

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Brue Enright at 3:00 P.M. CST.

Board members and committee chairs present via conference call:

Scott Ahola, Daria Bossman, Annie Brunskill, Jeanne Conner, Mary Francis, Brenda Hemmelman, Jan Brue Enright, Cindy Messenger, Vickie Mix, and Laura Olson.

Not present: Mary Gillick, Melissa Weber, and Amber Wilde

Changes/additions to the agenda:

Raney Endowment Fund – how shall we put money into the fund?

Lobbyists.

Delay the evaluation of *Book Marks*.

Change the Agenda date to reflect the postponed meeting on April 11, 2013.

Motion to approve by Annie with second by Jeanne: unanimous approval.

Consideration of minutes of the January 10, 2013 meeting:

Motion to approve by Brenda with second by Scott: unanimous approval.

Report of Executive Secretary / Treasurer, Laura Olson:

Budget/Finance

Sent out conference exhibitor confirmations, with eighteen vendors as of today.

After discussion on which software program to migrate to in 2014, the decision was made to stay with Affiniscape for now and visit with other associations about what they use. Let Laura give us a final word as she has to work with it.

Membership

Numbers are up. Discussion on what caused the increase. The goal is to strive for stability and increase.

Report of President, Jan Brue Enright:

2013 Conference Local Arrangements

Jan is please to say we have all the slots filled. Eight sessions are scheduled on Thursday, and seven sessions on Friday. Jan met with Melissa to plan the information to be in *Book Marks*.

Deb Hagemeyer has agreed to chair the dessert reception; she is ready to sign a contract with the Washington Pavilion. Vendors have agreed to help with shuttle buses.

Fundraiser for Leon Raney Fund

Discussion was held on the possible ideas for a fund raiser raffle at the Tri-Conference.

Motion to approve buying an iPad for raffle \$10 for 1 ticket and \$25 for 3 tickets by Annie with second by Scott: unanimous approval.

Also raffled will be a library quilt.

Special welcome for new members

Discussion was held to welcome new members with an invitation to stop by the Presidential Suite one evening during conference for a social hour. We will identify them from the database and put a notice in their conference envelope. More discussion will be held at the summer meeting on providing them with a gift. An idea presented was half off a ticket for the iPad raffle.

People's Choice Awards

Participants do an evaluation of the event, voting for the best session. At the end of the conference, an award is presented to the winner. No decision was made on this.

Facebook and Twitter feeds during conference were discussed, these would provide information for attendees, and updates could happen quickly. Jan will communicate with someone from the larger planning committee for input.

2014 Conference in Pierre, Scott Ahola:

Nothing to report. Local arrangements chair is not in place yet. Daria has expressed an interest for the State Library to host.

Report of Past President, Annie Brunskill:

Nothing to report.

Reports of Standing Committees**Library Issues, Deb Hagemeyer:**

Nothing to report. Deb Hagemeyer will be meeting with Denny Duncan in the near future.

Children's Book Award winners are: *Even Monsters Need Haircuts* by Matthew McElligott and *Out of my Mind* by Sharon Draper. Author Sharon Draper is being invited by S Dakota and N Dakota to Tri-Conference.

Titles for the 2013 – 2014 year have been chosen and announced via listserv.

A Professional Development Grant was awarded to Lisa Brunick.

Nominating Committee

Board members discussed postponing the nominating deadline to April 22, 2013.

Motion to approve by Mary Francis with second by Scott: unanimous approval.

Report of Sections:**Academic / Health Sciences / Special Libraries, Mary Francis:**

ACRL President has agreed to present at the Tri-Conference through the speaker's bureau and all costs are covered, she is also coordinating the poster session for the Tri – Conference and getting a fact sheet compiled for Scott and Daria to take to Washington DC.

Public Library / Trustee, Amber Wilde:

Nothing to report.

School / Library Media, Jeanne Conner:

April is School Library month. YARP award winners for 2012-2013 for high school; *Divergent* by Veronica Roth and for middle school; *Girl, Stolen* by April Henry

Support Staff, Mary Gillick:

Nothing to report.

Report of ALA Councilor, Vickie Mix:

ALA elections are in progress. Dues increase measure is on that ballot. ALA is June 28 in Chicago. Vicky has been nominated to the Council Budget and Planning Committee. Kathy Rosa, Office of Research and Statistics has agreed to present at conference and ALA will pick up majority of that cost.

Report of MPLA Representative, Brenda Hemmelman:

Mountain Plains Library Association Board met in March. Abby Moore, from USD, is the newsletter editor. Joint conference with Kansas scheduled for 2018. MPLA has released an interest group survey. They are in the process of updating the procedures manual. The new MPLA Leadership Institute Coordinator, Aubrey Madler, from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Grand Forks will head the Institute in 2014.

Report of Federal Relations Coordinator / State Library, Daria Bossman:

Work on the strategic plan. Board will have the first reading in Rapid City on April 18th. It will be released on the listserv and webpage. Face to face meetings are scheduled for Pierre and Rapid City in May.

Daria's former position has been reorganized; Colleen Kirby will be the only Assistant Librarian. The new position, State Data Coordinator, is currently advertised, next week the search committee will be formed with the hope to have someone in place by June.

Continuing Business:

Strategic Plan

A.1.2 Partner with Festival of Books, if possible.

Sharing Neil Shusterman with the Festival of the Book.

A.1.3 Schedule trustee training at the pre-conference.

Two trustee sessions are scheduled during the conference, not pre-conference.

A.1.4 Schedule Leadership/Management 101 as a pre-conference session.

A leadership session scheduled at pre-conference.

New Business:

Final approval of fiscal 2012 reports

Motion to approve Fiscal 2012 reports by Annie with second by Brenda: unanimous approval.

National Library Legislative Day

Scott and Daria will be representing us in Washington DC. Daria is putting together a public library brief, pulling information from the data digest and did ask for additional information be emailed to her.

Other Business:

The evaluation of Bookmarks is on the agenda for the summer meeting. Melissa is contracted to produce the conference program.

Leon Raney Fund

Discussion was held on moving an amount of profit to the endowment. The Board has the goal to have a policy that is a standard formula so the decision doesn't need to be made each year. Jan appointed Laura, Brenda, Jeanne to work on the wording for continued discussion at the summer meeting.

Lobbyists:

Lobbyists were discussed at the January meeting. Discussion was held and the decision was made we need to hear more from Deb, so the lobbyists issue is tabled until the summer meeting.

Next meeting:

A Doodle Poll will be sent out for an in-person July meeting at Cedar Shores.

Adjournment:

3:20 Motion to approve by Scott with second by Annie: unanimous approval.