

WASHINGTON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, Vancouver, WA  
APRIL 17, 2008  
MINUTES

**Call to Order**

Martha Parsons, President, convened the Annual Business Meeting at 1:00 p.m. after determining that a quorum was present.

**Greetings from the Conference Co-Chair**

Karin Ford, Conference Co-Chair, greeted the assemblage and introduced Washington conference committee members:

Program:	Mary Devlin
Treasurer:	Katie Cargill
Pre-Conference:	Mary Ross
Interest Group Coordinator:	Elizabeth Laukea
Exhibits Coordinator:	Lynn Red
Local Arrangements (Technology)	Holly Blosser
Communications & Publicity	Annanaomi Sams
Corporate Contributions & Fundraising	Jeanne Crisp

**Introductions**

President Parsons introduced current, outgoing and incoming Officers:

VP/President Elect	Tim Mallory
Secretary (outgoing)	Nancy Slote
Secretary (in-coming)	Karen Highum
Treasurer	Priscilla Ice
Coordinator of Communications:	Jennifer Wiseman (ending 1st Term; beginning 2nd)
Coordinator of CE	Mary Ross (ending 1st Term; beginning 2nd)
Coordinator of Strategic Planning	Phil Heikkinen
Coordinator of Conference 2008	Karin Ford
Coordinator of Conference 2009	Sally Chilson
In-coming Coordinator of Conference 2010	Phil Heikkinen
ALA Councilor	Jonathan Betz-Zall
PNLA Representative	Katie Cargill
WLFFTA Representative	Carol Schuyler
Interest Group Coordinator	Elizabeth Laukea

President Parsons introduction those Reporting to the Board:

Legislative Liaison	Steve Duncan
Co-Chair Legislative Planning Committee	Mike Wirt
<i>Alki</i> Editor	Margaret Thomas
Federal Relations Co-Coordinators	Kirstie Kirkpatrick & Rand Simmons
Washington State Library Liaison	Jan Walsh
Representative to Washington Coalition for Open Government	Patience Rogge
Liaison from WLMA	Linda Collins, WLMA President
Representative to I-School/UW	Mike Wood

President Parsons introduced Association Staff (overlapping May-June, 2008):

Association Coordinator	Gail Willis
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Executive Director	Kristin Crowe
President Parsons introduced Committee Chairs 2007-2009	
Alki Editorial	Mary Wise
Awards	Jan Walsh
Elections	Robin Rousu
Finance & Operations	Kim Hixson
Intellectual Freedom	Mike Wessells
Legislative Day Planning	Jennifer Wiseman (local arrangements Jodi Reng & Timberland Regional staff)
Member Services	Will Stuvenga
Nominations	Diane Cowles
Organizational Structure	Kristy Coomes
Scholarship	Jennifer Bisson
Conference Site Selection 2010	Kristy Coomes
Conference Site Selection 2011	Phil Heikkinen

President Parsons introduced Interest Group Chairs 2007-2008:

CATS	Gail Goodrick & Karen Wheeler, co-chairs
CAYAS	Angela Nolet
IFIG	Christine Livingston
IGLU	Susan Veltfort & Cher Ravagni, co-chairs
OLE	Bonnie Gerken
RIG	Amy LaVare & John Baur, co-chairs
SAM	Mary Devlin
SRRT	Barbara Menne
TRIP	Chris Peters continued by Evelyn Lindberg and Darlene Pearsall
WALE	Heidi Chittim
WALT	Jennifer Fenton
WLFFTA	Carol Schuyler

President Parsons introduced guests

**Harry Bruce**, Dean, iSchool, University of Washington

Dean Bruce highlighted the iSchool's recent accomplishments including reaching \$10,000,000 in research grants and awards. The school continues to be highly selective, accepting 39% of its applicants for the Fall 2009 term. At the June commencement, the University of Washington will be awarding an Alumnus Award to children's author, Beverly Cleary.

**Katie Cargill**, PNLA Representative

Katie Cargill brought greetings from PNLA President Kathy Watson and an invitation to the Annual Conference, August 6-9, 2008 in Post Falls, ID. PNLA will also be holding its 4<sup>th</sup> Leadership Institute in October 2008.

President Parsons added that the WLA board, on April 16, 2008, approved a motion to fund the registration costs of WLA members attending the Leadership Institute.

**Linda Collins**, WLMA

Linda Collins, WLMA President, applauded the grassroots organizing of the "Three Spokane Moms" which led to the inclusion of a remarkable \$4,000,000 for school libraries in the State's supplemental

budget. Future work will focus on funding for school libraries as part of basic education funding. The joint OASL/WLMA conference will be held October 9-11, 2008 in Portland, OR.

**Jan Walsh, Washington State Librarian**

Jan Walsh highlighted the activities of the Washington State Library including:

- Launching of Wayfinder, the statewide catalog of holdings
- Washington Rural Heritage Project
- Washington Talking Book and Braille Library transition to the Washington State Library on July 1, 2008
- Planning for the Heritage Center, with a scheduled opening in 2012
- Washington Reads campaign
- Letters about Literature, with participation by 400 students

### **Acknowledgments**

President Parsons acknowledged and thanked:

### **Conference Vendors**

### **Conference Sponsors**

BCR (Bibliographical Center for Research)  
EBSCO  
Emporia State University, School of Library & Information Management  
Fletcher Farr Ayotte Architects  
GALE  
Information School, University of Washington  
Ingram Library Services  
Technical Furniture

### **Sustaining Members**

BCR  
Blackstone Audio - Representative Judy Byers  
Dragons Who Read - Representative Mary Thompson  
Friends of the Federal Way Libraries  
Fulcrum Publishing Representative - Jim Harris  
Highline Community College  
Independent Study in Idaho - Representative Sherrie Metlen  
Once Sold Tales Representative - Carrie Jenott  
Peyton Stafford Associates  
Seattle Insurance Group - Representative Andrew Streich  
shks architects - Representative Mark Snyder  
Sikora Library Services Representative - Nancy Sikora  
Washington Coalition Against Censorship Representative - Cher Ravagni  
Washington Coalition for Open Government Representative - Patience Rogge  
Washington State Library - booth coordinator Rand Simmons

### **Institutional Members**

The 57 academic and public libraries and library that support WLA with institutional dues.

**WLA Platinum Members** - those who support the association by joining all of the WLA Interest Groups:

Jonathan Betz-Zall  
Katie Cargill

Tim Mallory  
Rick Newell  
Martha Parsons  
Carol Schuyler  
Susan Veltfort  
Mike Wessells  
Gail Willis  
Tony Wilson

#### **New Members and First Time Attendees**

#### **Scholarship Winners**

Jennifer Bisson, Scholarship Committee Chair, introduced the 2008 winners:

- Bo Kinney, Maryann E. Reynolds Scholarship Winner
- Elizabeth George and Amy LaVare, Partial Scholarship winners

#### **Conference Attendance Grant Winners**

Jennifer Bisson, Scholarship Committee Chair, introduced the 2008 Conference Attendance grant winners:

- Elizabeth George
- Traci Harpine
- Kathy Johnson
- Bo Kinney
- Amy LaVare
- Cat Miller
- Linda Tally
- Anna Wiggs

President Parsons acknowledged the contributions of Susan Madden to the Scholarship Fund through the sales at her jewelry booth on the exhibit floor.

#### **Invitation to the 2009 Conference**

Sally Chilson, Conference 2009 Chair, invited the assemblage to the Conference in Spokane, April 15-17, 2009.

#### **Business Meeting**

President Parsons identified Mary Wise and Sally Chilson as vote counters.

President Parsons called for written motions from the floor. None came forward.

The Conference Rules were adopted by acclamation.

#### **Approval of the Minutes of Annual Meeting 2007**

**Motion:** To accept the recommendation of the "Taskforce to Review and Approve the Annual Meeting Minutes" to approve the 2007 Annual Meeting minutes.

**Moved:** Nancy Slote

**Seconded:** Priscilla Ice

**Approved**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Priscilla Ice indicated that a full narrative could be found in the *Annual Report*, and that any member desiring detailed financial information should contact the Treasurer. The Association is excellent financial condition. The current year has seen one time additional costs related to the transition to Melby, Cameron and Anderson.

**Legislative Planning Committee Report:** Co-chair Mike Wirt reported that the most visible issue in the Legislature's short session was school library funding. WTBBL received a supplemental appropriation, and while access to statewide resources for community and technical colleges received funding support, the Governor vetoed the appropriation. One effective way to widen the message about libraries is to invite legislators to individual libraries. The Legislative Planning Committee will issue a summary of legislative activities of the session and post it on the WLA website. Co-Chair Wirt encouraged the library community to

**Federal Relations Coordinator's Report:** Co-chair Rand Simmons thanked the 2007 delegation to National Legislative Day and identified members of the 2008 contingent: Rand Simmons, Kristie Kirkpatrick, Mike Wirt, Jan Walsh, Mary Jo Torgeson, and Marilyn Mitchell (representing WLFFTA). Among the topics for discussion will be the re-authorization of the Library Services and Technology Act.

**WLA President's Report:** President Martha Parsons briefly summarized the transition created by Association Coordinator Gail Willis' retirement to Melby, Cameron and Anderson, an association management firm. Vice-President Tim Mallory provided specifics on the transition date, May 1, 2008, Kristin Crowe, WLA's new Executive Director, introduced herself, commenting that she had big shoes to fill in replacing Gail Willis.

#### **New Business**

No new business was brought forward by motion.

#### **Appointment of Task Force to Review and Approve 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes.**

President Parsons appointed Kristin Crowe, Carol Schuyler and Jennifer Wiseman to the Task Force.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nancy Slote, Secretary

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Martha Parsons, President