

Oregon Library Association Public Library Division Executive Board Meeting

July 9, 2021, via Zoom

Present: Halsted Bernard (Tigard Public Library), chair-elect; Amanda Bressler (Albany Public Library), at-large; Darci Hanning, State Library of Oregon rep; 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.

Absent: Glenn Ferdman (Beaverton City Library), at-large; Erin Wells (Walla Walla Public Library), immediate past-chair

Guest: Elizabeth Sonstegaard (Albany Public Library), chair, Oregon Digital Library Consortium

1. Call to Order

Chair Laura Kimberly called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. Approval of minutes of May 14, 2021, meeting

The minutes of the May 14 meeting were approved without change. They have been posted on the PLD website.

New Business

3. PLD Fundraiser

Halsted has set up a Trello account to help organize this effort, and as we have ideas or plans we should add them there.

4. PLA 2022

- We discussed ideas for ways that PLD could be a presence at the 2022 PLA Conference in Portland
- Chris said it would be nice if we could host some kind of social event like pub trivia or a restaurant gathering or a pub crawl in the evening.
- Haley mentioned that the bingo that was done at OLA conference was really fun.
- Haley mentioned maybe a conference session on the anti-racism and EDI toolkit created by OLA’s EDI and Anti-Racism Committee. Laura said she would contact the co-chairs of the committee to encourage them to

propose a session, and would offer the PLD Board's help if they need any support in submitting an application.

5. Next PLD Training

- Darci mentioned that library staff members throughout the state are having to deal with pushback on various programs or displays or staff trainings, and so there is a request for or interest in ways to generally address issues around intellectual freedom, including topics like EDI training, Pride observances, “cancel culture”—i.e., Here's how to have a meaningful conversation about this, and here are key concepts or talking points you need. The Oregon Intellectual Freedom Committee could gather some resources for a toolkit.
- Halsted said this is a really interesting and important topic. She said that if we could structure the training so we had the intellectual/theoretical underpinnings piece, and then something more concrete like role-plays with scripts, that would be helpful.
- Darci said she has continuing-education funds that could be used to bring in a speaker if we wanted.
- Laura will reach out to Kirsten Brodbeck-Kenney of Driftwood Public Library, co-chair of the OLA Intellectual Freedom Committee, and see if she is interested in doing a presentation or has suggestions for people either locally or nationally who would be good to have on a panel.
- Will coordinate date choice and other details through Trello

Old Business / Monthly Reports

6. June PLD Training (on library boards) Wrap-up

- Attended by about 50 people
- Shirley is going to pull the training video and put it behind a firewall so people
- She is going to create a free-standing training page on the PLD website.

7. Public Library Standards Update

- Haley said they were almost done with 2020 revisions from Stover
- Have completed first draft of new section revisions, and Haley will be cleaning up that draft this month.
- Not meeting again for a couple months, but will start cultural competency review at next meeting

8. PLD Board elections

- Seven candidates for the two at-large board positions
- Vice chair/chair-elect (Haley Lagasse) and secretary (Chris Myers) only have one candidate; board voted to move forward with only one candidate for each of those positions rather than extend nomination deadline again.
- Voting through OLA should begin in about a week, and the voting window will be open for three weeks.
- Darci mentioned that the candidates who don't get elected to the at-large positions should be encouraged to volunteer or engage with the PLD in whatever areas they are interested

9. Oregon Digital Library Consortium Update-Elizabeth Sonstegaard, chair

- Carrie Schindele-Cupples of Springfield Public Library elected vice-chair/chair-elect, and will attend our meetings when Elizabeth cannot make it.
- Voted at last meeting to increase budget by 8%, which will go towards more titles/copies
- Voted to admit Yachats Public Library and Harrisburg Public Library
- PLC Public Library Connect through SORA app that connects to OverDrive

10. State Library Update

Darci Hanning submitted the following report

- a. Recruitment for the next State Librarian has begun; Bradbury Miller has been contracted again for the search/recruitment process. The position has also been [posted](#).
- b. Ross has launched the annual public library statistical survey on a new platform; the deadline to complete this survey is October 31, 2021. Also last month, Ross in partnership with the Washington State Library, announced the launch of the [Northwest Digital Heritage](#) site.
- c. Applications for ARPA grants closed on June 30th and are being reviewed internally. Here's some information about the applications:
 - 112 applications rec'd; 54 for small grants (\$1K - 20K) and 58 for large grants (\$20K - 150K)
 - The average small grant request amount is \$14K; the average large grant request amount is \$100K
 - 50% of applications are from public libraries; 18% from academics; 20% from schools; 4% from law libraries; 15% from museums
 - The majority of projects focus on digital equity (26%), EDIA (25%) and/or pandemic needs (26%); 16% focus on connectivity and only 6% on

workforce development (which may be because we are running a separate WD grant)

- d. Grant amounts and links to the Ready to Read application were mailed to all 143 public libraries last week and directors should have received them by now. Directors should also be able to find everything you need at the [Ready to Read LibGuide](#). Additionally, the application has been updated in hopes of better serving you and Oregon youth. Contact Greta (greta.bergquist@sl.oregon.gov or 971-375-3549) with any questions and more information about her virtual office hours. Deadline to apply is August 31, 2021.
- e. The State Library is continuing to offer pre-paid registration to select online courses offered by Infopeople and will be offering scholarships for both the ARSL and REFORMA conferences, stay tuned for more information soon! Related to this, Jennifer Cox has hosted pseudo crisis training and another on working with youth for those that staff Answerland.
- f. Jen Mauer has been working hard with the software developers of OSLIS as it undergoes a massive upgrade behind the scenes in addition to adding image credits to the how to research videos on OSLIS.
- g. The State Library building is planning to open to the public in some form on September 1 per statewide recommendation. Agency staff are looking at what services will be provided in-person and remotely, etc.

11. Draft Budget

Laura will send this to Halsted for review.

12. Timeline

Laura will send this to Halsted for review.

13. PLD Webpage

- Chris submitted notes about updates needed for PLD webpages (hosted on OLA website)
- Page on Pearl Award is now up to date
- Page on PLD annual reports needs updating, since the most recent report posted is for 2017-18; Laura will discuss with Shirley Roberts and we'll add the missing reports
- Page on Standards could be updated. Haley will review it.

12. Upcoming meetings (via Zoom)

- Interim meeting: 10-11 a.m. Friday, August 20

- Next regular meeting: 10 a.m.-noon Friday, September 10

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.