

AWSL Teleconference Meeting Minutes  
February 25, 2005

Meeting called to order by Chair Loretta Harmatuck at 10:05 a.m.

Present: Loretta Harmatuck, AWSL Chair; Mary Janeck, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Arden Rice, Past Chair; Barbara Arnold, WLA Scholarship Committee & Conference Planning; Connie Von Der Heide, Committee on Organizations; Ulrike Dieterle, Membership; Julie Schneider, Library Development and Legislative Committee; Mary Kotschi, WLA Board Representative; and Karen L. Nowak, Secretary.

I. **Introduction**

II. **Approval of Minutes**—Barbara Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Arden Rice. Motion carried.

III. **Report and Discussion of the AWSL program and special library tour proposals for the WLA Fall Conference in LaCrosse October 26-28, 2005:** Barbara Arnold—Barbara's in the process of setting the date/time of the AWSL Business Meeting with WLA. The time frame would be two hours. Barbara suggested Wednesday, October 26, 2005 over the noon hour. Connie Von Der Heide recommended a breakfast meeting on Thursday, October 27. The members and officers concurred with second choice being the Wednesday proposed time.

**Program proposal:** A group of U.W.-Madison SLIS students inquired about an AWSL sponsorship of a film presentation project put together by SLIS students in the setting of Madison Public. Twelve minutes in length, the film is entitled, "World's fastest librarian." Members thought maybe 1) WAPL would be willing to sponsor 2) The film could be used in a poster session at the WLA Conference or 3) Showing the film in a continuous loop in a high traffic area of the hotel. Members did not believe it to be a direct AWSL-related program.

**Program proposal:** Knowledge-based economy session. There were two individuals willing to present. Session related to the ALA AAPA office Dynix award to Librarians. The topic would involve panelists who were finalists for the award speaking of what he or she accomplished in his or her own state.

Ulrike inquired as to whether Small Business Centers would be in relation to this topic. She suggested Erica Kauten of the Small Business Development Center.

**Program proposal:** llaw proposals submitted by Connie Von Der Heide—

- **"Legal Information from your desktop"**
- **"Blogging at your library"**
- **Wisconsin court system website**
- **Wisconsin State Law library web tours**

Ulrike Dieterle thought the web tour would be low priority and blogging was addressed too often in the past. The group decided the best program would be "Legal information from your desktop". Portions of the other topics might be incorporated into the primary presentation by Carol Schmitt, law library manager at Boardman, Suhr, Curry, & Fields in Madison and Beverly Butula, assistant director of library services at Davis & Kueltha in Milwaukee.

**WHSLA Program proposal:**

Program hosted by WI Reference & Loan and Ebling library staff on the medical information available on Badgerlink. Focus would be best used on consumer/public medicine.

Ruth Holst offered to present regarding the National Library of Medicine. The group felt the medical information topic was covered in other sessions.

**Program proposal:** Loretta Harmatuck brought up the possibility of having Carrie Russell from the ALA Washington offices speak on copyright. She authored the book The Complete

Copyright: An Everyday Guide for Librarians. Karen L. Nowak mentioned that she had taken web tutorials offered by ALA and they were good.

Barbara Arnold recommended a U.W. Madison faculty member, Anuj Desai, a lawyer who teaches about copyright. SLIS students who have taken his course have been highly impressed by him.

**Program proposal:** C. Berger Group's presentation would be best focused on alternative careers.

**Library tour proposal:** AWSL-sponsored tour with Melinda Orebaugh, local conference chair of AWSL and member of WHSLA: Presentation of Gunderson Lutheran's website navigation, including medical clinics affiliated with the hospital. In addition, it was brought up that we might tour Franciscan Skemp Healthcare Medical Center. However, the group decided due to time constraints, we should only tour Gunderson Lutheran Medical Center. Members agreed that the topic would be focused on consumer/public medicine info.

AWSL will co-sponsor the event on Municipalities with the WI Library Trustees on employment legalities in the state of Wisconsin.

AWSL will plan to co-sponsor any events that are possible and appropriate.

- IV. **AWSL newsletter**—Still a vacant position. Anyone who would take on the position could work with Bob Shaw at WILS. He offered to do the layout. Ulrike Dieterle volunteered to provide content information for the newsletter and work with Bob. Thanks to Ulrike for offering to select articles for the newsletter! A publication date of early April was recommended. It would be a nice way to promote Government Information Day. Loretta Harmatuck offered to have a column as chair of AWSL.  
Mary Kotschi will include an article in the newsletter, an update on the WLA Board's activities.  
Julie volunteered to write an article on the Historical Society's digitization project.
- V. **Report on WLA LD&L Library Legislation and Library Legislation Day—Julie Schneider:** Before legislation day, LD&L plan to have a fundraiser for Elizabeth Burmeister. The district information is that the government increased library budget to \$2,000,000. However the state decided against the Encyclopedia portion of Badgerlink. The National Institute of Health (NIH) accepted the proposal of including peer review postings with Pub Med articles.
- VI. **Review AWSL website—Are the Officers and Committees lists accurate? (Suggestions for a publicity chair) What do you think about the library profile concept?** If an individual's title or other information is not correct, please submit to Emily Wixson, AWSL webmaster. The picture files are currently giving an error message.  
**Emily Wixson, AWSL webmaster's proposal: What do you think about adding a "Meet a Special Librarian" feature on the AWSL website?** The group thought it is a good idea for including on the AWSL website, as well as in the newsletter.
- VII. **Campaign to promote special libraries in local/statewide publications**—Karen L. Nowak is planning to put together the list of publications she has gathered and send to Arden Rice for the project. Additionally, per group recommendation, the list will be forwarded to officers. Anyone who has a suggestion for a magazine that is not included can then provide the information to Arden or Karen.
- VIII. **Old Business:** None discussed.
- IX. **New Business**—Barbara Arnold thanked WHSLA and LLAW organizations for the help in

Recommendations of speakers or programs for AWSL sessions and tours of the 2005 WLA Conference. Ulrike suggested for future topics, we might consider usage of PDAs. Arden had the idea of a presentation of Pod-Casting in the library setting. An associated organization for contact would be the American Medical Informatics System.

Connie Von Der Heide stated the WLA By-Laws passed and thanked those who voted. The Committee On Organizations (COO) and WLA are working on revisions for leadership management. These changes can be approved by the Board; a WLA membership vote is not needed for approval.

Mary Janeck made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Connie Von Der Heide. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Nowak,  
Association of Wisconsin Special Librarians (AWSL) secretary