



ULA General Board Meeting

Friday, June 7, 2019

Attendees present

Vern Waters, Dan Compton, Daniel Mauchley, Christopher Davis, Mike Goates, Barbara Hopkins, Joe Frazier, Angela Edwards, Carla Zollinger Gordon, Wanda Huffaker, Dorothy Horan, Katy Wegner, Teagan Eastman, Amy Jamison, Colleen Eggett, James Britsch, Valerie Buck, Xiaolian Deng, Jessica Breiman, Erin Morris

Attendees via Zoom

Greg Reeve, Allison McCormack, Allyson Mower, Shane Wallace, Emily Darowski, Benjamin Wilson, Ashley Bassett, Patrick Hoecherl

Opening

Call to Order

Vern Waters, President, calls the meeting to order at 12:07pm.

Previous Minutes

Approval of minutes from March 1, 2019: Angela Edwards makes a motion to approve the minutes. Joe Frazier seconds the motion, which passes unanimously.

Agenda

Old Business

1. Appointments (Vern Waters)
 - a. Continuing Appointments
 - i. Executive Director: Barbara Hopkins

- ii. Executive Treasurer: Javaid Lal
 - iii. Recording Secretary: Liz Gabbitas
 - iv. Member at Large on the Executive Committee: Emily Darowski
 - v. Parliamentarian: Joe Frazier
 - vi. Approval: Daniel Mauchley makes a motion to approve all continuing appointments and Angela Edwards seconds. It passes unanimously.
- b. New Appointments
- i. Rural and Small Libraries Chair: Dan Compton
 - ii. Diversity Services: Chaundra Johnson as co-chair, Katie Wegner as co-chair, and Jenifer McKay as secretary
 - iii. Approval: Joe Frazier makes a motion to approve all new appointments and Carla Zollinger seconds. It passes unanimously.
 - iv. Awards Committee Chair: Cassandra Crane
 - v. Approval: Daniel Mauchley makes a motion to approve the Awards chair appointment and James Britsch seconds. It passes unanimously.

New Business & Reports

2. Bylaws Committee Work Group (Vern Waters)
 - a. Appointees will review organizational bylaws, policies, and procedures. Vern appoints Daniel Mauchley, Dan Compton, and himself. Additionally, Joe Frazier, Barbara Hopkins, and Wanda Huffaker volunteer to help and will be involved.
 - b. Dorothy Horan adds that the whole membership body will need to vote to confirm these changes.
3. Financial Report (Javaid Lal)
 - a. Due to Javaid's absence, no financial report is made. An inclusive report of the previous fiscal year will be given in the next meeting.
4. Conference Report (Mike Goates & Teagan Eastman)
 - a. Conference this year saw 490 attendees, the largest since the centennial conference in 2012. Revenue overall was around \$13,000. The Networking Social tried a new format and was well-received. Funds from the silent auction hit \$1,430 and funds from t-shirts hit \$487, with a total of \$1,917 going towards the scholarship fund. These scholarship funds enable members to attend conferences, so Mike encourages round tables to send scholarship information to their group members.
 - b. Book drive: This year the book drive supported the Venita K. Taveapont Memorial Library, a high school and public library which serves the Ute Indian Tribe. It was very successful and Cheryl Lone Bear reports over a

thousand items were donated to the library. All present express thanks to those who donated.

- c. Conference survey responses: Teagan reports overall most people were happy and felt the conference was well-organized. As usual, most enjoy meeting new colleagues and connecting with old friends and colleagues. Most attendees were really happy with keynote speakers and the lunch speaker. Because of feedback there was too much academic library content and not enough for public libraries, the committee will work on getting more submissions for public library content. There were some issues with overcrowding preconferences. People were very happy with the quality of programs; in the future they want to see diversity, social justice, feminism, and advocacy. General favorite sessions were on public librarianship, digital newspapers, and escape rooms. There was feedback that sessions by keynote speakers should be different and not a repeat of the same content from their keynote address.
 - d. Only 51% said they planned to attend in St. George, so the committee is planning to assess what people want from that conference. The registration platform will be different. A little more attendance is expected at the networking social in St. George, so maybe it would be worth coordinating additional or larger events.
 - e. All sessions for which presenters uploaded their handouts, slides, or other materials are available on the conference website.
5. Utah State Library Report (Colleen Eggett)
 - a. Colleen expresses her congratulations to ULA for receiving a prestigious intellectual freedom award for the organization's efforts with the UEN and EBSCO issue and the huge amount of emails and groundswell of support.
 - b. Unfortunately EBSCO still has "filtered" search terms which are censored; this is clear comparing content on a public site to that on a school site. Valerie Buck says she understands there are still some conditions to the arrangement and EBSCO could come back down. Colleen agrees and says we are not done here. She thanks Rebekah Cummings, Peter Bromberg, and Wanda Huffaker for their work and for representing ULA.
 - c. Daniel Mauchley thanks Colleen for also putting her reputation on the line to defend libraries and intellectual freedom within UEN as well.
 6. Fall Conference (Valerie Buck)
 - a. The conference will be held September 27th. Requests for proposals will be sent July 15th and will be open until July 31st. Valerie reports they are looking for a keynote and would love to hear suggestions from round tables.
 7. Wild Apricot Demonstration (Barbara Hopkins)
 - a. Fall conference will use Wild Apricot for registrations.
 - b. Barbara's demonstration was recorded and can be found on the website.

8. ULA Newsletter (Mindy Hale)
 - a. The upcoming deadline for inclusion in the next issue of the newsletter is the last week of August. Send anything of interest to mehale@slcolibrary.org
9. Round Table Reports
 - a. Association of College and Research Libraries (Mary Ann James)
 - i. ACRL sponsored a round table at ALA and requested that any librarians who may want to host future events contact them.
 - b. Intellectual Freedom Report (Wanda Huffaker)
 - i. She is looking into a complaint from someone who attended UELMA and was upset to see a blog called "Kiss the Book" listed as a reference source due to its practice of rating book content similarly to movies (G, PG, R, etc.). The concern was that the library or public school was recommending it, a slip-up in the usual policy of not rating or labeling works. Wanda has talked to the Office for Intellectual Freedom for guidance on approaching the issue.
 - c. Archives, Manuscripts, and Special Collections (Allie McCormack)
 - i. AMSC is designing a survey for how best to engage members.
 - ii. They are compiling a list of all special libraries in Utah.
 - d. Library Instruction (Ashley Bassett)
 - i. LIRT is working on survey to go out to LIRT members asking what types of trainings and meetings they want and how frequently.
 - e. Library Paraprofessional and Support Staff (Linda Liebhart)
 - i. PPSRT attended ULA 101 looking for new members and presented three certificates at conference. Interest in the program remains steady. Linda expresses her thanks to the organization for recognizing paraprofessionals in the state.
 - f. Rural and Small Libraries Committee (Dan Compton)
 - i. Dan advises preparing budget requests to submit soon. He will be reaching out to membership for ideas and setting goals.
 - g. Continuing Education Committee (Valerie Buck)
 - i. They are looking for a few more members to help with the fall workshop and to be engaged in planning.

Closing

Adjournment

Daniel Mauchley makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Frazier seconds the motion and it is approved unanimously. Meeting is adjourned.