

AWSL Spring 2019 Business Meeting

Wisconsin State Law Library

March 12, 2019 at 10am

Agenda

1. Introductions
 - a. Jaime Healy-Plotkin, Kris Turner, Carol Hassler, Kari Zelinka, Carrie Doyle, Brianna Wolbers, Anne Moser (on phone), Amy O'Shea (on phone)
2. Approval of 2018 AWSL Fall business meeting minutes
 - a. approved
3. Additions to Agenda/Announcements
4. Officer Reports
 - a. Chair (Jaime)
 - i. Presenting with Carol at WAAL on legal research
 - ii. Update on volunteer orientation for WLA in January
 1. Discussed the website
 2. Need to recruit more members
 3. Hannah Bunting is the volunteer coordinator and working on a new directory
 4. March 1 deadline for conference proposals
 - iii. Library legislative day – Evers spoke, first time for a governor. Low turn out because of snow day. Jaime presented to her representatives and then passed out brochures to other reps whose librarians couldn't make it.
 1. Mostly for public libraries
 2. Focus on expanding broadband
 3. Benefits of lifelong learning
 4. Happens in Feb because of trying to get funding into budget
 - iv. Legislative Reference Bureau dismissed two librarians in May 2018 – Jaime talked to WLA's Library Development and Legislation Committee about Speaker Robin Vos's statement about not needing libraries. WLA doesn't want to take a stand. Said it was too late, but members of AWSL think we could still make a statement. Possibly working info about gov't libraries closing into legislative days next year. Kris might pass on the L-law letter to LD&L and see if they can pass the letter along.
 - b. WLA Board Representative (Kris)
 - i. Legislative day had low turnout but still seemed successful
 - ii. Conference update
 1. Proposal deadline passed
 - a. AWSL turned in five
 - i. Kris
 - ii. Carol

- iii. Jaime
 - iv. Amy panel
 - v. Andi from WiLS panel of non-MLS working in libraries
 - 2. Push to bring attention to cultural appropriation with the negative feedback about the Kalahari. Keynote speaker to talk about racism.
 - iii. Working on website update. Not sure when it'll be ready. Lots of work needed. Kris is pushing to get more help. Issues with website not tracking user preferences, for example, newsletter from the division you've signed up for. Kari and Carol didn't receive AWSL emails when they first signed up.
 - iv. Membership is up 170 from last year. All conferences were up in attendance. Jaime questions how we'll retain the 170.
 - c. Vice-Chair (Amy)
 - i. Circus World tour Wednesday afternoon. Has not put in for transportation, yet.
 - ii. Panel discussion for WLA
 - iii. Publicizing AWSL with WLA call for orientation/volunteer
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Newsletter (Anne)
 - i. Spring newsletter articles and deadline
 - 1. Article submission April 19th
 - 2. Publication May 1st
 - 3. Articles
 - a. Tour
 - b. Kris/Anne presentations
 - c. Blurb about WLA conference and possibly mention Circus World tour
 - d. Carrie – might email the new special librarians that signed up for WLA and ask if they want to be profiled. Anne suggested a student profile of her graduate student.
 - e. Include info about WLA conference scholarship.
 - f. Blurb about summer tour
 - g. Kris to contribute board liaison report
 - h. Section about libraries we've traveled to
 - i. Article about nominating special librarians for awards that will be presented at fall conference.
 - ii. Fall newsletter before WLA conference
 - iii. WLA newsletter – Jaime has deadlines for submissions and will share with others
 - b. Webmaster (Anne) – no update
 - c. WLA Membership Committee (Carrie) – on the committee for two more years. Focus on trying to get new members at conference. Anne presenting with Nyama

at WAAL about making the most of your conference experience. WAAL, SSC, and WPL conferences have table at registration promoting WLA to people who aren't members.

Trying to advertise to UW-M students about WLA. Challenging because so much of the program is online.

6. Old Business

- a. Role for AWSL within WLA
 - i. LRB and LD&L (Jaime)
 - ii. Communication with members – Carrie went onto Memberclicks to get a list of AWSL people signed up.
 1. Website – Anne needs to update leadership
 2. Can we do a complete WLA email like Small Libraries does?
 3. People joined to network but there is no networking
- b. Membership recruitment – AWSL is for all special librarians, even those in other professional development associations
 - i. Brianna - Working with SLA to send out communication about AWSL newsletter, tour, scholarship
 - ii. Kari – Reaching out to WI Health Libraries
 - iii. Kris – Reaching out to Law librarians
 - iv. Can we work with WiLS to promote AWSL? Ask Andrea to send info to the special libraries about the tour, scholarship, and conference
 1. Kris will draft email and send to Kari and Brianna about sending to their groups
 2. Waiting until WLA publishes actual program to promote conference
 3. Mid-July start promoting for summer tour and social, possibly scholarship
 4. Sept fall newsletter for scholarship

7. New Business

- a. Upcoming outreach for AWSL in 2019
 - i. Summer Tour – Olbrich with Amy and then beer garden
 1. Wednesday, Aug 21 4pm tour – Amy to check with Olbrich if date is okay. Amy to write blurb and send
 2. Tell iSchool about the tour
 - ii. Social/Networking opportunity
 - iii. iSchool Orientation – Think it is Thursday Aug 29, then meet with students in September to talk about special librarianship
 - iv. Find librarians not working in libraries. Possibly in Alumni magazine. Brianna will look for Alumni Facebook page. Promote on SLIS Facebook. Carrie will look into SOAS Facebook for promotion.
 - v. Carrie talk to WLA about membership lists.
- b. WLA Conference
 - i. Scholarship – Kris and Jaime to work on changing dates, Anne will put it on the website, Jaime needs to submit to the budget about scholarship

- ii. Programs and Tour – waiting to here from WLA about what we’re presenting
 - iii. Venues – now that WLA conference is smaller, looking into smaller venues, such as Appleton.
 - c. Elections
 - i. Secretary
 - ii. WLA board rep – 3 year commitment
 - iii. Vice chair – 3 year commitment
 - iv. Alison Caffrey from iSchool might be interested, Kari Zelinka possibly interested
8. Adjournment 11:05

Next meeting: Annual business meeting at the Wisconsin Library Association Conference at the Kalahari in the Wisconsin Dells with a proposed date of Wednesday October 9, 2019 from 12:00-1:30.

Location information:

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<http://wilawlibrary.gov/about/locations.html>

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