

MINUTES
Public Library Division Annual Business Meeting
Vancouver, WA
April 26, 2013
1:15 p.m.

1. Call to Order: In attendance were members of the PLD Board as well as public library directors and staff from around the state, about 15 in all.
2. The Business Meeting is a time when Board Members can share what they have focused their attention on and division members can share with the Board any projects which they'd benefit from. This year the Board particularly wanted to share their thinking about the Public Library Standards, which the Board began a complete review of in the last year with a Standards Committee composed of public librarians from around the state.
3. The Board described the process of revising the Standards so far. There are minutes of the meetings to date, which will be posted soon.
There were many different thoughts and discussions about the Standards and how they could be most useful to libraries. Someone suggested that the essentials must be agreed upon before moving to the next levels. Someone said that they needed concrete numbers in the Standards.
Certification was discussed. People saw the positive of having it as many other departments such as police and fire have certification. If there is certification or accreditation, will it come from the State Library or from OLA was a question which was raised.
4. PLD hopes to have this project complete by the end of the OLA fiscal year, which is September 1.
5. PLD meets again on May 10, 2013.