

**AzLA Board Meeting**  
**March 18 2015**

**Present**

- Dan Stanton
- Joyce Martin
- Debbie Hanson-Trip
- Alexandra Humphreys
- Jasper Halt
- Ingrid Trebisky
- Stephen Stillwell
- Katherine Husser
- Holly Henley
- Cindy McQuien
- Sandy Edwards
- Rebecca Blakiston
- Amanda Brite
- Andrew
- Alexis Skidmore
- PJ Purchase
- Ann Leonard

**Call to Order 11:03 AM**

Dan: events Tucson Festival of Books, SIRLS awards, if you attend please take pictures and write up for web page – want to show people what we are doing in real time

1. Governance Committee Issues – Stephen
  - Travel guidelines – reimbursements for guest speakers apply only to nonmembers of AzLA
  - Web committee wants to add a section in the handbook that committee chairs (and division chairs and interest groups) should report regularly to the web committee and to the newsletter. This requirement would need to be approved during our next regular meeting – by a vote.
  - We need to address the purpose/future of Interest Groups (and Divisions). There are currently at least 2 Interest Groups with no active Chairs and others where the current Chair can find no replacement.
    - One option, an interest group could put on a program at conference or be involved in conference committee somehow
    - There is interest from the state library in starting a new interest group on resource sharing.
    - Purpose of interest groups within AzLA should be defined in the handbook. Having concrete goals might help maintain interest.

- An interest group must have at least 25 members. Number derived from who subscribes to the list serve.
- Power of interest groups is like a grass roots movement. But once attached to governance structure there is no sunset provision. Maybe AzLA could review interest groups every year (or every 5 years) and require each group to refile paperwork, etc. to continue it.
- Could list inactive interest groups on the AzLA web site and people could bring them back at a future date.
- Regional Forums – There will not be a Regional Forum this spring. Has fallen to county librarians to organize this, not really driven by AzLA. Could make it part of the regional representatives responsibility. County librarians need more financial support upfront from AzLA – should be put in the AzLA budget. State Library could also help sponsor. Regional reps and AzLA professional development committee could facilitate but AzLA would need to budget in advance. Institutionalize AzLA’s role in regional forums.
- Book Awards – ‘They seem to be determined by groups outside of AzLA and merely use AzLA for a partial funding base and a forum for presentation. All attempts that we, the Governance Committee, have made to contact them about the awards and how the committees are constituted, etc. have been ignored.’

## 2. Conference 2015 – Jasper and Ann

They have material on the conference up on the AzLA web site. Ann emailed the budget and registration prices to the board and the board will vote on the budget in April. Please send Ann or Jasper any questions on the budget. AzLA should start thinking of dates and locations for 2016 and 2017 to get on exhibitor’s calendars.

## 3. Professional Development – Rebecca

There is funding available, so contact Rebecca. The group is working with marketing and web committees to publicize events. They are currently funding three events this fiscal year.

**The next face-to-face board meeting will be at the Northwest Regional Library in Surprise on Friday, April 17th, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM.**

**Adjourned 12:42 PM**