

OLA Executive Board Meeting
October 4, 2019 10 am – 3 pm
Hood River Library

Present in person: Elaine Hirsch (President), Esther Moberg (Past President), Buzzy Nielsen (Parliamentarian), Jennifer Patterson (State Librarian), Bryce Kozla (CSD incoming co-chair), Laura Baca (Secretary), Kirsten Brodbeck-Kenney (ALA Representative), Star Khan (Member-at-large), Keli Yeats (OYAN co-chair)

Present via Zoom Meeting: Shirley Roberts (Association Manager), Kate Lasky (Vice President), Laurie Nordahl (OASL President), Sare Webster (SSD), Liisa Sjoblom (Conference Chair), Meredith Farkas (ACRL), Deborah VanDetta (CSD)

Announcements

- OYAN: Serving Unhoused Youth workshop in Gresham – October 18th
- REFORMA: hosting national conference in 2021
- OASL conference October 11 & 12 in Lincoln City
- New act passed can be used to fund licensed school librarians
- LDLC: legislative session starts in January
- Intellectual Freedom – Perry Stokes will be co-chair (with Kirsten)
54 challenges in Oregon this past year – considerable increase from previous years

Overview of Executive Board (Elaine Hirsch)

- Voting members include executive board and chairs of divisions
- Shirley, Buzzy & Jennifer are not voting members
- Task forces, round tables, etc. are welcome and stay informed but don't vote
- Refer to organizational chart on website

Approval of August 23rd minutes

Esther Moberg moved to approve the minutes; Kirsten Brodbeck-Kenney seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes approved pending Elaine's corrections & completion of 1st paragraph.

FY 2020 Budget (Shirley Roberts)

- Changes discussed at the August meeting have been incorporated
- We continue to be conservative regarding projecting conference income
- The budget can still be changed even after approved

Esther Moberg moved to approve the budget; Keli Yeats seconded. Motion carried.

EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) Taskforce (Elaine Hirsch)

- Several members have already been identified
- Elaine will task members next week with developing a plan for the association, including actions OLA may undertake. Their recommendations will include immediate initiatives and inform planning for the future.
- We hope to have a draft at conference time and a final draft for June meeting
- Elaine will be hands-off but check in before board meetings

Strategic Planning (see printed memo from Kate Lasky)

- Current plan expires this year
- Kate Lasky, Elaine Hirsch & Jane Corry are working on update
- Committed to engaging membership & keeping all informed about progress
- Recommendation is to send survey out to membership; draft is being edited.
- Launch survey January 15
- Gift cards as incentive to take survey (funds from president's discretionary budget)
- Plan will be available in time for 2020-2021 association year planning

Vision 2030 (Elaine Hirsch)

OLA will wait until next year to tackle this because we are working on EDI & Strategic Planning. We are also still in Vision 2020.

Library Squad (Esther Moberg)

- About 7 people will meet in person this month
- They will present at OLA conference and will ask for feedback about what libraries are struggling with
- Ties in with access & equity - they want to help libraries with barriers
- They plan to apply for an LSTA grant and focus on 2-3 projects in first year
- Library applicants will need in-kind support or some kind of budget
- Application for libraries should be ready around conference time

OLAQ Transition from Pacific University to OSU (Elaine Hirsch & Esther Moberg)

- OSU's open journal systems platform is almost ready to host
- Pacific's bepress platform will sunset in November
- Communication committee of OLA may need to be restructured (chair is already aware of this)

- Looking for guest editors for future issues

OLA Archives (Elaine Hirsch)

- These are stored at but not cataloged by the State Library
- We have had a request from the conference committee for photos & ephemera to support the 80th anniversary
- We hope to coordinate with Caren Agata to visit the archives in connection with our December meeting

Approval of 2021 Conference site at Salem Convention Center

Esther Moberg motions; Star Khan seconds. Motion carries.

- Elaine will sign contract & deposit will be sent in
- 2022 will be PLA national conference in Portland. We will probably not do a conference that year but will need an annual meeting.
- 2023 tentatively planned for Red Lion on the River in Portland

Association Manager's Report (Shirley Roberts)

- Our fiscal year ended August 31st
- Grant reports are being completed and applications for a new round of grants for OSLIS and OBOB continuation have begun.
- 400 schools are already registered for OBOB. 600 participants is the goal.
- Association manager will be reporting quarterly instead of every 6 months
- OASL conference coming up
- LSTA matching grants will be tracked by association manager

Treasurer's Report (available online)

National Library Legislative Day (Buzzy Nielsen)

- Last year ALA only invited 1-2 people from each state – not successful
- Next year more people will be invited as in previous years
- All our representatives support LSTA funding but we still like to talk to them
- Legislative committee has funds to send a school libraries representative

Chapter statement on Macmillan embargo and national campaign (Elaine Hirsch)

- ALA has launched a national campaign against Macmillan embargo and encourages OLA to make a public statement
- Elaine Hirsch will draft a chapter statement and share with a small team before public release
- ODLC has not yet taken a stand but will have a meeting this month

- Buzzy Nielsen will investigate how we can move faster on these requests

Conference Committee Report

- Submissions are still being accepted
- Budget: trade show fees & technology costs have risen
- Committee is saving money where possible on food. They have also saved with Oregon speakers and local entertainment.
- Concern about costs for OASL members; a lower 1-day rate for Saturday or a discount code will be considered
- Future board may want to reconsider conference Saturdays starting 2023 (we are committed through 2021)

Unit Reports

OASL (Laura Nordahl)

- Upcoming conference
- Standards committee has completed work

Intellectual Freedom (Kirsten Brodbeck-Kenney)

- Working on conference sessions, including one on non-materials challenges
- More applicants than openings for board, which is great

OYAN (Keli Yeats)

- Fall workshop this month
- Nominations for OYEA recognition wanted
- Preparing for Mock Printz

ACRL-OR (Meredith Farkas)

- Pilot in September – will have 4 webinars per year
- Grant application to support collaborative project

CSD (Bryce Kozla & Deborah VanDetta)

- Had 1st summer reading program summit (will now do every other year instead of performer summit)
- Mock Theodor Seuss Geisel Award Workshop January 18th

REFORMA

- Selected to host national conference – 12 people will be part of national group of 30 planning

- Will charge dues when become division - \$5 for full-time employees, free for others
- Mock Pura Belpré will be held in McMinnville in December

LDLC (Buzzy Nielsen)

- County law libraries or Dolly Parton Imagination Library not expected this short legislative session
- Working on conference sessions – census and how to communicate with legislators & policy makers
- Looking for another member
- Special Districts Association of Oregon – libraries do not feel well represented and would like a representative on the board

Awards committee has recruited Sonja Somerville to serve.

LIOLA – July 2021 in Cottage Grove

PLD (Kirsten Brodbeck-Kenney & Kate Lasky)

- Directors meeting and training went well
- PLD standards committee will meet next week

Oregon Complete Count Committee – OCCC (Esther Moberg)

- Working to help people understand importance of census, especially underrepresented populations
- Will help people take it online

State Librarian Report (Jennifer Patterson) (see printed report)

HB 2243 up for approval on October 18th

Elaine Hirsch's action items:

- Sign hotel contract & send to Shirley
- Draft statement of McMillan embargo and share with team
- Reach out to EDI task force with charge to develop plan for association

Next meeting: December 6th at the State Library