

AWSL Spring Board Meeting 2017, Minutes  
UW Law Library/ Conference Call  
May 2nd, 2017

Meeting called to order.

Present: Lisa Abler, Carrie Doyle, Anne Moser, Amy O'Shea (via phone), Kris Turner

**1. Approval of 2016 Spring Business Meeting Minutes:** Anne motions to approve minutes as they stand, Kris seconds. Approved with no opposition. Amy will send final copy to Anne for website. Kris put minutes into Dropbox account.

**2. Changes to the Agenda/Announcements**

None suggested

**3. Officer Reports**

a. Chair –Lisa Abler

Kris and Lisa attended WLA volunteer orientation in January. It was less technical this year, more small group activities and brainstorming sessions. Kris and Lisa were in a lively group with YA librarians. Lots of good participation from everyone. Kris and Lisa found themselves defending WLA and educating their group on WLA. A main topic that kept coming up was that there needs to be ways to improve communication. This seemed to stand out as a major weakness, especially with new members. What *does* WLA do for the members? What is the conference offering to people that want to attend. What else can we do? Perks, reciprocal speakers, massages, a room to have a glass of wine, how to increase chances for people to interact (more natural social interactions). There are currently social events but they are always fundraisers, which creates barriers to interaction and once again is an example of members doing for WLA, not WLA doing for its members. How can WLA offer opportunities that entice members to feel they are getting their value?

Lisa also reports that the AWSL tour at WLA was at AGS Library and it was a fabulous success. The tour was excellent and enjoyed by attendees. Lisa will write an article about it (and the conference as a whole) for the Spring newsletter. If anyone else who attended the tour has pictures or perspectives please share with Lisa.

b. Vice Chair/ Chair-Elect - Nell Fleming, absent

c. Past-Chair - No report/ no chair. Carrie will work on finding someone to run for Chair-elect since there is currently no one in this position

#### d. WLA Board Representative - Kris Turner

Kris attended his first meeting of the year online in April . WLA discussed the pilot program for Special Interest groups instead of Roundtables. The idea is to make it easier to create, and disassemble, groups so that they can flex and change depending on what is needed in librarianship. Less group requirements so that it is easier to make things happen.

Kris thinks it would be good to idea for WLA to make announcements before the keynote speakers at WLA. This would be a good way to give an organizational update, especially since so few people go to the board or business meetings. It would be good for membership to know what WLA is doing and before keynotes is when the majority of conference is gathered. Kris brings up the misunderstanding over memberclicks emails, another example of poor communication and something that could be announced/ brought up with conference participants.

WLA made money off the Luau fundraiser in August 2016. There will be another big event this year.

WLA contacted Kris to ask that AWSL now network with SLIS via the Student Interest task force.

#### 4. Committee Reports

##### a. Newsletter: Anne gathers ideas:

- WLA conference summary and comment from the Chair- Lisa
- WLA Board Report - Kris
- Scholarship winner Ellen works at UW-Law Library- Kris will remind her to write about her experience at conference.
- What does WLA do for you/ me - Anne
- Member or Space Profile - AGS Library, Lisa will contact
- History of AWSL - Carrie already wrote it for WLA newsletter, easy to republish

Newsletter deadline: Articles to Anne by May 26th, published June 8th, 2017

##### b. Webmaster - Anne will upload Fall 2016 minutes that Amy sends her

#### 5. New Business

##### a. WLA conference proposals:

- i. Kris submitted one for Wednesday, has scheduling conflicts for rest of the week with a law library conference
- ii. Anne submitted with Brodhead Librarian

- iii. No proposal was submitted for the Business Meeting, which is okay it just won't be in the program, which means we can meet in a restaurant. Lisa will work with Nell to figure out where lunch will be and advertise to AWSL via memberclicks.
  - iv. Tour, local arrangement committee asked AWSL to hold off, and then suggested the International Crane Foundation. Nell contacted them already.
  - v. Social, Lisa asks how formal we want it to be and agrees to organize a time and place so that there can be some word of mouth advertising at AWSL sessions
  - b. Summer library tour options: Law Library with social afterwards. Lisa will come up with some dates and email them to board. When advertising the tour, send to ALL WLA, not just AWSL.
  - c. Fall/ social/ SLIS orientation: Lisa will contact SLIS and get AWSL a table at their orientation. Social will be a few weeks after. Kris will (tentatively) do it with Lisa. Perhaps Nell can work with SOIS to participate in their orientation.
  - d. Special Libraries brainstorming - Not very many people are active, but that's not just AWSL's problem, it's WLA's problem. Regional professional organizations seem to be having a challenging time, national organizations seem to be doing better. How can we flip that?
6. Adjournment: Lisa motioned to adjourn, Kris seconds it.

Minutes submitted by

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