding to kick off the project. Leah moved that HAS pursue LSTA funding and bring a proposal to the April Board meeting for approval. Faye seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. D. Intellectual Freedom Committee – Cara List- Cara distributed the Internet survey results that showed Oregon public libraries are providing internet service in a wide variety of ways, both filtered and unfiltered according to local policies. 95.3% of libraries have an Internet policy and 56% filter in some way, but only 14% accept CIPA funding that required filtering. 63% do not filter in any fashion and libraries have had limited objections to the Internet. Faye expressed concern that community standards do not reflect everyone in the community, simply the perceived majority. The Board directed Leah to take the results to ALA legislative day to encourage them to remove filtering from their activities. Cara will look into how Oregon compares to the rest of the nation. The committee would like to do this survey every four years and to pursue an academic survey as well.

4. E. Library Development and Legislation Committee – Mo reported on Legislative Day. It was a success with quite a few legislators coming to the Gallery for the book project and some discussion on issues. There were no pressing legislative issues at that time.

4. F. Membership – Colleen Bell – not in attendance-no report

4. G. Nominations Committee – Ruth Kratochvil -not in attendance-- no report

4. J. Publications Committee-Alex Rolfe- EBSCO would like to include the Quarterly in EBSCOHost. There might be a need to have author's sign a release. Alex will check with other associations (PNLA) with similar situations to see how they deal with it. Faye reminded that any contracts we sign should be reviewed.

4. K. Resource Sharing – Mary Jane Fisher, Wes Stevens – not in attendance – no report

4. L. Ad hoc: Archives Implementation Team – met on January 14th. They have recommended that five people for implementation and the Board needs to approve a budget. Mo, Alex Toth, Carol Reich, Suzy May, and Karen Mejdrich are on the committee.

5. Roundtable Reports

5. A. Outreach-Carolynn Avery- They are working on conference activities.

5. B. Library Districts-Diedre Conkling-no report

5. C. Social Responsibilities: Diedre Conkling-no report

5. D. No other Roundtables in attendance.

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