

WAAL Board Meeting  
Thursday, August 13, 2020  
2:00 – 3:30  
Teleconference

**Present:** Sarah Bakken (WAAL Secretary), Michael Doylen (chair / temporary vice-chair),  
Maureen Olle-Lajoie (Vice-chair), Lee Wagner (ACRL Representative)

Agenda

- I. Meeting called to order at 2:13
- II. Approve minutes from April 30, 2020 meeting
  - a. Called to approved by Doylen
  - b. Unanimously approved by all
- III. Chair's report -- Doylen
  - a. No items added to meeting agenda
  - b. Welcome messages to new and renewing members
    - i. Messages are still going out to new and renewing members
    - ii. 105 new members
    - iii. 66 renewing members
  - c. 2020 WLA elections
    - i. WLA Board approved a motion to deviate from usual election process in 2020 to postpone those elections until 2021 for board and unit leadership
      1. Units will have the opportunity to proceed with elections if they wish. WLA will put together smaller elections for that
      2. Rationale is to ensure consistency in leadership during odd times ; some leaders feel that they not had an opportunity to fulfill their agenda given all the COVID disruptions
      3. An email will be sent to membership will vote on this
    - ii. Maureen asks if the election be for all positions or just ACRL Representative and WAAL Secretary?
      1. WAAL wants to keep people at point of interest
      2. Sarah is interested in keeping her position as secretary
      3. Board knows of 2 individuals who are interested in the ACRL Chapter Liaison position
      4. The board agrees it makes sense to move forward with an election.
      5. Doylen hopes to move forward as past chair in 2021 This year, he will also serve as WAAL's rep on the WLA Membership committee, given Eric's departure.

6. **Action Item:** Doyley will check with Plumer on election for specific positions or the whole board

- d. WLA 2021 annual conference / 2022 annual conference
  - i. 2020 conference was canceled
  - ii. 2020 conference committee will be 2021 conference committee
  - iii. 2021 conference will become 2022 conference committee
  - iv. Everything is shifting by one year and try to keep as much content from prior year as they can.

IV. ACRL Chapter Liaison report – Wagner

- a. Chair chapter council met virtually discussing furloughs, decline in membership & publications. Changes will be coming due to decrease in revenue. ALA sold its headquarters and will be moving. Additionally, ACRL is hiring a new executive director
- b. A virtual conference was held with record numbers of people joining. Therefore, they are looking to invest more in virtual presence for conferences
- c. There will be an ALA reorganization coming soon. They are trying to gauge how people are doing and what they need from them in the future in addition to learning how to better communicate with chapters.
- d. Mid-Winter Conference will be all virtual

V. Old Business

- a. None

VI. New Business

- a. Eric Jennings's departure: Doyley proposes vote to serve remainder of Eric's term as WAAL past chair, July-December
  - i. Maureen makes motion.
  - ii. Unanimously approved.
  - iii. Doyley abstained from voting.
  - iv. Doyley will take on role to WLA membership committee.
- b. 2021 Conference Planning Committee
  - i. Conference will be held Thursday, April 29- Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Rooms will be \$109/night (same as last year).
  - ii. Board is in need of a chair and vice chair for the 2021 conference committee. After reaching out to other committees including WAAL & CUWL, the board has been unable to find volunteers. Priority is to first find a chair for the committee.
  - iii. Lee suggests go to past chairs to see if they know of anyone on a past committee who might be willing to do this.
  - iv. **Action Item:** Everyone will reach out to colleagues who they think would be good candidates for the committee.

- c. Resource idea: forum for sharing re-opening plans
  - i. The board had an idea to share resources and plans academic libraries are using to make re-opening plans across WI academic libraries. This would be on the public facing website
  - ii. **Action Item:** Michael will work with Hannah to work out plan to get this going.

**Adjournment 3:08 pm**