

AWSL Fall 2019 Business Meeting Wisconsin Library Association Conference, Kalahari Convention Center, **Wisconsin Brew Pub**, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin October 9, 2019 at 12pm

Attendees: Kris Turner (left early), Amy O'Shea, Jaime Healy-Plotkin, Carrie Doyle, Brianna Wolbers, Anne Moser, Taylor Aberasturi (scholarship winner), Carly Sentieri

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Approval of 2019 AWSL Spring business meeting minutes
 - a. Carrie approved; Anne seconded - passed
3. Additions to Agenda/Announcements
4. 2019 AWSL Scholarship Winner
 - a. Taylor Aberasturi is pursuing a JD and MS at UW-Madison. She is from Nevada and spent the summer of 2019 working in Seattle.
5. Officer Reports
 - a. Chair (Jaime) – nothing to share
 - b. WLA Board Representative (Kris)
 - i. Optimistic about finances (funds are up significantly from this time last year)
 - ii. Green Bay conference should be a good money maker
 - iii. Looking into having virtual offices for the staff of WLA as a way to save money
 - iv. Looking to have trustees join the WLA board
 - c. Vice-Chair (Amy)
 - i. WLA Conference
 1. 45 people registered for the Circus Museum tour
 2. Submitted three sessions for conference from AWSL members, and all were accepted
 3. Anne and Carol did poster presentation
 4. Has submitted budget request for scholarship for next conference
 - ii. Social events
 1. Olbrich tour was successful
 2. Carly Sentieri might host a tour
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Newsletter (Anne)

- i. Would like to pass on the newsletter to someone else in 2020- Amy might take it on
 - ii. Sections
 - 1. Kris – WLA update
 - 2. Jaime – President goodbye
 - 3. Amy – President welcome
 - 4. Amy – tour recap
 - 5. Anne – sailing adventure
 - 6. Scholarship article
 - 7. Profile on Carly and work in Kazakhstan
 - 8. Pictures – 1 from everyone
 - 9. Conference recap – send thoughts, presenters send presentations
- 7. Fall 2019-post conference newsletter articles and deadline
 - a. Nov 7th article deadline
 - b. Nov 11th publication
- 8. Spring 2020 newsletter articles and deadline
 - a. Webmaster (Anne) – nothing to share, will update site to list Taylor as scholarship winner and add Spring 2019
 - b. WLA Membership Committee (Carrie) - brainstorming recruitment ideas, possibly direct marketing
 - c. Volunteers for a change in roles? - Anne stepping down from newsletter, Jaime to ask Carol if she could help (she does WisL newsletter)
- 9. Discussion/Action item: Role for AWSL within WLA
 - a. Division or SIG? Status Quo or make a change?
 - i. Decision to stay a division.
 - 1. AWSL wasn't always a division. Previous special librarians went through the process to make it a division.
 - 2. As a division, we maintain a relationship with the WLA board, which makes it easier to promote our events and programming. Would like this to be a stronger relationship with WLA more involved in promoting special librarians.
 - 3. We lose our representative on the WLA board if we change.
 - ii. Would like the WLA board to advocate more for special libraries
 - 1. Lack of support when the Legislative Reference Bureau removed two professional positions.

2. Ask Kris to ask WLA Board for a formal process on how AWSL can approach board for support of special libraries.

b. Update of brochure

c. Update website with broader language of “qualifying” librarians

d. Membership recruitment

i. Barrier – iSchool doesn’t offer a Special Librarian track like they do for other fields

ii. All divisions struggling for recruitment

iii. Update brochure, website, and possibly by-laws to expand on what is Special Librarianship – Amy and Brianna

10. Discussion/Action item: Upcoming outreach for AWSL in 2020

a. Social/Networking opportunities? – Possibly Carly to host

11. Changing of officers

a. Chair: Amy O’Shea

b. Vice-Chair: Anne Moser

c. Secretary: Brianna

d. Past-Chair: Jaime

12. Adjournment

a. Brianna motioned; Anne seconded

Next meeting: Spring Business Meeting at ?, ?, 2020 (Amy’s choice)

Location information: Kalahari Convention Center 1305 Kalahari Drive Wisconsin Brew Pub <https://www.kalahariresorts.com/wisconsin/things-to-do/dining/wisconsin-brew-pub/>

LOCATION: Near the far end of the Resort Side Wing, just before you enter Tom Foolery’s Adventure Park Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin