

WYLD Governing Board Minutes
February 16, 2023

Linda called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Members present: Linda Herget, Jon Harwood, Maggie Unterseher, Lorene Peterson, Cristine Braddy, Karen Horner, Jamie Markus, and Desiree Saunders.

Also present: Kate Mutch

Members absent: Rachel Crocker and Sarah Marino

Additions to the agenda: Message Bee under New business. Jamie moved/Lorene seconded to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

Karen moved and Maggie seconded to approve the January meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Jamie Markus presented his report. He mentioned that several directors have announced their retirements recently (Lincoln County, Converse County, and Laramie County).

Jamie reported that WYLD has saved a lot of money this year and that the board might want to consider reducing WYLD network fees for the upcoming fiscal year. He will put together a handout before the next board meeting outlining possible options.

Contract negotiations with SIRSI begin next month.

WSL is looking at providing grants to Wyoming Virtual Library members for Overdrive content, enabling purchasing to be done at local levels, using local, board approved collection development policies.

WSL is making changes to the State Library central acquisitions program. This is the program where WSL accepts funds from libraries for payment to vendors for the items the libraries ordered. Moving forward only WYLD Network members will be able to use this program. Those who are not members of the WYLD Network will be able to draw down their accounts to a zero balance. The purpose of this change is to increase efficiencies for the WSL. WSL has worked with Baker & Taylor and Ingram and all libraries can be directly billed.

Desiree Saunders presented her report. She is planning on presenting updated cataloging standards to the board in March or April. The Online Quality committee has been working diligently on this update.

WYLD staff continues to do clean up with Enterprise and Aspen. Most of the punch list has been addressed by ByWater. Cori has more Aspen training planned.

WYLD staff will be bringing plans for data retention to the board. This would deal with discard reports, patron purges, etc. An example as to why this is needed is that currently there are 20,000 items marked for discard that need to go away and aren't being dealt with at the local level. These standards would provide a path for data retention and clean up, some of which could be done at by the WYLD staff.

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Old Business

Overdrive reconsideration policy tabled.

WYLD annual meeting will be Thursday and Friday June 1st and 2nd at the UW Union Building at Casper College. Save the date emails went out.

New Business

Ad Hoc nominating committee – Rachel has been tasked with this. The board needs a VP candidate and a Special Library/K-12 candidate. Kate Mutch has agreed to continue as the recorder for another year. Des reminded the board that we will also need to adopt the bylaws change that will make the Training Committee and ILS Products Committee ad hoc rather than standing committees at the annual meeting.

Message Bee is a product that the WYLD staff has been looking at for the past few months to help manage notices. The current process with SIRSI is cumbersome and clunky. Message Bee will allow libraries to have more autonomy with the messaging. Message Bee also offers the option for additional languages. Message Bee is a product offered by Unique/UMS, which is a preferred vendor with SIRSI/Dynix. Karen moved and Cristine seconded that the WYLD board move forward with the contract process for the Message Bee service. The motion carried.

Governing Board Member Reports

- Linda mentioned how proud she was of all of our librarians who attended and those who testified on the bills that affected libraries.
- Rachel – no report
- Jon reported that CSOA ended in January. He also reported that Western Community College accreditation was renewed and is good through 2033.
- Maggie dittoed Linda's comments about the librarians at the legislative session.
- Lorene had nothing to report.
- Cristine had nothing to report but did ask a question about marketing the safety features for youth that Overdrive has. Jamie indicated that would be a good thing to look at marketing.
- Sarah had nothing to report
- Karen had nothing to report.

Next month's meeting will be March 16th at 11:00 AM through the zoom link.

Lorene moved and Jon seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Mutch, Recorder