

**WAAL Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, November 8, 2019**  
**Conference Call**

Present: Eric Jennings, Michael Doylen, Beth Kucera, Plumer Lovelace, Robin Miller, Lee Wagner, Diana Shull, Andrew Prellwitz

**Call to Order:**

- Meeting called to order by Jennings at 9:00 a.m.

**Action items:**

- The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 23, 2019 meeting with all members voting.

**2020 Conference (Brookfield) Update:**

- Call for proposals closes today. Twenty-six proposals received thus far. There's a good variety of topics and institutions. Final selection will be made in mid-December.
- Miller asked for guidance responding to proposals submitted by vendors. Plumer confirmed that there is no WLA policy. The consensus of the group was that sales pitches would not be appropriate. The preference is for educational sessions that include library perspectives.
- The committee is discontinuing the full, printed program due to the amount of volunteer time it requires. They are instead exploring use of apps such as Sched or Capri. We discussed whether Demco would consider redirecting its support of the print program to an app. It was unclear given the information that we have at the present time. Beth Kucera is the lead person exploring use of an app for the 2020 conference.
- Board agreed to dissolve the Information Literacy Committee and discontinue the information literacy award in 2020. We will use 2020 to explore the possibility of creating a different award. Michael, Diana, and Maureen Olle-LaJoie (incoming chair) will form a task force.
- Board agreed that the incoming chair will assume responsibility for coordinating scholarships, beginning in 2020.

**Old Business**

**Policies and Procedures**

- Jennings summarized major changes to the P&P, which include giving more responsibilities to the elected officers and dissolving all committees except the Conference Planning Committee. Jennings will prepare a short document that provides a rationale and broad description of the major changes. He will also prepare side-by-side comparison of the current P&P and proposed changes. We will solicit membership comments in January, discuss at the WAAL business meeting in April, and then consider a motion at the board meeting in July.

- We also agreed to replace all references to “bylaws” with “policies and procedures” and strike Article IX.

## **New Business**

### **Plans for WAAL 2021**

- After reviewing the quote from the Pyle Center, the Board concluded that it wouldn't deliver cost savings expected under the campus housing model. The Board agreed to continue to explore the possibility of holding future WAAL meetings at university campuses as part of an ongoing feasibility study. It also agreed to seek RFPs from Madison hotels for the 2021 meeting. Jennings will reach out to Brigitte to begin this process, targeting March 19-20 and March 26-27.
- The Board discussed the possibility of hosting a joint meeting with CUWL to achieve better rates at the Pyle Center. It's unclear whether CUWL would have a reason to join us, since their annual meeting has a very different funding model and is not dependent on registration. Michael will discuss with Julie Pohlman at UWSA.

### **Committee Reports**

- Information Literacy Committee – No report.
- Communications Committee – Lee is monitoring the ALA reorganization.
- Professional Development – No report.

### **WLA Newsletter**

- Plumer confirmed that the code of conduct will be published prior to the WAAL and WAPL meeting registration dates.
- Jennings will include P&P updates.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2020 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Doynen