

AWSL Executive Committee Conference Call
August 24, 2005

Meeting was called to order by Chair Loretta Harmatuck at 12:57 p.m.

Present: Loretta Harmatuck, Chair; Arden Rice, Past Chair; Mary Kotschi, WLA Board Representative; Karen Nowak, Secretary.

Mary Janeck gave her resignation as Vice Chair/Chair Elect.

The election is underway. Two people on the ballot are Julie Schneider and Jaime Martindale, Map & GIS Librarian.

Mary Kotschi asked Loretta if she would be willing to remain on as Chair for another year. Loretta replied she would be willing to do so.

Arden indicated she believed the Committee on Organizations (COO) had the policy that in a situation such as this, the Executive Committee would appoint someone from the membership to fill the position of Vice Chair/Chair Elect.

Loretta asked Arden if she would be willing to remain on as Past Chair. Arden is willing to do so. She thought one possibility would be to recruit Julie Schneider as the Chair and Loretta could serve as Past Chair.

Mary noted that membership has increased across most divisions/sections of WLA. AWSL's membership is at seventy.

The committee brainstormed about how this Vice Chair/Chair Elect position could be filled. Loretta asked those of us in this teleconference to talk with any potential candidates we feel may have an interest.

Mary recommended Loretta speak to Lisa Strand to find out what the protocol would be, particularly with elections in process. Mary also suggested the item of an amendment to the by-laws be on the agenda for the October meeting.

It was decided that if all else fails, Loretta and Arden could remain in positions to share the responsibility until the next election.

Loretta is going to contact Lisa Strand regarding proper procedure in locating a Vice Chair/Chair Elect.

Loretta inquired about the project Arden and Karen were working on regarding a list of profit and non-profit trade publications. Arden clarified that the goal of the project is to contact personnel from these publications to send sample articles about special libraries and establish contacts with organizations to provide awareness of AWSL.

Karen admitted information she collected was not yet in a document format. She stated that she will put the listing of publications she has at this time together for the members and bring it to the AWSL business meeting at the Fall WLA Conference.

The AWSL Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26 at 12:00 noon. The Special Library tour will follow at 1:45 p.m.

Loretta posed the question as to whether another teleconference call needs to be made. Loretta suggested that our Executive Committee could resolve the appointment of the Chair via e-mail. It was decided that we would reach members through the AWSL newsletter and listserv. In addition, we would strive for a teleconference meeting in the second week of September.

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Nowak, AWSL Secretary