

Minutes: March 31, 1999

Oregon Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Convention Center, Seaside

ATTENDING: VOTING MEMBERS: Andrew Bonamici (Treasurer); Sara Charlton (President); Gary Jensen (Past President); Linda Johnson (Support Staff Division); Terry Ann Rohe (Vice President); Jim Schepke (State Librarian); Nancy Spaulding (PNLA Rep.); Jey Wann (Secretary); Donna Zehner (Children's Division). OTHERS: Jan Griffin (Support Staff Division Vice-Chair); Mary Norman (Intellectual Freedom Committee); Ed House (Parliamentarian); Sandi Olmstead (Honors, Awards, and Scholarships Committee); Sue Plaisance (Public Relations Committee); Jackie Rose (OYAN); Anne Van Sickle (Legislative Committee).

Charlton called the meeting to order at 5:03. We initially didn't have a quorum, so we began with..

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Schepke said SB 634 (the "omnibus library bill") had a hearing this week, and was scheduled for a work session Friday in the Senate Education Committee.

SB 142 (which would de-regulate some telecommunications companies in return for those companies investing in telecommunications infrastructure) passed the Senate 18 to 9. The bill will include a component for increased telecommunication infrastructure for libraries.

The State Library budget hearing may be moved to April 14 and 15.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING. Once we had a quorum, Schepke made to corrections to the minutes of the February meeting: The name of the company that the Children's Division is working with is The Metropolitan Group (not Metro); the previous efforts to regulate "adult" business were referenda, not legislative bills. PASSED as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Bonamici distributed the current OLA budget and said the organization is in a good cash position.

Schepke said the Hotline and web page still appear to be over budget

(see minutes of previous meeting). Bonamici and Charlton will look into it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Charlton said the Small Business Administration approached OLA about partnering in helping them share information on Y2K issues. Johnson asked if they want money. Charlton said no, just support. Bonamici said this would be a good way to publicize Y2K web sites.

Moved and seconded. PASSED.

Johnson suggested that this information should be on the OLA web site.

AN INTERLUDE

Schepke mentioned HB3111 - the bill that would increase marriage license fees to finance the increase in Ready to Read funds. It has not yet had a hearing.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Ginnane distributed the slate of candidates for OLA office. The Nominations Committee had so far only got one candidate for Vice President/President-Elect. The Committee contacted 11 other potential candidates, but all turned the nomination down for various reasons. They are still contacting potential candidates. Nominations from the floor at the general session are possible, but Ginnane said it's never happened before. Candidate statements are supposed to be in the April issue of the Hotline. She asked the Board for guidance.

Charlton asked why we need two candidates, and also said that the schedule for sending out ballots usually isn't adhered to. Schepke said the by-laws stipulate two candidates. Discussion ensued. We eventually decided by consensus to extend the timeline to allow the Committee to find a second candidate.

Ginnane asked if any of the candidates should be introduced at the general session. No, wait until there's a second candidate for Vice President. She also asked if it was o.k. to ask academic people, even though this would traditionally be a public library candidate. Yes, it's o.k. to ask academic people.

HONORS, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE

Olmstead announced the 1999 OLA award winners:

Supporter - Kent Taylor, McMinnville City Manager Employee -
Chantal Strobel, Deschutes County Library Librarian - Deb Carver,
University of Oregon Library Intellectual Freedom Award - Judy
Harold

Olmstead said that, in the future, we need to consider when the
Intellectual Freedom Award should be presented, as there's no
traditional forum for it.

LEGISLATIVE DAY

Van Sickle said the next OLA Legislative Day is April 15, Room 50 in
the Capital Bldg, 9:00-1:00. She encourages public library people to
send examples of the good work they've done with Ready to Read
grants. Plaisance said that on April 13-14, there will be a display of
photos of legislators with their favorite children's books.

Van Sickle said the editorial project is on track for National Library
Week (see minutes of February meeting)

Charlton said Rep. Patridge spoke at the SB 634 hearing on Monday.

Van Sickle said that people are already scheduled to testify at the OSL
budget hearing; they'll have to "punt" if the hearing is re-scheduled.

2001 CONFERENCE

Jensen distributed information about the Pendleton Convention Center.
It is similar to the Seaside Convention Center, and cheaper than
Sunriver. There are also enough hotel rooms nearby in Pendleton. He
had also looked at the Redmond center, but there aren't enough hotel
rooms near by.

Schepke asked if the Pendleton center would work, as it looks fairly
small. Jensen said it's close to the Seaside center in size. Schepke
suggested talking to former conference or program chairs to see if they
think it's big enough. Charlton will put this on the agenda for the next
Executive Board meeting.

Charlton said the 2000 conference will be April 5-7. She will make sure
it's not near a holiday.

Jensen said that, once the 2001 site is chosen, we could give Jim

Hayden the contract to negotiate the details. Van Sickle asked if later dates would work better in Pendleton.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Plaisance said the application for the Starlight Parade is finished. The Committee is doing a PSA for use during National Library Week. Charlton distributed the design for the bookmobile float. We should hear from the State Fair by April 15 about whether or not we will be able to have the bookmobile there.

Scheppke suggested notifying Multnomah County Library about the application for the Starlight Parade.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rohe distributed her committee lists. The Intellectual Freedom Committee and Oregon Authors Committee have more potential members than the by-laws call for. Rohe suggested that she contact the people who volunteered last to see if they would be willing to serve on another committee. The Oregon Authors Committee folks could help with committee tasks without being official members. The Board agreed by consensus.

Rohe hopes to attend the ALA program on membership and recruitment (which Deb Carver talked about at the February meeting). Rohe would also like the incoming chair of the Membership Committee to attend.

Rohe distributed the theme for her presidential year: Imagine: libraries in the 21st century.

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