

**AzLA Board Meeting
January 22nd 2016**

- **Present**
 - Gina Macaluso
 - Denise Gullikson
 - Rebecca Brendel
 - Lauren Regenhardt
 - Jasper Holt
 - Amanda Brite
 - Amber Mathewson
 - Jeanne Pfander
 - Debbie Hanson-Tripp
 - Christine Tuttle
 - Cindy McQueen
 - Beth Bareham
 - Jeane Guilder
 - Nola Magneson
 - Richard DiRusso
 - Rob Wilson
 - Dan Stanton
 - Sandy Edwards
 - Erin MacFarlane
 - Michael Schmidt
 - Joan Clark
 - Joyce Abbott
 - Lee Payne
 - Kathy Hellman
 - Dale Savage
 - Dana Shreve
 - Andrew See
 - Aimee Fifarek
 - Bob Diaz
 - Michael Schor

- **Call to Order 10:10 AM**

- **Approval of July 2015 and October 2015 minutes with no changes**

- **Welcome and Updates**
 - **Kathy Hellman Treasurer**
 - Lost money on the annual conference, -\$34,000 for the year
 - Discussed ways to raise revenue such as increasing cost of conference registration

- AzLA has \$60,000 in committed expenses each year and dues bring in \$30,000 so it is important for the conference to make money
 - A subcommittee will look at raising dues and report back to the group at the April meeting
 - Need to focus on vendors, possibly host a job fair at the conference
- **State Librarians' Report delivered by Joan Clark**
- Highlights from Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA):
 - National Policy Agenda for Libraries - COSLA will engage IMLS, PLA, ULC, and other national library groups with a stake in the future of libraries to develop consensus on the top two or three most critical policy priorities of the agenda and a shared strategy and timeline for addressing these to ensure that national funders and policy makers hear a consistent and compelling message from all. (from the Interim Report of COSLA's Working Group on the National Policy Agenda)
 - New York Public Library LEAP (Library E-Content Access Project) - IMLS grant project; NYPL would like us to get the word out.
 - <https://www.ims.gov/news-events/news-releases/ims-award-improve-library-e-content-and-e-book-borrowing>. – Press release from IMLS.
 - Open eBooks – An app containing thousands of popular and award-winning titles that are free for children from low-income households. Made possible by a partnership between Digital Public Library of America, The New York Public Library, and First Book, with assistance from Baker & Taylor. Funding support provided in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. The project is part of the White House ConnectED Initiative.
 - Aspen Institute
 - http://csreports.aspeninstitute.org/documents/AspenLibrariesReport.pdf?_ga=1.35111265.1502027483.1452372866 – The Report “Rising to the Challenge; Re-Envisioning Public Libraries”
 - http://www.libraryvision.org/download_action_guide - “Action Guide for Re-Envisioning Your Public Library”, a set of resources for convening a community dialogue and helping communities take action to re-envision their own public library.
 - This work supports Libraries Transform because it brings communities together to see the transformative nature of today's libraries.
- **New Business**
 - **State Tracker service – Kathy Husser**
 - This service would keep track of bills which concern libraries and would cost \$2,000 per year
 - Our lobbyist already does this for us, so consensus was AzLA did not need to purchase this service
 - Motion on the floor to vote to subscribe to State Tracker – Vote is NO

- **Spring Regional Forum**
 - The Spring Regional Forum in Case Grande in Amber Kent's home library. The maximum total cost to AzLA will be \$2,000 – from the professional development committee's budget. Rob Wilson volunteered to take the lead along with regional representatives.
- **Vacant Committee Chair position updates**
 - Erin Lorandos is the new Membership Committee Chair
 - Heather Hershey will be the Scholarship Committee Chair
 - The Special Library Division Chair is still vacant.
- **Handbook updates – Nola Magneson**
 - She will propose changes at the next meeting.
- **Forum tool – Joyce Abbott**
 - Joyce encouraged more usage of the forum tool as a way to engage members, suggested it be more visible on the web site
- **Database of statewide library outreach programs – Joyce Abbott**
 - Create a statewide excel database of performers and program facilitators for library staff. Folks could write reviews and leave notes regarding various programs. A link to this database could reside under events and opportunities on the website.
- **Summer Library Institute recognition at AzLA Conference – Dale Savage**
 - Summer Library Institute is one week of training for small and rural library staff members run by the State Library. Dale would like to encourage Institute members to go to conference and join AzLA. He proposed AzLA could enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Library in which AzLA would recognize Institute Alumni at the AzLA conference, perhaps during a lunch. The State Library would pay for the Institute Alumni members' conference registration and meal fee. AzLA could make the meal a ticketed event. Motion to vote on this idea passed with a YES vote.
- **YA Summit - Lauren Regenhardt**
 - Lauren is looking for volunteers to help organize this event. Rob Wilson volunteered.
 - Could be a regional forum or a stand-alone event.
 - Make sure the YA Summit is not too close to the annual AzLA Conference or in the summer.
 - Perhaps held at the same hotel as the 2017 AzLA Conference.
- **Old Business Conference 2016 – Jasper Holt**
 - Single opening keynote
 - One Book One Conference – target Arizona authors to keep cost down

- The 2015 conference went over budget on food. Volunteers may need to buy their lunch in 2016. Could provide food tickets or color code the badges to determine who is eligible for meals.
 - 2015 conference highly rated
 - Mesa as venue in 2017 due to lower cost
 - Requests for more programs from school and academic libraries at the 2016 conference
 - **LinkedIn Page and Program Planning – Becky Brendel**
 - A subcommittee was formed to look at providing more resources for members online, including a more robust LinkedIn page
 - **Location for Horner Memorabilia Collection – Jeanne Pfander**
 - Dan has three boxes of memorabilia.
 - Perhaps a SIRLS intern could go through the organize and process this collection
 - Horner Committee will host one librarian from Japan this year. He or she will be here for one week and will attend the AzLA conference where they will be awarded a plaque.
- **ALA Updates – Aimee Fifarek**
 - Aimee is Arizona’s Councilor to the American Library Association
 - She attended ALA mid-winter in this role and reports:
 - She attended three councilor meetings and an orientation
 - She voted against Islamaphobia, for accessible conferences, and for a resolution to change the LC subject heading from Illegal Aliens
 - Libraries transform campaign is designed to change the view of libraries from something “nice to have” to something “essential”
- **Next meeting Friday April 22nd in Tucson at the University of Arizona School of Information Harvill Building 1103 E 2 St Tucson, AZ 85721**
- **Meeting Adjourned 2:40PM**