

ULA BOARD MEETING
March 12, 2010

Attending: Ruby Cheesman, Chair; Andy Spackman, Vice Chair; Steve Pfeiffer, Treasurer; Deborah Ehrman, Sarah Bosarge, Carol Ormond, Secretary, Sally Patrick, Susanne Clement (by phone), Ryan Combs, Donna Jones Morris, Michael Whitchurch, Debbie Short, Pamela Martin, Adriane Juarez, Anne Wuehler, Elizabeth Smart, Rebecca Schroeder, Connie Lamb, Donna Cardon, Laura Berube, Valerie Craigle, Robert Murdock, Marsha LeClair-Marzolf

Ruby Cheesman opened the meeting at 1:10 p.m. There wasn't a quorum present.

Approval of minutes was postponed until there was a quorum. Connie Lamb asked what ULLN was. It is the Utah Library Legislative Network.

Financial Report approval was postponed because there was no quorum. Steve Pfeiffer reminded everyone to send separate checks for membership and conference registration.

Executive Director Search Results -Andy Spackman – The Executive Board approved extending an offer to Anna Neatrou and she has been hired. She is the project manager of the University of Utah's Western Soundscapes. She will begin her duties on May 1 and will assume full duties from Ranny on June 30 or July 1. Anna will be recognized at the May conference.

ALA Report - Debbie Short – Debbie passed out the ALA report. She has created a blog and from now on the report will be posted there. The biggest concern is having good representation for Legislative Day during ALA.

Marsha LeClair-Marzolf arrived 1:20 p.m. A quorum was present.

MPLA Report – Dorothy Horan – Dorothy was not able to attend the meeting. Ruby passed out her report. Three Utah librarians have been selected to attend the Mountain Plains Library Association Leadership Institute – Christy Donaldson, UVU Media Librarian; John Eye, SUU Library Interim Dean; Tiffany Herbon, Salt Lake City Library Assistant Manager.

Utah State Library Report – Donna Jones Morris

Snapshot 2010 – Report on what happens in your library on one particular day. Google Snapshots and find out what has been going on in other states. This event is for all types of libraries. Please participate. You can record what you normally do or can choose to do something special for Snapshot Day. You can do it any day during the week of April 12. It is a way show what libraries do on a macro scale.

Utah Outstanding Library Award – Donna handed out an application. The deadline is April 1. The award will be presented along with other awards at the ULA business meeting on Thursday morning.

Budget – The legislature took away 2 % of the budget, restored it and took away 5%. The cuts that have been taken will continue. LSTA grants have been suspended until funding for the library’s statewide projects can be restored.

Steve Matthews is setting up a 21st Century Library blog. Donna encouraged libraries to be active in what is developing to maintain relevancy.

UEN Broadband Initiative to get high-speed fibers to additional libraries. If USL gets round two funds, they have received a Gates grant that will match them.

DDC Capital Facilities Grant Applications 2010 – For libraries that need capital facilities, submit a new request or resubmit a previous request.

Section Reports

Nothing to report from sections.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee Report – Jeff Belliston Let Jeff Belliston or Ruby Cheesman know if you didn’t get an email with the ballot.

Approval of minutes and financial report – *With a quorum present, Adriane Juarez moved to approve the minutes and the financial report. Elizabeth Smart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Program Committee Report– Sarah Bosarge Today is last day if you are sponsoring or presenting a program if you have any changes. They are working on receiving contracts from presenters.

Conference Committee Report – Greg Hatch Registration is a little behind, but conference is later this year and they anticipate registration catching up. Hotel registrations are ahead. They are looking for someone who will sponsor crafts supplies. Tell Pam Martin or Greg if you know someone.

They have lunch speakers in place. Mystery writer Rosemary Harris will do a book signing after her talk. She was a Readers’ Choice nominee last year.

Virtual conferences are set up. Auditorium programs will be broadcast and archived for access at a later time. These programs were chosen for their broad general appeal.

Members will be getting email blasts from groups to they belong to.

Pedometers will be a gift to all speakers.

Barnes and Noble is a partner for book signings.

Angelica Moyes has set up several dine around options.

Awards - Michael Whitchurch Michael has a list of all the awards.

- Librarian of the Year – Kim Fong
- Distinguished Service – Janet Lowe

Definitions of awards will be completely rewritten next year so they will be more distinct. Awards will be given out at the opening session on Thursday morning.

Recipients will receive a certificate, an acrylic award and a Barnes and Noble gift certificate.

Legislative Committee Report – Debbie Ehrman There is a ULLN link on the ULA web site if you want to subscribe. They will link to ALA calls to action they have been promoting. The new Executive Director will be a help on the hill next year.

There will be a ULA conference program on advocacy. A couple of state legislators will speak on how to be effective in advocacy work.

Continuing Education Report - Connie Lamb Connie thanked the Board for the card they sent when she was in rehab.

The committee is sponsoring four sessions at the conference. They will host their Fall workshop at Brigham City Library on Friday, September 24. Connie encouraged Board members to sponsor a session at it. The format will be an opening session, luncheon speaker and breakout sessions. Get ideas for sessions to Connie by mid-April. Just broad ideas are needed at this time.

Past Presidents Committee – 2012 is the 100th anniversary of ULA. The next couple of years ULA will do activities leading up to the conference in Salt Lake. If you have ideas for activities to help celebrate, let Connie Lamb know.

The Past Presidents Committee is also writing a history of ULA by themes. If you have pictures or materials from ULA activities, send them to Paul Mogren, University of Utah for the ULA archives.

UALC - Robert Murdock – The current UELMA president contacted Robert with a request for UALC to help with providing information literacy materials for students preparing for higher education opportunities. He has passed this on to the UALC chair. ULA may also get a request from UELMA.