

Minutes: August 28, 1998

Oregon Library Association
Executive Board
Oceanside, Oregon

Attending: Jim Hayden, OEMA Rep and Conference Manager; Colleen Winters, Public Library Division Chair; Janet Webster, Academic Chair and Parliamentarian; Nancy Spaulding, PNLA Rep; Sara Charlton, Vice President; Gary Jensen, President; Jey Wann, Secretary 99; Anne Van Sickle, Legislative Committee Chair; Connie Bennett, Network Coordinator; Jim Scheppke, State Librarian; Ed House, Past President; Jackie Rose, OYAN incoming Chair; Pat Duke, Intellectual Freedom Chair; Steven Engelfried, Past Children's Division Chair; Linda Johnson, SSD Chair; Jan Griffin, SSD Incoming Chair; Donna E. Zehner, Children's Division Chair; Wyma Rogers, Secretary 98.

Proxies held: Jim Scheppke for Ronnie Budge; Sara Charlton for Andrew Bonamici; Gary Jensen for Carol Ventgen

President Jensen called the meeting to order. Scheppke moved and Zehner seconded approval of previous minutes. PASSED.

Bonamici was not available to present a Treasurer's report. Jensen said that a profit report from the 98 conference should be available soon.

State Librarian's report: Scheppke mentioned a recent discussion with Ben Westlund, the OLA Legislator of the Year. Westlund had attended a State Library Board meeting, and indicated that he is still very supportive of the Ready to Read grant increase.

Retreat Report - Charlton reported that an average of 27 people attended. Jey Wann took minutes, and will make them available to the web site.

Vision 2010 - Jensen reported that Deb Carver will chair the committee and will begin putting together a committee in September. They have received several suggestions for committee members and welcome more. They will be selecting members for broad representation. The size will be limited to 20. The committee will work January - December, 1999.

OLA Web site update - Jensen said that the Publications Committee has been looking into the possibility of buying a domain site as they still have not been able to move from the University of Oregon to Open.org. Scheppke cautioned them against maintaining the site on a state agency computer, the U. of O. computer, and urged them to move to Open.org while deciding about buying a domain site.

1998 Conference. Report was distributed.

1999 Conference. Charlton said that the plans are going well. Jim Hayden will be at the meeting later today. Seaside affords more exhibit space, enough for 60 exhibitors. Bonnie Allen is the chair. "Make a wave: educate, advocate and lead" is the theme.

Web/Hotline contract - Jensen said that in discussion with Colleen Bell she indicated that both jobs take much more time than was anticipated. They requested \$4000 for the contract, an increase of \$500 over last year. Jensen recommended that OLA do this. Charlton moved and House seconded a motion that the contract for the OLA web site and Hotline would pay \$4000, effective for the fiscal year beginning in September. Scheppke asked if we could see a budget but none was available. Passed. Webster voted no because we have not seen a budget for the new year.

Joint membership OLA/ALA for librarianship students - Jensen said that ALA proposes a joint membership of \$25 for students, and wants the offer to run for three years. OLA would get \$12.50 per student. Discussion indicated that it would necessitate a by-laws change since OLA currently charges \$20 for students. In response to concern about the budget implication, we learned that OLA has fewer than 20 student memberships. The impact would be \$160 at most. However, if the lower fee attracted additional members, that impact would be lessened. Scheppke moved and Webster seconded a motion that the parliamentarian prepare a bylaws change for a membership vote at the 1999 conference. The bylaws change would provide for an OLA-ALA joint membership for librarianship students @ \$25/year for three years. The OLA membership fee of \$20 would be left intact in the event a student wished to join only OLA. PASSED.

Internet access statement - Van Sickle said that she and Duke, Chair of IF, had met to discuss the statement. They reviewed many statements. Van Sickle and Bennett prepared the draft statement which was subsequently reviewed by Nan Heim, OLA lobbyist, Gary Jensen, President, Sue Plaisance, OYAN Chair, and Steven Engelfried, Chair

Children's Division. Changes were also made at the Executive Board Retreat. The current draft will be in the September Hotline for membership review. It needs to be approved by the Executive Board before the legislative session begins.

The strategy for disseminating it includes discussion with some State legislators prior to the session, placing in on the OLA web site, and sending it to legislators and public library directors and children's librarians. Public library directors are encouraged to invite their legislator to the library to discuss the statement. When the statement is sent to the legislature, it will be accompanied by a letter from the OLA President discussing the controversy and OLA's policy.

Duke said that the IF committee sees it as a statement from OLA and wants the membership to review it and wants to be part of a review of the suggestions. They would like to see stronger IF support. After discussion, it was determined that the committee to review comments from the membership will be Charlton, Bennett, Van Sickle, Dahlgren, and Duke.

Rogers requested that some examples of policies be linked to the statement. Van Sickle said that is part of the plan. The Legislative Committee is also looking for librarians who would serve as mentors to libraries who are developing their policies. IF Committee plans a program on Internet policy development at the conference.

2000 Conference - Hayden reported that he looked for hotels in downtown Portland on the Max line and there are only two. They could be difficult to negotiate good room prices. The Holiday Inn at the airport is easier to negotiate. It's easy to access. Discussion indicated consensus for Hayden to begin negotiations with the Holiday Inn, Airport, and if that did not work to try for other Portland area sites. Hayden said that he has been asked to help with the Seaside conference. He will be discussing what role he might play in that conference.

Library Literature contract - Jensen reported that Wilson has requested license to index our quarterly and publish full text. Webster asked if copyright release forms from writers were needed. Jensen said he would look into that and discuss with the publications committee how to deal with future issues.

ALA Honor Roll - Duke said that the IF committee wanted to add Oregon Librarians from 1992-93 and the Intellectual Freedom Committee to the list. He will fax this information to the Office of

Intellectual Freedom. Webster said she has information on the ACLU McNaughton Award to Oregon librarians.

Oregoniana Round Table - A group had signed a petition and submitted bylaws in March. They were requesting to form a round table under the auspices of OLA. In addition, they requested that roundtable members not be required to join OLA. Wann said that there were some museum people who were interested and might not be members of OLA. Most of the Board indicated that they were not willing to bring in the roundtable without OLA membership. OYAN came in without a requirement for OLA membership and some felt that was not a good precedent. House moved and Van Sickle seconded a motion to decline the proposed bylaws and request that they resubmit without the OLA membership waiver. PASSED

National PTA organization will have a meeting in Portland, June, 1999. Jensen reported that they are requesting a workshop from the Oregon Library Association in conjunction with the Oregon PTA on how to develop parenting collections. During discussion, the Multnomah County Library and the McMinnville Public Library were mentioned as having good experience with these collections. Speakers could include someone from Multnomah County PL, McMinnville PL and a school library.

PNLA Rep - Spaulding attended the conference and reported it a good meeting. The organization is in the black financially. Hayden said that OEMA is waiting to see what OLA does about membership in the organization. Discussion around the table included comments on the plan which appeared to be status quo. Also there is no action plan. Spaulding said she thought an action plan would be the next step.

Letters about Literature 1999 requested endorsement from OLA. This is a national contest from the Center for the Book which is promoted by the Weekly Reader. Schools help with the contest. There are awards, some of them cash for the children. Scheppke moved and Webster seconded the endorsement. PASSED

ACRL-Oregon. Webster said that they are planning for conference programs on system migration, support staff roles in libraries, school reform and its affect on academic libraries, web management, and meta data for beginners. They are also writing briefs on three issues: consortia of libraries, community college library roles, and statewide databases. There is an issue involving the depository system for Oregon documents. It includes revision of Title 44. The bill is 2288 and should

be supported. The WLA-OLA joint meeting will be in the third week of October at Menucha. The topic is the "Changing Models of Higher Education."

Children's Division. Engelfried said that the four regional workshops on guidelines are scheduled. Stories by the Sea will be held in September, the Performers showcase in October and the fall workshop in November. They are planning for summer reading with the Metro Group and looking for sponsorship.

Public Library Division. Winters said they will meet next week at the Springfield Public Library and focus on conference program planning.

Support Services Division. Johnson reported that they are working on committee development and introduced Jan Griffin from the Eugene Public Library as incoming chair.

Legislative committee. Van Sickle reported that conference programs are planned for showing librarians who work well with local government as role models for others. The ALA Washington Office will be part of a program on making an impact on the legislature. Bennet reported that the Network is getting close to a full complement.

PAC. House said that additional funds were needed. Also people could help support candidates and issues. He asked the membership to contribute.

OYAN. Rose reported that new officers included Ruth Allen, Vice President/President-elect; Carol Reich, Secretary, Alison Kastner, Webmaster, and Diane Adams as Treasurer. New officers will be installed at the OYAN fall meeting, October 30, at the Monmouth Public Library. They are working with the IF committee on a preconference program that will include a youth panel.

Intellectual Freedom. Duke said that they are focusing on the conference and in particular a preconference program on the first amendment rights of young adults. They would like to have Dr. DelFattore speak. She was a keynote speaker at the last conference and was popular. They are still negotiating her fee which was \$3500 for the 98 conference. The IF committee would have to put up half the fee up front. Webster suggested they talk to the conference committee about helping fund this program. Other topics include professional ethics and Internet policies.

Next meeting will be September 25 at the Salem Public Library. Charlton passed out the dates for the full year of Executive Board meetings. All will take place at Salem Public Library.

Jensen closed his year as President by saying that he had been impressed with the quality of the work of the Oregon Library Association, and the willingness of members to work hard to further the aims of the organization and libraries. He was proud also of his own library's building project. It will be the first completely new academic building for some time. He thanked the Executive Board and committee and round table chairs. Then Jensen handed the official OLA gavel to President Charlton.

Charlton presented a plaque to Jensen from the Oregon Library Association in appreciation of his service as President.

Adjourned.

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