

WYLD Governing Board Minutes Thursday, September 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 10:01 a.m. by President Linda Herget.

Members present: Linda Herget , Cara Nett , Maggie Unterseher, Diane Adler, Terri Lesley, Sukey Hohl, Sarah Marino, Brenda Mahoney-Ayres, Desiree Saunders, and Jamie Markus

Also present: Kate Mutch, Recorder

Approval of Agenda

Jamie Markus moved to approve the agenda with the changes of the dates from August to September and next month's meeting to October from September, Diane Adler seconded; motion carried.

Approval of minutes from the August 19, 2021 minutes

It was moved to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2021 minutes meeting. (Lesley/Nett); motion carried.

State Librarian Report

Jamie reported that the state library has 3 open positions; 2 of them are in the interview process and the 3rd one closes tomorrow so that will enter into the interview process.

He reported that the WSL work product has trended down over the past few months due to the decreased number of staff and the increase in ARPA projects that needed immediate attention. They had \$2 million extra to spend and while they work to make it as paper/report free as possible, it's not paper/report free on the state library side. They have reprioritized some of the work projects, but he encourages members to reach out if they have questions or if there are issues.

WSL has submitted their budget with zero dollars in reduction at this point.

WYLD Program Manager Report

Desiree Saunders reported that the WYLD office has been really busy with an uptick in questions, little issues, schools trying to access GoWyld databases, etc.

They have conducted 4 interviews and are hoping to see movement on filling the vacancies.

Ann and Abby have been helping with original cataloging. There have been a number of requests for cataloging help with the STEM/STEAM kits libraries recently received.

They are still doing some policy work on the Albany County bookmobile.

There will be an upgrade to Symphony before the end of the year. The upgrades have been incremental and not had big changes. Their goal is to be no more than a release or two behind SIRSI. There is no Enterprise upgrade until later in 2022. At this time we need to continue using the current version of Enterprise for the CloudSource Open Access project (CSOA) being piloted by the Academic Libraries.

Old Business

- ILS Study: Jamie reported that UW will be releasing a report on their plans prior to the next board meeting. He will send it out when he gets it and the board members can look at it beforehand.

- PII Committee: Linda has 3 volunteers for the PII committee. They are Linda, Maggie, and Megan Bratton, who will come to the committee with a view from the marketing/PR area. Brenda volunteered to be a part of the committee and Linda will be moving forward with this group.
- Linda reported that the by-laws committee met and is up and running on looking at what changes and/or updates are needed. She mentioned that the work the PII committee will likely crossover to changes or additions in the by-laws.

New business -No new business

President's Report

Linda noted that the ILS products committee will be losing a member since one member is retiring and she will be filling that spot.

Vice President's Report

Cara reported that LCLS is interviewing for an IT position that has been vacant since December. She also reported that they are returning to virtual programming due to the increase in COVID cases and are doing story times outside.

She hosted a team of Tech Services from Natrona and was happy to have them interact with the ILL, tech services, and volunteer staff since it's always great to see how others do things and meet people in person.

Academic Report

Diane announced that school is back in session. They always have fun with Talk Like a Pirate Day and had a scavenger hunt and great participation. They also offered a virtual option.

K-12 Report

Maggie reported that school library positions are starting to dwindle with a lot Para-professionals replacing recently retired librarians. SLIG is working on an advocacy letter to send out to libraries.

Large Public Report

Terri reported Elizabeth Albin will be replacing Anna Street in the Circulation Manager position. They have open positions for a reference librarian and a branch manager.

She reported that they have received an unprecedented amount of book challenges. She has reached out to ALA and gotten good advice. They are taking their time and doing it right. She appreciates all the support they've been getting from librarians and says it has made a difference in helping them make it through the day.

Small Public Report

Sukey reported that Pinedale has boomed with work from home people and they've had an increase of people stake out spots outside to access the WIFI. However with the cold weather setting in they have had an increase in requests for 1 computer/1 person study rooms. She mentioned Room.Com that has free standing study rooms she is looking at getting to help meet that need and that others might find them helpful.

Special Library Report

Sarah reported that they are in their peak months for researchers and stay busy with those appointments.

Member At Large Report

Brenda reported that their story times are picking up with school back in session and the children's librarian is reading to multiple daycares and it's nice to have things looking up and in person after the past 18 months or so.

Other

Linda reminded the group about Snapshot Day on October 12th and encouraged everyone to participate.

Adjournment

The date of the next meeting will be October 21, 16 at 10 a.m.

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m. (Lesley/Adler); motion carried.

Kate Mutch, Recorder