

**Business Meeting of the
Public Library Division Board
Of the
Oregon Library Association**
Thursday, April 16, 2015
Eugene Hilton

Minutes

Present: Maureen Cole, President, Jane Turner, Karen Muller, Stephanie Lind, Krist Obrist, John Goodyear, Leah Griffith, Carol Uhte, Jenkins Lumpkin.

Call to Order: President Maureen (Mo) Cole called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

Public Library Directors Meeting – Mo had flyers about the reminding directors about the meeting for distribution.

PLD Banquet 2016 – Vailey Oehlke will be the guest speaker.

Public Library Standards

Mo passed out a draft of the Ethics Section to be added to the Standards. It was adapted by Kevin Barclay from the American Library Association Code of Ethics.

Leah moved to adopt the Ethics Section of the Standards as presented. Stephanie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mo asked how we will know if the Standards are actually being used? Jane stated she has used the Standards with her Board who chose to rate compliance by percentages.

It was noted that there needs to be a glossary for board members and others not familiar with library terminology.

Also there is still a need to define how Standards are met.

There was discussion regarding the ways libraries could be encouraged to use the Standards. A carrot and stick approach was proposed. One idea was to give additional weight to LSTA grant applications from libraries using and meeting standards. Leah stated in that case the Standards must be met or not met, if money is involved.

There was agreement that there really is no enforcement mechanism to compel the use of the Standards. As a consequence they should be considered an assessment tool as opposed to enforcement tool.

Mo and Stephanie will work on remaining issues with Standards. There is a need to consider how the Standards will best meet the needs of the public library community.

Adjourned - The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm.