

OLA Executive Board Meeting

April 5, 2006

Salem Conference Center

Attendance: Jane Ahern, Rea Andrew,Carolynn Avery, Aletha Bonebrake, Mo Cole, Diedre Conkling, MaryKay Dahlgreen, Pat Duke, Steven Engelfried, Mary Jane Fisher, Camila Gabaldon, Leah Griffith, Julia Longbrake, Susan Ludington, Linda Malone, Jim Schepcke, Gary Sharp, Steve Skidmore, Wes Stevens, Barbara Valentine, Janet Webster.

1. President – Leah Griffith

Leah recommended that Philip Ratliff of Portland State University be appointed to the Oregon Authors' Committee. Mo Cole moved that this appointment be approved. Linda Malone seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Honors, Awards, Scholarships (HAS) – Gary Sharp

Gary wrote a letter to the LSTA Advisory Council requesting \$25,000 to launch the first OLA scholarship program. The letter included a request to retain consultants to set up the scholarship and work with the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC). The HAS committee suggests giving scholarship preference to students at Emporia State University and the University of Washington's iSchool, but not limiting it to these schools. Several topics will be considered as the guidelines are developed, including diversity preference. Suggestions were made to use the term "Oregon libraries," rather than limiting the scholarship to public libraries and to change the priority description from "working full- or half-time" to "working full- or part-time." The long range budget plan includes renewal scholarships, so the annual budget may increase for the initial years before reaching a plateau level. The scholarship will be based on need rather than achievement. A scholarship handbook will be developed with guidance from the consultants. The OLA Past Presidents Committee could be a resource for expertise and fund raising. The existing OLA Scholarship fund has several thousand dollars, some of which might be available for this project. Linda Valentine moved that the OLA Executive Board submit the MLS Scholarship program proposal created by Gary Sharp and the HAS Committee to the LSTA Advisory Council. Susan Ludington seconded. Motion passed with ten yes votes and two abstentions.

3. Resource Sharing – Mary Jane Fisher, Wes Stevens

Mary Jane and Wes presented an LSTA proposal related to resource sharing. The

grant would pay for one-year memberships in Orbis courier services for ten library systems. This demonstration period would provide these libraries information about the costs and the value of Orbis as they develop future resource sharing plans. Suggestions to the proposal included making it more clear that this is a one-year project and capturing the OLA in-kind contribution in the budget. Mo Cole moved that the LSTA Resource Sharing proposal as submitted by Wes Stevens and Mary Jane Fisher be approved in concept, with Leah Griffith overseeing the revisions to the proposal as discussed by the Executive Board. Barbara Valentine seconded. Motion passed with ten yes votes and two abstentions.

4. Other Business

A. Treasurer – Julia Longbrake

Julia passed out Balance Sheets through 2-28-06. OLA's taxes have been paid without penalties. Division chairs should check Enterprise fund statements when received and inform Julia of any questions or errors. Following up on the earlier discussion about scholarships, Leah and Gary will look into the "HAS Savings" balance and the "Scholarship" balance to determine if either should be used for the proposed MLS Scholarship.

B. Membership – Camila Gabaldon

The transition to MemberClicks for OLA Registration will be completed by mid to late April.

Next meeting: Eugene Public Library – Singer Room
Friday, June 9th, 2006 10:00 am – 3:00 pm