

WYLD Governing Board Minutes
January 18, 2024

Rachel called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Members present: Rachel Crocker, Jon Harwood, Lorene Heinzen, Cristine Braddy, Karen Horner Sarah Kuhbacher, Maggie Unterseher, Abby Beaver, and Des Saunders.

Also present : Kate Mutch

Members absent:., Kip Roberson

Lorene motioned and Jon seconded to approve the agenda with corrections. Motion carried.

Karen motioned and Sara seconded approval of the November minutes. Motion carried.

Abby presented her report

Abby is officially the State Librarian. Things are moving along towards the Legislative Session which begins February 2. With some adjustments in the A&I department they are looking at adding another position moved into WSL for the WYLD office.

Des Saunders presented her report:

Nick Marlin, the new system administrator started December 18th. He has a software, developer, and tech skills background. He is currently doing SIRSI training and will be doing intensive training the week before the upcoming COSUGI conference.

COSUGI is the first week of March. Des is the conference chair. Four people from the WYLD office will be attending. Additionally, Natrona County is sending Kate Mutch and Conrado Saldivar. Rachel Crocker will also be attending (WYLD network president)

AspenCon, the first ever Aspen user group conference will be the week after COSUGI in Denver and 3 WYLD staff will be attending that.

Marc Stratton is still on contract and working on special projects. Most libraries are live with Message Bee. The WYLD office is working on transitioning the auto renew reports over to Message Bee. They are working with SIRSI on the SMS feature to provide better reports to libraries. The SMS feature in Workflows was added quite a bit after market and is not well-integrated. They will be adding documentation into Fresh Desk. There will be sessions on Message Bee at WYLD annual and training webinars.

Shantry has been busy with the online quality committee.

Aspen update - With the 24.01 release, patrons who have a BLOCKED or BARRED status will not be able to place ILL requests.

Old Business – No old business

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New Business

WYLD Annual Meeting. Rachel reached out to Katrina Brown at Casper College and they are willing to host. The board discussed date options. Maggie made a motion to hold the 2024 WYLD Annual Meeting at Casper College June 13 and 14. Lorene seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rachel will reach out to Katrina to confirm dates with her. The board also decided that the location of the 2025 meeting will be put on the business meeting agenda.

The board discussed ways to increase conversation/networking among network members. It was suggested that we could promote the existing email lists and encourage people to use them. Rachel asked the group to think about it and come back with ideas.

Governing Board Member Reports

President: Rachel reported that the grant for CANDID came through, so we will be able to provide it for another year. They are working with CANDID to see if there is a way to adjust the contract timing.

Vice President: Kip – no report

Academic: Jon reported they are still in the remodel stage. They are working on a peer tutoring room.

K-12/Special: Maggie had nothing to report

Large Public: Lorene provided feedback she had received about grouping in Aspen regarding illustrated editions being grouped with the other editions of a book. Des let us know that it is in the top tier of priorities for Aspen to work on.

Small Public: Cristine had nothing to report.

At Large: Sara reported that there are five openings in Campbell County due to a couple of retirements and opportunities elsewhere. They also have a couple of capital outlay projects in the works.

At Large: Karen reported that next Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. is the official launch of the Telehealth Booths in Goshen, Park, and Natrona County. They were awarded an ARPA funds construction grant and will be working on a new Powell Branch Library.

The next meeting will be on February 18th at 11:00.

With no further business, Rachel adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Mutch, Recorder