

AWSL Minutes: Fall Business Meeting 2006  
WLA Conference  
Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells  
November 1st, 2006

Meeting called to order by Chair Loretta Harmatuck at 7:45am.

Present: Loretta Harmatuck (Chair), Connie Von Der Heide, Mary Struckmeyer, Barbara Arnold, Mary Kotschi, Julie Schneider, Jaime Stoltenberg, Ulrike Dieterle, Bob Shaw, Emily Wixson, Stephen Johnson, Amy Ganaway

- I. **Introductions of members present.**
- II. **Approval of the 2005 annual meeting minutes** by Loretta Harmatuck and Jaime Stoltenberg (secretary). All vote to approve the minutes.
- III. **Report of the Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Julie Schneider**
  - a. Announcement of 2007 AWSL officers: Incoming Chair is Julie Schneider of Ebling Library (UW-Madison), Chair elect is Stephen Johnson of Ebling Library (UW-Madison), Secretary is Amy Ganaway (WISDOT library).
  - b. Julie is currently working on creating a Special Libraries Directory for Wisconsin. It is a work in progress and will be completed within the year. She is collecting not only the names and addresses of Special Libraries in WI, but also relevant information regarding resource sharing and whether the library serves the public, etc.
- IV. **Report of the Chair: Loretta Harmatuck**
  - a. Proposed WLA Bylaws Amendments (WLA membership will vote on these amendments at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> WLA business meeting).
  - b. Last year we voted on changes to the AWSL bylaws for units so they are more in-line with those of WLA. See handout submitted during meeting: "510.4 Bylaws of AWSL".
  - c. Connie: With this year's changes, WLA divisions/units (like AWSL) "laws" will be made more simple; working to eliminate bylaws and operating procedures for each individual unit, and moving toward more general bylaws.
  - d. Mary K.: There was concern that the units spend a lot of time revising by-laws and perhaps, that time may be better spent providing services to their members.
  - e. See handout submitted during meeting: email from Lisa Strand to Loretta Harmatuck.
- V. **Report of WLA Board Representative - Mary Kotschi**
  - a. **Memberships:** Mary and Ulrike have differing statistics on memberships. It is decided that for the time being, we will use Mary's spreadsheet that was more current. The source: "Annual Report: WLA Membership Report Document. 75 current members of AWSL. (Up 2 from last year).
  - b. WLA Board's main task during the previous year was related to strategic planning. There was a SPARC conference last March that revolved around formulating goals related to legislature, funding, etc.
  - c. The Board discussed their mission in detail. One result of this was a 'Wiki' on the WLA website and the board encourages all members to visit and make individual tweaks to this. It is a constant work in progress.

- d.** David Weinhold recommended compressing the Association's goals from 5 to 3. Work on this may be carried over to 2007.
- e.** Board Meeting (Tuesday October 31, 6-8pm). Lisa Strand discussed how the Association should look at how their money is being invested. WLA gives direction on its own investments. The Foundation handles money differently, and is always low-risk. Traditionally the Association has been moderate.
- f.** Next task will be action plans for the goals. Units can decide how they will work to achieve these goals and form objectives at the unit level.
- g.** Legislative priorities: priorities are listed on handout included with WLA conference registration materials.
- h.** Mary will be on the WLA Board for one more year.

## **VI. Reports of AWSL Newsletter Editors and AWSL Committee Chairs**

- a. Newsletter editors - Ulrike Dieterle and Bob Shaw:** Looking for new ideas for the Newsletter (i.e. regular features, etc.). Deadlines are usually flexible and are in Spring and Fall. Posting previous newsletters on the website was discussed. We need to track down old version and have someone work on a digitizing project. Barbara Arnold suggests this may be a good project for some SLIS students.
- b. Conference Planning – Julie Schneider:** AWSL has a big presence at this year's WLA Conference. There are 9 AWSL programs and held a dessert reception Tuesday night (Oct. 31). Wed. November 1<sup>st</sup> is the International Crane Foundation tour. All congratulate Julie and thank her for all the work on this year's conference.
- c. Committee on Organizations (COO) Report - Connie Von Der Heide:** No updates (beyond the Amendments to the Bylaws).
- d. Library Development and Legislation (LD&L) Committee - Julie Schneider:** Legislative Day is Jan. 23, 2007. State legislative agenda (covered by Mary Kotschi). Federal legislative agenda: handout also included in WLA conference registration folder. Julie has been active in the ALF conduit, a group charged with coming up with individual contributions to help libraries in Wisconsin.
- e. Membership - Ulrike Dieterle:** Most membership information was covered by Mary Kotschi in her WLA Board updates. It is concluded that the total current membership is 75, up 2 from last year.
- f. WLA Foundation Scholarships Committee - Barbara Arnold:**
  - **The Vida Stanton Scholarship** goes to Crystal Brunelle. She is a current student at UW-Milwaukee SOIS in Holmen, WI. She has a teaching license and quite a bit of Wisconsin Library work experience. She is currently an LMC Director at an elementary school in the School District of Onalaska. She says that this scholarship will help her meet her goal of completing her degree by December 2007. She is working with an emergency certificate, because she is not yet licensed as a School Library Media Specialist. She needs to complete her program in a timely manner to keep her position. She looks forward to an exciting career in library science.
  - **The Sally Davis Scholarship** goes to Leah Ujda. She is currently enrolled in the UW-Madison SLIS. She has had a variety of work experience in the Madison area since starting her program in 2005. She is an active member of the SLIS community serving as Social Events Coordinator for the ALA Student Chapter. Last spring she received a WAAL scholarship and attended the conference in Stevens Point. This past summer she won a grant from the Friends of the UW Libraries to attend the week long seminar of the History of the Book in American at the University of Virginia's Rare Book School. She plans to be a reference and teaching librarian and will use the

scholarship to continue exploring professional development opportunities such as conferences and workshops that compliment her SLIS education.

**- The Library Education Scholarship** goes to Ann Marie Thomas. She is currently a UW-Milwaukee SOIS student. She earned a BS from UW-Milwaukee in Criminal Justice also magna cum laude. She just started her master's program. She is a Technical Services Aide at the Wauwatosa Public Library. Prior work includes Assistant Buyer at the Kohl's Department Store; community, church and neighborhood leadership positions in Wauwatosa. She had planned to gradually work through her master's program. However last year her husband died suddenly in his sleep. They have four children. She considered finding employment in a more lucrative career than library science. In the year that followed she has decided to keep the dreams alive and become a professional in the field that she loves. The scholarship would help support her family by lessening the financial burden of tuition.

**- Hoegh and Diversity Scholarship** – a mix-up had at the WLA offices with the applications for this scholarship. There are no results to post here in the AWSL minutes.

**g. Webmaster - Emily Wixson:** Information from Newsletters is being presented on the website. Emily offers the webmaster job to anyone else on the committee who may want to do it, or to someone who may have more time to devote to it. Amy Ganaway expresses interest in taking this over.

**h. Publicity – Amy Ganaway:** Amy has been putting together a PR list. Amy inquires about the AWSL list-serv and Bob will send her the list information so she can send the PR list to AWSL members. Amy will continue as Publicity Chair and will also be Secretary of AWSL next year.

## **VII. Old Business**

**a. Julie:** AWSL sponsored spring event (from last year's "new business" minutes). Ulrike adds that perhaps a virtual event would be best, as planning an official event may not happen in terms of time and resources. Barbara suggests doing something in conjunction with Government Information Day. Emily adds we could explore the idea of a web-conference or something virtual. We should explore it this year, for execution next year.

## **VIII. New Business**

**a.** Barbara suggests we continue to think of ways to generate revenue. An idea like a spring event sponsored by AWSL could also be looked at as a way to generate funds.

**b.** Thanks to Loretta for being Chair, Jaime for being Secretary, and congratulations to Mary Struckmeyer who retires on December 6, 2006.

## **IX. Adjournment at 8:40am.**

Minutes respectfully submitted,

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