

**OLA Executive Board Meeting
December 6, 2019 10 am – 3 pm
State Library of Oregon**

Present in person: Elaine Hirsch (President), Esther Moberg (Past President), Kate Lasky (Vice President/President-Elect), Laura Baca (Secretary), Jennifer Patterson (State Librarian), Kirsten Brodbeck-Kenney (ALA Representative), Rachel Timmons (OYAN co-chair), Laurie Nordahl (OASL President), Issei Suzuki (Doctoral Candidate from University of Tsukuba in Japan), Ross Fuqua (LSTA State Coordinator), Bryce Kozla (Incoming CSD co-chair), Caren Agata (Conference Program co-chair)

Present via Zoom Meeting: Shirley Roberts (Association Manager), Stephanie Goodwin (Incoming CSD chair), Erin Wells (PLD chair), Candise Branum (ACRL-OR), Sare Webster (SSD chair), Buzzy Nielsen (Parliamentarian), Lori Wamsley (Treasurer), Kathryn Kohl (ODLC chair), Liisa Sjoblom (Conference Chair), Deborah VanDetta (CSD), Star Khan (REFORMA)

Announcements

- (Esther Moberg) Library Squad now has 8-10 members and will present at OLA conference. Mission statement is completed. They have submitted an LSTA draft for projects. Applications will be open to any library in Oregon. The beta project will go live soon and hope to complete before conference.
- (Elaine Hirsch) A formal call was made on Macmillan to reverse e-book embargo & statement was published on our website

Approval of October 4th minutes

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

Approval of this meeting's agenda

Esther Moberg moved to approve agenda; Laurie Nordahl seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report (Elaine Hirsch)

- Attended OASL's conference in Lincoln City including Star Khan's presentation on Libros for Oregon
- Attended the ACRL fall conference
- Represented OLA at the Nov. 6 event at Oregon Historical Society: book release for *A Generous Nature*. Thanks to a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation, every public library in the state will receive a copy.

- Attended Making Oregon Count 2020 symposium hosted by Portland State University's Population Research Center

OLAQ Platform Transition and Development of Editorial Guidelines (Elaine Hirsch)

- Migration to OSU's open journal system should be complete by Dec. 20th
- Editorial standards are being developed for OLAQ
- The goal is to have a draft for board to review at next meeting
- Regarding the controversy over a recent article, the group feels that OLA has opportunity for improvement & that dialogue should continue, including the session now included at the OLA conference
- There was concern about hard submission deadline when deadline has sometimes been soft in the past. New standards should help with transparency.

EDI Task Force (Elaine Hirsch, EDI Task Force)

- EDI taskforce had their first meeting at the end of November – Elaine attended
- Timeline may be too ambitious so there will be flexibility
- Chaired by Martín Blasco and Marci Jenkins (both REFORMA members)
- Kate Lasky asks for more details before planning for the next OLA year

Strategic Planning (Kate Lasky)

- Survey will go out in January (feedback due by December 15)
- The revenue committee is working on a similar survey. They agreed to collaborate.
- Current strategic plan will expire at the end of 2020

Core Values (Esther Moberg)

- OLA core values are being updated
- Members will have opportunity for feedback before vote at OLA conference
- Goal: more inward facing than outward facing

OASL By-laws Proposed Changes (Laurie Nordahl)

- Numbering system changed to reflect that they are chapter 12 in OLA by-laws
- Wording is updated
- Reduce board to 20-24 people, making it more manageable

Kirsten Brodbeck-Kenney moved to approve the changes; Laura Baca seconded. Motion carried.

Oregon Digital Library Consortium (ODLC) / LSTA Support (Elaine Hirsch, Kathryn Kohl, Ross Fuqua)

- The State Library has been able to support ODLC going back to 2015 through a loose arrangement
- LSTA has worked to formalize support over past couple of years to be better stewards of funding
- Arrangement with ODLC as grantee of federal money tricky because ODLC is not a legal entity or a nonprofit
- One sponsoring library each year signs contract with OverDrive
- It is proposed that OLA agree to serve as fiscal manager, sponsored by PLD
- LSTA funding to ODLC directly through OverDrive expected to continue
- Libraries would still be billed directly by OverDrive
- Erin Wells thinks it falls under PLD's purview and won't be too much work, but will discuss with them
- We will vote on this in the spring

Esther Moberg moved to pursue this direction; Kate Lasky seconded. Motion carried.

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

- Rules for HB 2243 were approved in October and go into effect January 1st
- Libs-OR guidelines will be updated and a process for handling complaints will be drafted. Board will be informed at the same time as IFC in process regarding Libs-OR
- Strategic Plan Update – feedback from many stakeholders, governor's priorities, etc. considered

Unit Reports

Intellectual Freedom (Kirsten Brodbeck-Kenney)

- A school superintendent expressed concern about a book
- Discussion about Libs-OR moderation and OLA quarterly
- Wants to illustrate how IFC and EDI support and uphold each other
- Co-sponsoring reference summit; Perri Stokes co-chairing committee with Kirsten

OYAN (Rachel Timmons)

- Successful workshop in October discussing homelessness & youth, how libraries can work with other agencies
- Mock Printz coming in January
- Sponsoring conference sessions & working on a pre-conference

OASL (Laurie Nordahl)

- Conference well-attended & introduced searchable database for standards
- Advocacy team has put together materials for members
- Submitting op-ed piece with AASL to help parents understand limitations of libraries without certified staff to create diversified collections, etc.
- By-laws approved today

CSD (Deborah VanDetta)

- Planning mostly done for mock Geisel January 18th, more board positions filled

SSD (Sare Webster)

- Early stages of conference planning (July conference at Timberline)

PLD (Erin Wells)

- Updating OLA standards & creating resource list for the standards
- Hope to have website in a year modeled after Colorado's
- Directors meeting March 6th in Newport

ACRL (Candise Branum)

- Took a while to approve budget b/c set to run as deficit (got help from Shirley)
- ACRL-NW conference discussed racism in academic libraries, accessibility of the space, 3-hour workshop instead of keynotes

REFORMA (Star Khan)

- National conference will be in Portland 2021

LDLC (Buzzy Nielsen)

- Legislation in short session: support that broadband be added to service fund
- Commissioner in Curry county thinks special districts receive too much funding – probably illegal to force special districts to give money to counties
- Fix to OER legislation that passed last session regarding textbooks (colleges required to make book lists available when students register to help students economically)

Communications (Elaine Hirsch)

- Charles Wood & OLA hotline editors have questions & want board feedback
- Members coordinating hotline concerned that it's just aggregating info found in other venues. Create more unique content? Change to monthly or weekly? Solicitation of content?
- Frequency is fine

- Aggregation not a bad thing but maybe cast the net a little wider
- Idea: in addition to featuring one new member maybe list all new members?
- Idea: individuals or libraries could submit their own job changes & other news
- Chair of communication is also chair of OLAQ & social media - maybe disperse functions? Used to be more split up.

Association Manager's Report (Shirley Roberts)

- Working with new OBOB coordinator. Registration just closed with 688 registrants (the most Shirley is aware of)
- Continuing to provide financial reports to committees/divisions
- Worked with ODLC & NW ILL group
- Annual report posted
- Conference registration form will gauge session interest to help assign room size
- Fundraising policy

Treasurer's Report (Lori Wamsley)

- Revenue committee to make sure income streams (conference & dues) will help sustain organization as insurance premiums, staffing, conference costs go up every year
- OLA finance/investment committee met in November & recommend changes to accounts
- Propose move \$12,000 from Hull Endowment fund to the Hull Earnings Fund. Approved by vote.
- Planning for lack of conference income in 2022

Conference Committee Report (Liisa Sjoblom & Caren Agata)

- 79 proposals, 63 slots, many pre-conferences
- 2 additional slots related to OLAQ article – Oregon Humanities participating
- Keynote: Sonja Ervin (equity & inclusion manager for MCL)
- Banquet & Saturday lunch speakers haven't signed contracts yet
- 7 concurrent sessions instead of usual 9 (merging 2 smaller rooms, one no longer available)
- Online registration will close April 15th. Onsite registration won't include meals.
- Will meet again Dec 16th
- ACRL and other units not invited to program selection committee this year – failure to communicate

Open Forum

- Esther looking for candidates for president & secretary of OLA for ballot early next year, especially those from academic libraries

Action Items

- Elaine will give our feedback to OLA hotline
- Elaine will forward core values to EDI task force
- Lori will send Treasurer's Report to Laura
- Laurie will send updated by-laws to Shirley

Next meeting: February 7th (virtual meeting)