

South Dakota Library Association
Executive Board Meeting Conference Call
November 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Ahola at 10:00am MT.

Board members and committee chairs present:

Scott Ahola, Daria Bossman, Jan Brue Enright, Becky Folkerts, Brenda Hemmelman, Kathy Jacobs, Danielle Loftus, Cindy Messenger, Vickie Mix, and Laura Olson, Melissa Weber, and Amber Wilde.

Not present:

Sharlene Lien and Marjorie DeJong.

Changes / additions to the agenda:

District Bill. Conference fees.

Consideration of minutes of September 25, 2013:

Motion by Brenda to approve the minutes second from Jan: unanimous approval.

Report of Executive Secretary / Treasurer, Laura Olson:

Budget / Finance:

Conference all expenses are paid with a few small things to wrap up. Phone calls and conference calls on migration system to new membership software. E-vote has taken place and process has started to purchase new software.

Discussion on the Leon Raney Endowment Fund, to move the payout to the scholarship fund or roll it over to the next year. Motion by Jan to roll over the payout second by Amber: unanimous approval.

Membership:

Running even with membership from 2012. More institutional membership and fewer individual at this time.

President's Report, Scott Ahola:

2014 Conference Update:

Pierre. Opening Keynote speaker has been contracted, Richard Van Camp, Native American author from Canada. Wednesday night movie showing of his movie *The Lesser Blessed*.

Scott met with Daria, Colleen and Brenda in Pierre. They toured the Cultural Heritage Center, site of the dessert reception. They also had a local arrangements conversation that day. Next step is to secure other keynote speakers and start planning sessions.

Discussion about the Section Chairs helping to line up speakers in their areas of interest. Also try to bring Prairie Bud/Pasque authors for the Friday speaker. Children's Book Committee could be valuable for assistance in this. Sharlene Lien is the School/Library Media Chair and Joyce Moore is the chair of the Children's Book Committee, these two will be contacted for input.

Legislative Day:

Thursday January 23, 2014. SD Library Association Executive Board meeting at 12-3 at the State Library. Certification Ceremony at 4:30 will be held at Rawlins Municipal Library. Legislator's reception will follow. Director of Rawlins, Robin Schrupp has agreed to host the reception and Scott has sent a budget to her.

Past President's Report, Jan Brue Enright:

A printed report was posted earlier today. Jan was pleased with the good turnout, conference numbers were high. Ann Moore USD started sponsorships a few years ago and Ronelle took over. Jan feels strongly that we need to have a good plan for future sponsorships.

Jan highly suggested having a clear understanding and on-going relationship with hotel about the conference site and what they provide. Meals and coffee breaks are expensive and we need to have the planning committee be aware of this and have it all pre-arranged.

Speakers are also a high cost item. Speakers make the conference and her advice is just to watch costs by working with the conference site to see what benefits they might add to the package.

Jan commended Laura for a good job handling the extra details of a Tri-Conference.

Feedback from other Board Members included:

Honoring new SDLA members is something we need to continue.

Quilt raffle was an outstanding result. iPads have timed out, consider a new item for the raffle.

Barnes & Noble was frustrating. Daria said she has someone in Pierre to work with a book seller. Suggestions were for book sales, exhibit table, autographed copies, and authors being present. Authors may set up a signing table outside the meal area. Find out which authors will be bringing books with them. Scott will keep Daria informed about which authors are coming.

Scott asked Jan what her main joys / concerns were about the 2013 Conference. She answered she wanted people to feel the money they spent and travel time was worth it to them. She enjoy seeing the people enjoying the conference and each other with a high energy level.

The Slime pre-conference was outstanding.

Authors are always entertaining and informative to any level librarian.

The weather was cooperative and everyone showed with no one having problems.

We worked around the Ramkota and lack of being a perfect conference site.

Tri-Conference was a challenge but overall it was a positive experience.

It was heard that the Trustee Training sessions were appreciated.

For a Tri-Conference carry the exhibitors into Friday, they voiced wanting the extra day of exposure and were frustrated by either all or no traffic.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Library Issues, Kathy Jacobs:

Legislative day was planned without any input from her, Daria apologized. She reported on Library Districting. A news report from Rapid City of the possibility of a bill submitted for registered sex offenders to be prohibited from using/entering public libraries.

We will alert our lobbyist to watch these topics.

Discussion on the Districting Bill with the decision to have our lobbyist follow it. Cindy will contact Mayor DeVries about final wording of the Bill and respond to the Executive Board. When the final Bill is viewed, we will have an E-Vote and if the vote is for official support we will make it know through the lobbyist and a notice sent out to let everyone know.

Meeting with the Legislators, having a presence in the capitol, providing cookies for them, sending invitations to them about the reception at Rawlins, save the date cards were discussed.

The Legislative Research Council was brought up. They have a calendar that we should be aware of.

Concern was mentioned about our lobbyist Denny not being aware of the definition of 21st Century Libraries. His contract is up at the beginning of 2014 and we could change lobbyists, or we can work to educate him. Scott asked Kathy if she would work with him and she agreed.

Other:

None.

Section Reports:

Academic / Health Sciences / Special Libraries, Danielle Loftus :

Sent out a survey to see what was suggested for future conferences. Discussion followed to include; speaker suggestions for conference, a panel discussion, copyright, education, and the poster session.

The poster session will be a repeat in Pierre. It is a poster session for all libraries, not just academic libraries. It was suggested to give an award for Best of Show, maybe a gift card to a book store or ribbons.

Public Library / Trustee, Marjorie DeJong:

Not present.

School / Library Media, Sharlene Lien:

Not present.

Support Staff, Becky Folkerts:

Survey was sent out for a Branch Out, the results have set it at Mitchell Thursday August 7, 2014. The committee is now working on the details.

Report of ALA Councilor, Vickie Mix:

Quiet at ALA, they are dealing with budget shortfalls. January midwinter is in Philadelphia and she will join us by conference call as the dates for the two meetings coincide.

Report of MPLA Representative, Brenda Hemmelman:

Have not met since Tri-conference. December is the next meeting. Applications for Institute closed November 1st. Five people from South Dakota have applied and Scott has a committee in place to read the Institute applications.

The 2015 joint conference is in Wyoming.

Federal Relations Coordinator/State Library, Daria Bossman:

The State Library Board met and tabled a resolution support SDLA and the School Library Section's letter to Secretary Schopp until after the letter has been approved and sent. They will pass such a resolution at their January meeting if the letter has been sent at that time.

An Endorsement is an add-on to a teaching certificate. A specialist in school media requires 18 college hours. There is a section that has different topics about endorsements, it currently states a person can get a school media endorsement with no other college degree.

Omitting the words "School Media Specialist" from this rule will correct the problem. Scott and Sharlene will draft a letter to reflect this omission of words.

Motion to have Scott and Sharlene send a letter to the Department of Education to omit the words "School Media Specialist" by Jan, second by Brenda: unanimous approval.

Busy time of year at State Library with annual and federal reports and Data Digest.

Trustee Training is available and a grant has purchased 25 chairs in this training.

Report of Book Marks Editor, Melissa Weber:

Asked for contributions for the coming Book Marks issue.

Continuing Business:

Branch-Out in 2014 / 2015.

See previous discussion.

Strategic Plan:

The Strategic Plan ends in 2014, Scott asked how we wish to proceed with the new or revised Strategic Plan.

Jan volunteered to look at it and determine the next step, she will have a report in January.

Watertown in 2016:

Mike Mullins will chair local arrangements. It is necessary to get a contract with the conference site, Scott will visit with Mike.

Rapid City is the conference site for 2015, with Patty Anderson as local arrangement chair.

New Business:

National Library Legislative Day.

The meeting will be held in Washington DC, May 5 - 6, 2014. Amber Wilde agreed to attend.

Affiniscape.

Nothing new to report.

Other Business:

Districting Bill was discussed previously in the meeting.

Conference Fees will be discussed at the January meeting.

Next Meeting:

Thursday January 23, 2014. At the South Dakota State Library. 12:00 – 3:00 CT

Eat lunch before or bring your own to the meeting. A Conference Room is reserved.

Adjournment:

Adjournment by Scott 11:22 A.M. MT.