

Washington Chapter of ACRL
Pack Forest Conference Business Meeting
October 25, 2001

President Lynn Chmelir called meeting to order at 7:30.

Menucha Membership Meeting

The minutes from the Menucha Conference Membership Meeting, the spring 2001 Board of Director minutes and the Treasurer's report were distributed. The minutes of the Membership Meeting were approved without correction or addition.

Treasurer's Report

Kathleen O'Connor, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report and a report on the projected profit of the 2001 Pack Forest Conference. Our balance forward from March 2, 2001 was \$7,380.92. Total income was \$16,941.30. Our expenses (including projected expenses for the conference) were \$13,892.89. Our current balance is \$10,429.33 and we anticipate a profit of \$2,750 for the conference.

Bylaws Revision Report

The Bylaws Committee of Brenda Philip, Andrea Kueter, Gary Menges, Jen Stevens and Rosemary Streatfeild worked over the past year to revise the Chapter's bylaws. The original intention was to revise the bylaws and submit the changes to the membership in the spring of 2001. It was determined that the bylaws required a vote at a membership meeting. The current and proposed bylaws have been posted on the Chapter's website, along with a Nutshell view of the primary changes which include:

- The chapter was incorporated on August 18, 2000 hence this date and the incorporation number have been included.
- The existing bylaws state that "all [national] members of the Association of College and Research Libraries residing in Washington State are automatically Chapter members." In the proposed bylaws, this portion has been struck because: it is too difficult to track these members and maintain a separate mailing list, Chapter membership fees are already low and national members should be encouraged to join the state Chapter, and because much of the Chapter information is now available electronically, so national members can still keep current on Chapter news without becoming Chapter members if they so choose.
- Mention of a spring chapter meeting has been deleted, as there is no regular spring meeting/conference held.

- A timeline for elections was developed independent of a spring meeting.
- Official notification may take place electronically, including using the chapter website and email list.
- Any mention of the composition of the Board of Directors was amended to include the new three-year Web Page Editor position (created in 1999). The Web Page Editor is a presidential appointment.
- A quorum was changed from 3 board members to 5, to reflect the addition of one new member to the Board of Directors (webmaster).
- Board duties/position descriptions were reviewed to ensure accuracy (some responsibilities are no longer part of the position).
- A spring Board of Directors meeting will no longer need to be held at a spring conference;
- Previously all members of the Board of Directors were to be national ACRL members. Now only the President and vice-president elect must be.

There were no questions about the changes. A vote was called and the revisions were approved unanimously.

Report on LegNet

Kelley is our liaison to Leg Net, a legislative hotline from ALA, which she forwards to ACRL NW list. The purpose of these messages is to make it easier for librarians to know the issues and to contact their congressional representatives. As was discussed in the previous Board meeting, we should discuss at a future date how political do we want to be as an organization. John Webb encouraged members to take part in ALA Legislative Day in Washington DC as it is a worthwhile way to inform our legislators about library issues. He pointed out that you need to make appointments well in advance and that you often end up talking to the member's staff. On the state level, WLA sponsors a Legislative Day, which will be January 30 this year.

Venue for Fall 2003 conference

A discussion followed about returning to Pack Forest for future conferences. No negative input was received from the chapter members. It was suggested that it would be good to compare other conference sites anyway. Conference planners need to consider the proximity of the site to Oregon attendees. The Board will look at some alternatives but have in the meantime booked October 2003 dates at Pack Forest anyway.

Spring Programs, 2002 and beyond

In past years, the Chapter typically put on a spring program. This year The Washington Chapter will be co-sponsoring a program with the Oregon Chapter before the joint Wash-Oregon Library Association

Conference to be held in April 2002 in Portland, Oregon. The Oregon Chapter has planned the program and asked us to advertise the pre-conference to our members. We have also indicated we are available to be called on for other assistance. ***The pre-conference topic is a panel of library directors on the state of issues. (Does anyone have a more accurate description?)***

The Chapter is also interested in reconsidering spring programs and would like to hear from members about the subject. In the past, the Washington Chapter sponsored a pre-conference at WLA. Due to the decline in academic librarians' attendance at the conference, it became less productive to offer a pre-conference at WLA. A couple of years ago, we sponsored with CLAMS a series of presentations. The questions we need to consider is who should we collaborate with for spring conferences? At one point there was a spring program held on the eastside. Attendance at that dwindled as well. There is no longer an academic interest group in WLA. WLA has very few current academic members. One advantage of WLA participation is the opportunity for a cross-section of librarians. Someone asked about the viability of PNLA. This year's PNLA conference was in Corvallis. An advantage of PNLA is that it includes Canadian librarians. A member stated that it seems PNLA is struggling to find a reason to exist. Their conference was previously well attended by academic librarians, but that has declined partially due to the demise of WLN. Also local organizations and ACRL chapters became stronger in recent years and it seems that PNLA is just hanging on. Linda Pierce, past member of the PNLA Board, stated that the organization is trying to define regional interests. Another opinion expressed is that email provides an ongoing dialog that reduces need for another time to get together.

Other

Linda Pierce, the academic representative on the Library Council of Washington, talked about the upcoming LSTA funding cycle. She encouraged people to look at the availability of funds and develop programs. She handed out FY2002 current projects and information on how to apply for funding. The council is particularly interested in cooperative library collaboration, which benefits the people to the state of Washington. Academic library programs should be represented. Money is available for staff, publicity, training, demonstration grants. Linda will be happy to be a resource to anyone with questions.

As a follow-up from the Board of Directors meeting, a discussion was held about abandoning paper mailing. A vote followed that was almost unanimous in favor of strictly electronic future mailings.

Announcements

Lynn announced that we are looking for volunteers for a Nominations Committee. The election will be held in the spring with new officers taking office in July. Interested members should contact Lynn.

Sara McCord thanked the Washington Chapter for the scholarship to attend the conference.

The meeting was closed and the members proceeded to the CLAMS sponsored party in Pack Hall.