

OREGON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2002, 5-6 PM

Overton Room, DoubleTree-Jantzen Beach, Portland

In Attendance

Voting members: Connie Bennett (Vice President/President-Elect), Diane Bolen (Support Staff Division), Sara Brownmiller (Academic/ACRL Division), Rob Everett (Public Libraries Division), Barbara O'Neill (Secretary), Shirley Roberts (Member at Large), Wyma Rogers (ALA Representative), Jim Scheppke (State Librarian), Anne Van Sickle (Past President), Janet Webster (President), Heidi Weisel (Oregon Young Adult Network), Dan White (Children's Services Division)

Non-voting members: Ed House (Parliamentarian)

Guests: Melanie Lightbody and Daniel Peterson (2002 Conference Committee), Heather Ward (Oregon Authors Committee), Sandi Olmstead (Honors, Awards and Scholarships Committee), Rebecca Teasdale and Faye Chadwell (Intellectual Freedom Committee), Diedre Conkling (Legislative Network), Colleen Bell (Publications Committee), Leah Griffith (Membership Committee), Debby Simone and Anne Billeter (OLA members)

1. Housekeeping

a. Introductions

b. Agenda Review

c. Approval of Minutes -O'Neill. Scheppke moved approval of the minutes as distributed. Weisel seconded. Approval was unanimous.

d. Interim reports on web--Webster announced that all interim reports of committees, round tables, and divisions have been put on the OLA web site.

2. Conference Report - Webster thanked the Conference Committee for their good work. Daniel Peterson gave a brief report.

Registrations: Total registrants:1237 (679 for the full conference; 251 for just one day; 64 for just a pre-conference).

Revenues: All preconferences are breaking even or making money. \$18,000 was collected for pre-conferences; \$105,000 for conference registrations; \$26,000 for meals; \$42,000 for exhibitors; \$11,000 donations by exhibitors. 101 people signed up for the dinner cruise.

Expenditures: Although all expenditures have not been accounted for yet, at this point it looks like the conference is making a profit. 58% of that will go to OLA & 42 % to WLA. Lightbody reported that working with WLA was a wonderful experience.

3. Officer Report

a. Treasurer's report - No report

b. President's report - Webster

- i. Senate Interim Task Force Update -- The task force has had one meeting that was mostly informational. The next meeting will be held May 13, and Scheppke thinks some concrete proposals to advance library cooperation will be made at that meeting. Webster added that the informational meeting was both interesting and challenging. Initiating anything will be difficult given the state's budget situation. The Senate President told the committee not to come up with new-money proposals. Proposals must be funded using existing money or creative financing.
- ii. Honorary Life Membership Resolution -- Webster proposed a resolution to award honorary life membership to Carol Hildebrand for her dedication and exemplary service to her community, the profession, and the Association. Bennett moved the Board adopt the resolution; Everett seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The award will be presented to Hildebrand at the membership meeting on Friday. Webster pointed out the need for the Board to write procedures for awarding honorary life membership, since these are not spelled out well in the Association's Procedure Manual.
- iii. Multnomah County Recognition Resolution -- Webster proposed a resolution acknowledging Multnomah County Library on their centenary. Library staff have given one hundred years of service to the state, and the Library is a model throughout the state. Van Sickle moved, Scheppke seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- iv. CIPA -- Webster received a letter from ALA soliciting financial support for their recent legal challenge. They have a \$1.3 million fund raising goal. Issue was deferred to the May meeting.
- v. OLA/OEMA Survey -- Webster reported the OLA/OEMA Committee is testing a demographic survey that if successful, would provide a data profile of the librarian community in the state. Demographic data is currently available for media specialists but not for staff in non-school libraries. Oregon State Library is working to develop legislation that would give OSL responsibility for analyzing data collected on school libraries. Webster encouraged the Board to help test the survey instrument during the conference.
- vi. ALA preconference workshop on ALA salary equity -- Rogers announced there is an ALA pre-conference this summer that would focus on advocating for pay equity. Rogers recommended we not send anyone to this unless OLA wants to work on this topic next year. Bennett noted that the budget picture in Oregon is bleak right now. The Board acknowledged that we don't have salary data on Oregon yet, and that advocacy should

follow data gathering. We might be able to use the information in the future if someone could go, perhaps next year. Rogers thought we should look at salaries of support staff. The Board decided we should get data first and then attend a workshop on advocating salary equity.

vii. PNLA Leadership --Van Sickle. At midwinter Bennett and Van Sickle attended a workshop on how to generate a leadership program. PNLA will coordinate a program on leadership development. She proposes a Task Force separate from the PNLA Board. Webster asked Van Sickle to report to the Board at the next meeting how much money she needs for this program.

viii. First Freedom Award -- Webster reported that The Greater Oregon chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists asked the Intellectual Freedom Committee to nominate a librarian for the First Freedom Award. Webster and Chadwell nominated Candy Morgan, a strong advocate who works in Washington but lives in Oregon.

ix. Freedom to Read Foundation -- On behalf of the Board, Webster received a ballot for board election to the Freedom to Read Foundation. She asked for advice on how to vote, and will speak to members after the meeting.

c. Vice President's report - No report

d. Parliamentarian's Report - House

i. A reception will be held tonight at 8:30 in Room 206, where Hildebrand will be acknowledged for her hard work and many contributions to OLA and there will be a fund raiser for People for Oregon Libraries.

ii. The proposed By-laws change for ALA representative will be voted on at tomorrow's membership meeting.

e. Honors, Awards, & Scholarships Committee Report -- Olmstead. There were lots of nominations for awards this year. Awards will be presented at the membership meeting on Friday. Webster asked the committee to begin looking into how to provide a scholarship for graduate courses in Library Science. Olmstead and her daughter have made 480 pins to sell at the conference as a fund raiser, and Webster has agreed to match all funds raised.

f. Publications Committee -- Bell

i. The Spring 2002 *OLA Quarterly* has been distributed. It is beautiful, with colored pictures. The next several issues will be on research, cognitive development, and visual documentation.

ii..Members were surveyed to see if they wanted the format of the *OLA Hotline* to change. Members did not want a change, so the format will remain the same.

iii. Web site. Scheppke suggested providing a place on the web site to submit email address changes

iv. This is Bell's last year as Committee Chair.

4. New Business

a. Agendas for Membership Meetings - Webster. Overview

b. Nominations Committee Report - Van Sickle. Candidates for next year's officers are as follows

i. Vice President/President-Elect -- Susan Barnes Whyte & Faye Chadwell

ii. Secretary -- Steve Skidmore & Maresa Kirk

iii. Treasurer -- Shirley Roberts & Suzanne Sager

iv. PNLA Representative -- Carol Reich & no other candidate as of yet. Committee is still searching.

c. LSTA grant proposal - Hamilton submitted a LSTA grant proposal for the Resource Sharing Committee. Discussion of the proposal was deferred to the May meeting.

5. Next Meetings

a. May 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Roseburg, Douglas County Library. A staff person from Ford Family Foundation will be there.

b. August 5-6 - Retreat at Silver Falls

c. August 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Eugene, Eugene Public Library

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara O'Neill