

## **OLA Executive Board Meeting**

April 6, 2011

Salem Conference Center

Salem, Oregon

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

**Present:** Rob Everett, Connie Anderson-Cohoon, Robert Hulshof-Schmidt, Jim Scheppke, Garrett Trott, Colleen Winters, Steve Skidmore, Gary Sharp, Krist Obrist, K'Lyn Hann, Shirley Roberts, Liisa Sjoblom, Janet Webster, Susan Bacina, Anne-Marie Deitering, Hannah Gascho Rempel, Susan Smallsreed, Emily Papagni, Isaac Gilman (phone), Krista Reynolds (phone)

### **Welcome**

Rob called the meeting to order at 4:04.

### **Library Development and Legislation**

Janet Webster, chair of the Library Development and Legislative Committee, reported that a briefing paper of legislative issues has been put together.

Legislation impacting school libraries is of immediate concern. HB 2649 establishes a task force to make recommendations for quality school libraries. The bill had a hearing in the House Education Committee. The bill needs to be moved out into a work session by the end of the day, Friday, April, 8.

The House Judiciary Committee will hold hearings on Friday, April 8 on 2 joint resolutions that will be constitutional amendments. One is an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to replace existing freedom of expression provisions with language modeled after freedom of speech and freedom of press provisions of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. This would weaken Oregon's free speech provision because Oregon's provision is broader than the language of the Federal Constitution.

The other hearing is on a resolution that proposes an amendment to the Oregon Constitution authorizing the Legislative Assembly to prohibit furnishing of sexually explicit materials to minors in a manner consistent with the United States Constitution.

Mary Ginnane and George Bell will testify on these 2 joint resolutions. Candy Morgan will also be present and Janet will clarify if Candy will represent the ACLU perspective or the OLA perspective. Janet will speak from the podium at the business meeting to inform the membership of these matters.

### **Changes to the Agenda**

K'Lyn will announce the OYAN award winner.

Isaac will report on the Intellectual Freedom award and request Board approval of the selected award winner.

### **Oregon Young Adult Network (OYAN) Report**

The recipient of the award is Anne Tran from the Midland branch of Multnomah County Library. OYAN was pleased with the number of nominees and the strong support for the nominees.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dues income is on target. An increase in renewals is anticipated for July and August. Net income is \$54,342.83.

### **Approval of February 4, 2011 Minutes**

It was moved to approve the February 4, 2011 minutes.

Motion: Susan Smallsreed

Second: Liisa Sjoblom

The motion carries unanimously.

### **Association Manager's Report**

Shirley has been busy the past several weeks working with the Conference Committee. She recognized the hard work of Valery King, the Registration Chair, and the Conference Committee. 565 people have registered for the conference. Shirley is working with Connie on making ballots available for the election. The intent is to get ballots up before April 30. After being posted, ballots are available for 3 weeks. A reminder about the bylaws vote was sent to everyone registered to attend the Thursday lunch and business meeting. Shirley suggests that how voting at business meetings is managed be an agenda item for the June Executive Board meeting.

### **Virtual Collaborations Task Force Report**

Robert reported on the evaluation of virtual collaboration software tools. During the evaluation period some products merged with others and so became unavailable for testing. The task force selected a first choice and second choice based on the criteria of the Board. The task force is waiting for pricing information, but the expectation is that the price for the first choice will be reasonable.

### **Honors, Awards, Scholarships (HAS) Procedures**

The HAS Committee normally contacts the Board to request approval of the annual slate of award winners. This has been problematic due to confidentiality concerns and the need for a quorum. This is awkward when a sitting member of the Board is receiving an award. The Board will discuss this further at the June meeting and consider giving greater authority to the HAS Committee.

### **Intellectual Freedom Committee Report**

Isaac reported that Katie Anderson from the Oregon State Library has been selected to receive the Committee's award. Katie is being recognized for the breadth of work she has done at the Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse for several years. She has supported intellectual freedom activities by making resources available to librarians, teachers, and others across Oregon who are facing challenges. Katie was instrumental in developing the Clearinghouse web site which functions as a hub for intellectual freedom issues.

It was moved to recognize Katie Anderson of the Oregon State Library and the Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse with the OLA Intellectual Freedom Award.

Motion: Robert Hulshof-Schmidt

Second: K'Lyn Hann

The motion carries unanimously.

### **HAS – Scholarship Committee**

The OLA MLIS Scholarship Program is supported by LSTA funds, by donations made to the OLA Scholarship Fund, and is administered by the Oregon State Library. Gary is requesting signatures on the Grant Activities Report, the Mid-Year financial report, and the grant application for scholarships that will be awarded in June of 2012. The contents of the new grant are the same as the previous year's grant. The grant application is for \$25,000. The Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) processes the online application for financial assistance and assists in routing of application packets.

The only significant change in the application is an increase in OSAC's administrative fee from 10% to 11%. Scholarship awards decisions are made by OLA's MLIS Scholarship Selection Committee and will be brought to the OLA Executive Board for approval at the June 2011 meeting. All needed signatures requested at the April 6, 2011 meeting will be provided.

### **2011 OLA Conference Report**

Garrett reported that about 570 people have registered for the OLA conference. This is a significant increase over the last annual conference in 2009. Some adjustments needed to be made with the site due to the high registration. Vendors were moved out of the Willamette Room since the entire room is needed for lunch. Garrett thanked everyone for their participation in the conference and commented that much of the conference planning had been done by Valery King, Nancy Horner, Michele Burke, MaryKay Dahlgreen, and others. Rob thanked the Conference Committee for its work and noted that he has heard many comments from people looking forward to the conference and that it is heartening that in times such as these everyone can pull together as a library community.

### **Nominations Committee Report**

Connie reported on the full slate of candidates for the OLA election.

Secretary: Teresa Ferguson and Joanna Rood

Vice President/President Elect: Eva Calcagno and Abigail Elder

Treasurer: Joanna Rood and Liisa Sjoblom

Mo Cole and Ed House served on the Nominating Committee and were very helpful. The recruitment was statewide. Some potential candidates were unavailable this year, but indicated an interest in being candidates in future elections.

It was moved to accept the slate of candidates for 2011-12.

Motion: Colleen Winters,

Second: Susan Smallsreed

Abstention: Liisa Sjoblom

The motion carries.

### **Branding Task Force**

The Task Force (Connie Anderson-Cohoon, Isaac Gilman, Rick Samuelson, April Witteveen) has been working with Thomas Osborne Design, Inc. on a new logo design. The committee has selected 4 designs for consideration. The next step is to get feedback from the membership. Connie will work with Thomas to determine the best way to share the potential logos. Options may include putting the logos on the OLA web site or in Memberclicks. The OLA Executive Board will make the final decision regarding the logo.

### **Thursday Business Meeting Logistics**

Rob gave an overview of the plans for the membership meeting. Jim will speak to the membership and Janet will provide information about legislative issues. Rob will give the President's Report (an overview of the activities of the Association), 100 Year Awards to 4 libraries, and recognize the 100 year anniversary of the University of Washington iSchool. Connie will receive a plaque and will also announce the candidates for the election of the OLA Executive Board. Rob will also thank the conference sponsors and exhibitors and thank the Conference Committee.

Rob will also introduce the bylaws vote, recognize Buzzy Nielsen for his work on the proposed revisions, and explain that the intent of the revisions is to clean up the bylaws and move the procedural parts of the bylaws into the procedures manual while keeping the structure of the organization in the

bylaws. Rob will outline the proposed changes to OLA's election procedures.

### **Public Library Division Announcements**

Colleen thanked Shirley for all of her help with plans for the PLD banquet. About 65 librarians are registered to attend the banquet. Speakers include American Library Association President-elect, Molly Raphael and Oregon Poet Laureate, Paulann Petersen. An announcement has been made that the doors will be open for anyone to hear the speakers. The Olé! Award will be presented to Jennifer Keirans of the Newport Public Library. The PLD Board will not be having a business meeting at the conference but will be making an announcement soon regarding proposed changes to the group's Technology Standards.

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.