South Dakota Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
April 29, 2022 (10:00 a.m. CST/9:00 a.m. MST)

The meeting was called to order by President Shari Theroux at 10:00 a.m. CST.

Roll Call:  
Board Members and Committee Chairs present:  
Shari Theroux, Julie Erickson, Jamie Formanek, Melanie Argo, Krista Ohrtman, Kelly Henkel Thompson, Brenda Hemmelman, Kara Vehar, Daniel Burniston, Joshua Easter, and Sean Minkel.

Board Members and Committee Chairs not present:  
Danielle De Jager-Loftus and Korey Erickson.

Others Present:  
None.

Changes/Additions to agenda:  
Motion by Dan second by Sean to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Consideration of Minutes for the September 29, 2021 meeting:  
Motion by Kara, second by Jamie to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Melanie Argo joined the meeting in progress at 10:02 a.m. CST.

Report of President, Shari Theroux:  
Shari reported that two of the speakers for the 2022 conference have signed contracts, the venue for the dessert reception is set to the Children’s Museum in Brookings, and there are at least three vendors signed up. The local arrangements committee toured the venue and things seem to be on track.

Krista joined the meeting in progress at 10:03 a.m. CST.

Report of Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Krista Ohrtman:  
Krista spoke about the 2019 tax filing being late and that she’s working with KMWF and the IRS to request the $2,500 penalty be abated. KMWF and Krista have prepared letters explaining what happened and the penalty is paused until these can be assessed.

Beyond that, Krista has been working with vendors who are submitting exhibitor registrations for the conference. If anyone knows of a vendor that might be interested, please give them the information about the SDLA conference. Krista is happy to facilitate as well.

The Leon Raney endowment continues to grow and Krista hopes that SDLA will award the maximum number of grants this year. Currently, the bylaws allow up to 3 for the conference, up to 3 for students who are pursuing professional opportunities, and up to 3 for attendance at other conferences. Please let any colleagues who are interested know about these grants. Krista is also hoping to update the bylaws to allow more to be given, but this will require a general vote of the membership at the annual conference.
Dan suggested that the wording be changed to include language that the grant limit will be decided on an annual basis by a committee and the treasurer based on what’s available.

Dan followed up by asking if the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation had submitted a vendor application. Per Krista, nothing has been received yet, but she will watch for it.

**Report of Vice President/President Elect, Jamie Formanek:**
Jamie reported that she has been getting all of the budget requests and will have a draft of the 2023 budget ready for the July meeting.

**Report of Past President, Julie Erickson:**
Julie reported that she has been helping with the search for an SDLA vice-president and that she will review the bylaws, send a request for other changes to the board, and bring this topic back to the meeting in July.

Shari added that SDLA does have one candidate for the vice-president position, but if anyone knows of someone who might be interested to please let her know.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**
None.

**Report of Sections:**

**Academic/Health/Special Libraries, Kara Vehar:**
Kara reported that she has a vice-president for her section—Kristin Echtenkamp from SD State. Kristin has the poster ready and is getting ready to send to Bookmarks.

Kara asked if it was possible to take nominations from the floor at the SDLA conference for the vice-president. Shari responded that it can be done for the section chairs, but not for the officers.

**Public/Trustee, Daniel Burniston:**
Dan reported that Juliet Heltibridle was able to fill the positions on the Children’s Book Award Committee and sent out welcome letters. Juliet is interested in stepping down as chair for the committee so she’s going to talk to the members to see if anyone else is interested. Dan also worked on getting some nominees for the president and vice-president for the public/trustee section. This is his last term and Katherine Eberline will be stepping into his role.

**School/Library Media, Korey Erickson:**
No report provided.

**Support Staff Section Chair, Joshua Easter:**
Josh reported that he’s working on Zooms for August and September for support staff, he will be getting information out in June, and he would like to look at a different time for the support staff section group meeting to get more participation.

**Report of ALA Councilor, Danielle De Jager-Loftus:**
No report provided.

**Report of MPLA Representative, Melanie Argo:**
Melanie reported that MPLA just met and the president is stepping down because she’s moving out of the region. Brenda Hemmelman will be the new president.

For the 2025 Tri-Conference dates, the North Dakota state representative reached out and wanted to know if SDLA had a preference between October 1-3 or October 8-10. They are also checking with the Minnesota Library Association to see if either of these dates would cause a conflict vendor-wise.

Because the dates are so far out, no conflicts with SDLA were brought up. Melanie will report back that SDLA is flexible.

**Report of the Bookmark’s Editor, Kelly Henkel Thompson:**
Kelly reported that she’s currently collecting articles for the next issue and she met with the new public relations committee. The new chair – Jennifer – has some ideas on how to promote the conference awards. She’s continuing to post on Facebook and Twitter. The base of the conference website is finished and she’s waiting on details to add as they come in. If anyone has articles for the next Bookmarks, please send them in by May 11.

**Report of the Federal Relations Coordinator, Brenda Hemmelman:**
Brenda reported that she is taking over officially on June 1 as MPLA President, the entire McKay building in Pierre is undergoing renovations, and there are three candidates for the state librarian position set for initial interviewing on May 12.

She received notification of $1,165,929 in LSTA funding for the next grant year. The state has to contribute $600,000 as part of the match. This is a little less than what has been received in recent years, but the funds are distributed by IMLS based on which states have gained or lost people.

The committee has done a final draft for the LSTA 5-year plan. The draft has been forwarded to the secretary of education and the executive secretary for changes, will be approved at the state library meeting on May 19 and is due to IMLS by June 30. Once approved, it will be sent out on listservs.

Brenda shared links to the [2022-02 governor’s executive order](#) and the [2021-2022 SD Teen Choice Nominees and Winners](#). The Department of Education needs to review webpages, handouts, training materials, and speakers. If things don’t fall within the parameters of the executive order, they will need to be changed. The review process is due to the secretary of education by May 23. There will then be a report to the governor by October 1.

In regards to the linked webpage, the state library has been producing these webpages and pushing things out on listservs for many years. In review, some of these books may not fall under the executive order and this content may need to be turned over to SDLA. Anything on the webpage or on the listserv is considered a promotion by the state library.

A communications review is also being done for the department of education and they expect that communication with the field will be changing. More on this should be known by June.
In response to a question from Kelly, Brenda said that as long as the state library is not promoting specific items on the catalog that shouldn’t be affected. Kelly indicated support for maintaining the book award website.

Dan asked if it would be possible for Eric Erickson to look into this as a violation of SD citizen rights. Julie said that Eric does know about it, but recommended that Shari notify him that there was a discussion at today’s meeting so that it stays on his radar.

**Continuing Business:**
No continuing business.

**New Business:**
**2022 Conference**
Per Shari, the rates from last live conference were:
- Member: $215 (early bird $195)
- Non-member: $275 (early bird $255)
- Vendor rates were kept the same

Dan said that raising the prices might exclude people. If the rate is currently high enough to cover the cost, then he’s in favor of keeping it the same. Shari said that there’s some uncertainty about whether this will cover the costs since attendance is unknown, but the rates will be kept as is.

**Next meeting**
The next meeting will be in April by conference call at a date and time to be determined by Doodle poll.

**Adjournment:**
Motion by Jamie to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Shari Theroux at 9:39 a.m. CST.