

## **WYLD Governing Board Minutes Thursday, March 17, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at WSL at 10:03 a.m. by President Linda Herget.

**Members present:** Linda Herget, Jon Harwood, Maggie Unterseher, Terri Lesley, Sukey Hohl, Sarah Marino, Brenda Mahoney-Ayres, and Jamie Markus.

**Also present:** Cori Hundley, WSL System Librarian

### **Approval of Agenda**

No additions to the agenda were made.

### **Approval of the February 18, 2022 minutes**

Maggie moved, Jon seconded to approve the February 18, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

### **State Librarian Report**

Jamie Markus reported that the 2022 session of the Wyoming State Legislature had ended. Of note were pay increases for State Library staff of 3-7% and \$7.5 million of general block grants designated to community colleges. \$12.5 million of ARPA funds remain available and the Governor will be submitting a final plan to the United States Treasury as to the use of those funds. Jamie will keep us apprised of developments and if the COVID Capital Funds Project can proceed.

He noted that the required Wyoming State Library five-year evaluation on how federal monies were spent has been finalized. The next plan must be submitted in June. The allotment of federal monies for the next year is \$1.149 million.

He stated that the retirement level of directors is at 27% since January with the resignation of Michelle Boule from Sheridan College and Jill Mackey from the Crook County Library System. Maria Wenzel is the new director of the Carbon County Library System. Big Horn County Library continues to look for a new director.

The WYLD office is moving forward with the implementation of the Aspen Discovery layer. It is an open-source program and built for use with consortiums. Jamie along with Desiree Saunders broke down the differences between the two discovery layers and recommend we go with Aspen Discovery\*:

After the contract process is finished, they are hoping to begin testing in select libraries in November.

Cori Hundley, Wyoming State Library Systems Librarian, gave a brief presentation highlighting several functions available with Aspen Discovery. These included the following:

- E-content integration
- Placards
- Browse categories
- FRBR
- Grouped work display
- Grouped work facets

Sukey inquired as to how this new discovery layer will perform with the inter-library loan process. Jamie responded that it would work the same way as with Enterprise and VDX will continue to be utilized while another ILL option is explored.

### **WYLD Program Manager Report**

No report.

### **Old Business**

Discovery layer replacement

Addressed in Jamie's report.

PII Committee

Linda had nothing to report.

Bylaws Committee

Linda presented the red-letter version of the WYLD Network Bylaws. She offered an amendment of wording of the Online Quality Committee section and replacing the words "ILS Support Team Database Manager of WSL" with "ILS Support Team."

Maggie questioned the reasoning behind combining representation of K-12 libraries and special libraries. An explanation of the ongoing difficulty in finding willing persons to fill both positions was offered.

Sukey moved, Terri seconded the motion to approve the red-letter edition of the bylaws with the amendment. Motion carried.

WYLD Annual Meeting

The WYLD annual meeting will be held June 2-3, 2022 at Casper College. They will be reserving a block of rooms at one of the local hotels. Jamie stated there will be no cost to those who attend.

### **President's Report**

Linda had nothing further to report.

### **Vice President's Report**

Cara presented Linda with the following information.

The ILS committee is still gathering information on hardware and software our members use with the ILS from the survey it sent out.

The training committee will be sending out a survey to see what training the members would like at the annual meeting.

Susan Centrella of Teton County has volunteered to be the committee chair of the Online quality committee. Emails have been sent asking for representation in the vacancies.

### **Academic Report**

No report.

**K-12 Report**

Maggie stated school libraries were continuing to lose librarian and para-professional positions across the State due to attrition.

There is a grassroots effort underway encouraging individuals to run for school boards considering the number of books being challenged.

She was glad to see of the Wyoming Library Association and EveryLibrary's development of an advocacy campaign in light of ongoing book challenges.

**Large Public Report**

Terri reported the Strategic Planning committee comprised of herself, Richard Landreth, Lisa Scroggins, and Brian Greene had met.

**Small Public Report**

No report.

**Special Library Report**

Sarah reported they are preparing for tourist season and are launching a summer reading program for park employees.

**Member-At- Large Report**

No report.

**Adjournment**

Jamie moved and Sarah seconded to adjourn the meeting. Linda adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Mahoney-Ayres