

WAAL Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 27, 2017

10:00am

WLA Office – Chester Room

Madison, Wisconsin

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting Called to order by Laurie Swartwout at 10:04 am

Present: Laurie Swartwout, Jeff Brunner, Andrew Prellwitz, Jill Markgraf, Lee Wagner, Craig Thomas, Pete Gilbert, Joe Pirillo, Josh Hickman,

Absent: Janet Padway, Renee Ettinger

**II. Approval of the minutes from the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting**

Andrew Prellwitz moves, Jeff Brunner seconds. Motion passes.

**III. Reports of the Officers**

- a. Chair, Laurie Swartwout – Welcome! Thank you to the board and to everyone who is involved this year.
- b. Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Andrew Prellwitz – WLA volunteer training – WLA Conference brainstorming session, how can we improve? Simplify the structure of the organization. Making it easier to make and dissolve SIG's. Leadership Institute for the broad membership. Increasing membership and volunteering.
- c. Past Chair, Pete Gilbert – No Report
- d. ACRL Liaison, Janet Padway – Report attached at the end of the minutes.
- e. Member At Large, Josh Hickman – WLA Newsletter just came out with more information on the leadership conference and strategic directions that they are looking at. WLA Board meets 2 weeks from today and we can present our plan to change the requirements for scholarships. Memberclicks is having some issues getting emails out to everyone.

**IV. Committee Updates**

- a. WAAL 2017 Conference Update, Craig Thomas and Renee Ettinger, full report attached at the end of the minutes. – The sessions and schedules are set. Poster and lightning round proposals are due Friday. Registration is going to open next week. The keynote speakers are the Connecticut 4. Luncheon speaker is Alayne Peterson talking about steampunk literature from UW-Fond du Lac. Friday lunch will be an unconference. We are doing breakout tracks that were very popular last time. Optional archives session on Thursday, it will span 3 sessions. This is hopefully the beginning of a fruitful association with the archives world. Jeff will add the poster/lightning call for proposals to the newsletter.
- b. Information Literacy, Joe Pirillo – The deadline is Feb 17<sup>th</sup> for the award. Committee is small and we could use more members so please pass the word along to anyone who might be interested in participating.
- c. Nominations - Open

- d. Professional Development, Jill Markgraf – there are 7 members on the committee. We have questions about the scholarship applications and whether changes have to go to the WLA board. We would like to remove language from the website stating that scholarship winners have to be a first time conference attendee. They also want to remove the requirement for the undergrads to get a letter of reference. If it stays, we should at least have them send it directly to the committee instead of giving it to the student and having them send it all together.
  - i. The Professional Development Committee brings a motion to remove the letter of recommendation requirement from the undergraduate scholarship application. Jeff Brunner moves to accept, Andrew Prellwitz seconds – motion passes.
  - ii. Jeff will update the website with the changes.
- e. Communications Chair, Jeff Brunner – Newsletter will be going out within the week. Send website changes to Jeff, he is the unofficial webmaster. Communications committee members will be staying on including Cate Booth even though she recently changed jobs.
- f. Membership position is gone. We have to change the membership handbook.
- g. Legislative Liaison - Open

**V. Old Business**

- a. Filling open positions is difficult, especially when one of those difficult to fill open positions is the Nominations Chair. Send ideas or leads to Laurie.

**VI. New Business**

- a. In an attempt to get more Paraprofessionals to apply, the Professional Development Committee suggests that we remove the requirement that they join WLA. This has to be put past the WLA board first. The Member at Large and the Chair will introduce this plan.

**VII. Adjourn at 11:20 am**

## Conference Committee Update

- Poster and lightning round proposals due Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>, please encourage colleagues to submit proposals.
- Registration should be live early next week. Rates were slightly reduced for members and significantly increased for non-members to fall in line with WLA recommendations.
- Evening event will be a trivia night run by America's Pub Quiz and held in the hotel. This will be combined with the new member's cocktail hour Thursday evening. The event will be \$10 (free for new members). We will have the dine around option again on Thursday for groups to informally get together for dinner.
- Speakers:
  - Thursday keynote is Peter Chase, the recently retired director of the Plainville (Conn.) Public Library. In 2005, Peter was under a federal gag order preventing him from revealing that he was a plaintiff in the case that became known as the "Connecticut Four." Chase and three other colleagues refused to comply with a National Security Letter demanding library patron information. He will talk about our need for privacy and the legal challenges faced by all libraries in protecting it.
  - Friday luncheon speaker is Alayne Peterson, a composition & creative writing instructor at UW-Fond du Lac. She will discuss steampunk literature.
  - Thursday lunch will be a networking/ small group discussion/ unconference experience. This is based on numerous evaluation comments in recent years about eliminating the lunch speaker...so it is an experiment, we'll see how it works. Award winners will also be announced at this lunch.
  - Because of the shortened timeframe of the conference (2 days down from 2.5 days) there will be no closing keynote.
- Breakout sessions will be arranged into tracks again this year, we received a lot of positive feedback on the tracks last year. Tracks are: information literacy; research services & student success; professional development, leadership, & change; collections & archives.
- An optional archives session will be held on Thursday 4/20 during the time slots for the three breakout sessions being held that day. It will be a day of learning and discussion about teaching with primary sources. Attendees must register for WAAL.