

**Oregon Library Association Public Library Division  
Executive Board Meeting**

December 11, 2020, via Zoom

**Present:** Halsted Bernard (Tigard Public Library), chair-elect; Amanda Bressler (Albany Public Library), at-large; Laura Kimberly (Newport Public Library), chair; Haley Lagasse (North Bend Public Library), at-large, Chris Myers (Lake Oswego Public Library), secretary; Will O’Hearn (Eugene Public Library), at-large; Erin Wells (Walla Walla Public Library), immediate past-chair.

**Absent:** Glenn Ferdman (Beaverton City Library), at-large; Darci Hanning State Library of Oregon rep

**Guests:** Kate Lasky (Josephine Community Library District), president of Oregon Library Association; Elizabeth Sonstegaard (Albany Public Library), vice-chair of the Oregon Digital Library Consortium; and Alma Plasencia (Salem Public Library) and Marci Ramiro-Jenkins (McMinnville Public Library), co-chairs of the OLA EDI Anti-Racism Special Committee

**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by chair Laura Kimberly at 1:03 p.m.

**2. Approval of past meeting minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of September 25, 2020, were approved as submitted. They are now posted on PLD’s website.

**3. OLA EDI Task Force**

- Alma Plasencia and Marci Ramiro-Jenkins, co-chairs of the OLA EDI Anti-Racism Special Committee, introduced and gave an overview of a draft of the committee’s Equity Diversity Inclusion Anti-Racism Toolkit. The toolkit will be finalized in late January and then disseminated to public and academic libraries in February.
- Halsted Bernard shared via Google Docs a statement about EDI and Anti-Racism for PLD board members to edit or add to.
- Print copies going to public and academic libraries, with hopes that school libraries will access and use an online version of the toolkit.
- The committee is encouraging as many libraries as possible to have their staff members complete, by early March, the survey included in the toolkit
- The toolkit, and findings from the staff-survey instrument, will be discussed at a pre-conference session at the 2021 OLA Conference (April 20-23)
- Kate Lasky asked if there were any self-assessments that the committee would recommend for staff members, board members, and city council members to use to ascertain their own place on the continuum of readiness.

**4. OLA Strategic Plan Input**

- Kate Lasky presented a draft of the strategic plan, and asked us to note areas where PLD can be a responsible party for initiatives or supporting actions, or is already taking actions to meet various objectives or targets.
- Laura, Will, and Haley will meet separately to discuss PLD's work with the strategic plan. They will report back at our next meeting.

#### **5. Officer Duty Follow-up**

- Haley is going to work on PLD Standards. Laura will meet with her soon for handover of documents
- Halsted will be PLD liaison for OLA Conference and PLD Dinner.
- Glenn is working on the Pearl Award
- Laura is working on training
- Will is working on directors' notebook
- Erin and Laura will work on budget for PLD
- Amanda will work on communications

#### **6. PLD Standards**

New Doodle poll coming out. Laura will work with Haley and Darcy to set next meeting and move forward on that.

#### **7. 2021 OLA Conference**

Halsted will follow-up on that. She will check in with Lacie Legel, conference chair.

#### **8. PLD Virtual Library Directors' Training**

- Next training is 10 a.m.-noon Friday January 22, 2021. Topic will be the OLA's EDI Anti-Racism Toolkit discussed above.
- Discussion of recording and posting trainings. Some privacy concerns. Possibility of using OLA's Youtube channel.

#### **9. Oregon Digital Library Consortium (ODLC) Update**

Elizabeth Sonstegaard (Albany Public Library), vice-chair of the Oregon Digital Library Consortium, provided the following report:

- Got some additional LSTA funds, earmarked for Spanish-language materials. Continuing to add Spanish-language materials, and also have a Spanish-language page in Overdrive.
- Considering free program called Public Library Connection, which would connect some school libraries to ODLC, allowing students to access juvenile and young-adult materials.
- In January ODLC will pass 1-million+ checkouts.
- Budget season is here, and governing board is creating poll to see where member libraries are on budget planning and priorities.
- We have been seeing usage up over 25% the last six months, holding steady.

## 10. State Library of Oregon Update

Darci Hanning, the board's rep from the State Library of Oregon, submitted the following report in absentium:

- Draft applications for LSTA competitive grants were due on 12/4 (optional) and final applications are due February 1, 2021, 5:00pm PT. Please see the [LSTA LibGuide](#) for more information.
- Ready to Read checks for 2021 are in the process of being sent out; follow-up with Greta Bergquist if you have any questions or concerns.
- Review for [minimum conditions for public libraries](#) will begin next year; data collected from the annual Public Library Statistical Report will be used. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Darci Hanning.
- The State Library hosted two presentations on Winning Library Grants by Stephanie Gerding, those recordings are available to Oregon staff, volunteers, board members, Friends and Foundation members, registration for access is available here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OR-NicheAcademy>
- The State Library's Topic Talk for January is *Shared Learning: Providing Trauma-Informed Services in Small and Rural Libraries*. No registration is necessary, join in via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86208627126>) on January 13, 2021 at 2:00p, additional information is available the [Topic Talks webpage](#).
- The virtual meet-up for library directors (public, academic, and tribal) will continue with a slight change to the schedule: **first Thursdays at 12:00p** and **third Mondays at 4:00**. Darci Hanning will continue to host the Thursday meet-up while Buzzy Nielsen will begin hosting the Monday meet-up. An announcement with **new Zoom meeting links** will be sent out (very) early in January so please keep an eye out for that!

## 11. 2021 PLD Meeting Dates

- PLD Board meeting: 10 a.m.-noon Friday, January 8, 2021
- Directors' training: 10 a.m.-noon Friday, January 29, 2021
- PLD Board meeting: 10 a.m.-noon Friday, March 12, 2021
- OLA Conference April 20-23
- PLD Board meeting: 10 a.m.-noon Friday, May 14, 2021
- PLD Board meeting: 10 a.m.-noon Friday, July 9, 2021
- PLD Board meeting: 10 a.m.-noon Friday, September 10, 2021
- PLD Board meeting: 10 a.m.-noon Friday, November 12, 2021

## 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.