



Business Meeting Minutes
Pack Forest, Washington
October 29, 2009

President Jan Hartley called the membership meeting to order and thanked those in attendance for coming. Minutes from the 2008 Membership Meeting, held at the Menucha Center in Oregon, were approved without change. The President introduced and welcomed conference scholarship winners from Washington. Scholarship winners are: Rebecca Kuglitsch, first-time attendee winner, and Rachel Woodbrook, library/information science student winner.

Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Mark O'English presented the Treasurer's Reports. Between checking and the CD account, chapter assets total \$8,874.27, as of October 19, 2009. This intentionally predates any Pack Forest income or expenses so as to provide a fairly accurate representation of our finances.

President's Report

Jan passed out a "10 Ten Ways to Benefit from ACRL Participation" handout. She noted that we made a considered decision (given the economic climate) not to change prices for this year's conference, but that many people claiming current ACRL-WA members were not such, and pointed out that ACRL National membership does not equal ACRL-WA membership.

Items noted as being under Board consideration included student rates for Pack Forest, and an examination of ways to closer tie ACRL-OR and ACRL-WA, including a joint agreement to refer to Pack Forest and Menucha as the ACRL-NW Conference, rather than ACRL-OR or ACRL-WA.

By-Laws

Jan introduced a set of proposed revisions to the Chapter Bylaws. After brief discussions, these were accepted by the Chapter body without any objections. These revisions are:

ARTICLE IX: Nominations and Elections

- Sec. 1** Appointment. The Board of Directors shall appoint a three person Nominating Committee and designate one of them as chair. The appointment to this committee shall be announced prior to the regular fall business meeting. [deleted and replaced by the following paragraph.]
 [Proposed Revision: Appointment. The Elections Committee will be formed and chaired by the Vice-President. Two current Chapter members shall be appointed to the Committee by the Chair, their appointments will be announced on the Chapter email list and posted on the Chapter web site after the regular fall business meeting.]
- [Further references to Nominating Committee have been changed to Elections Committee.]
- Sec. 2** Composition. **Elections** Committee members must be ALA/ACRL members and members of the Washington State Chapter of ACRL.
- Sec. 3** Nominees. All nominees for President-Elect must be ALA/ACRL members; all nominees must be members of the Washington State Chapter of ACRL and give written consent of their willingness to serve if elected.
- Sec. 4** Slate of candidates. The **Elections** Committee shall [solicit] [delete - choose a slate of] one or more candidates for each of the offices to be filled. In making its selections the Committee shall keep in mind the following objectives: that the nominees should be as representative as possible of the types of libraries represented within the Chapter and the geographical distribution of its members. The **Elections** Committee should present the slate of candidates to the Board for their approval by [proposed – December 31st] [delete January 31st]. After Board approval, the chair of the **Elections** Committee should announce the slate of candidates to the Chapter membership by February [proposed 1st] [delete 15th]
- Sec. 5** The Election. The election shall be conducted [proposed online] [delete - by mail]. Ballots will be sent to Chapter members by [proposed February 1st] [delete - March 1st]. Ballots will be due 21 days from the [proposed – opening] date [delete – sent] and returned to the Chair of the **Elections** Committee. Candidates receiving a plurality of votes cast shall be elected. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by lot. Election results will be announced on the Chapter email list and posted on the Chapter web site after all candidates have been notified of the results.

Nominations

In Past-President Anna Salyer's absence, Jan called for volunteers to serve as nominees for Board elections and for the Nominations Committee. Three positions on the Board need to be filled: Vice-President/President-Elect, Member-at-Large and Secretary/Treasurer. Corey distributed job descriptions for the open positions. Elections will be held on-line in February. New Board members take office immediately following the Spring Board meeting (though they are asked to attend that meeting), scheduled in May. Anna will organize the nomination and election process; a flyer was passed out with dates and information.

Webmaster Report

Webmaster Julie Cook noted the need for ACRL-WA to move from a UW-hosted site to a neutral site (so as to allow site maintenance by non-UW Webmasters), and cited the most likely option as a commercial server, which can run upwards of \$4 per month.

Newsletter Report

Newsletter Coordinator Erica Coe will post conference reports, written by scholarship winners, in the next issue of the newsletter. Also solicited are articles on any libraries topic, written in a conversational manner (not scholarly). Previous newsletter issues can be found on the ACRL-WA website.

Legislative Coordinator Report

Legislative Coordinator Lorena O'English explained the position and invited members to follow her in that position, as well as one of Legislative Advocacy if interested there.

WLA-ACRL-WA Relations

WLA President Tim Mallory spoke to the members about expanding ACRL-WA / WLA relations. Negatives included simple inertia (ACRL-WA has never been affiliated with WLA)), a perceived 'chicken and egg' lack of WLA interest in academic presentations and a corresponding lack of interest from academic librarians in attending WLA conferences, and the more expensive nature of WLA (.15% of salary, which is \$60 to \$75 per year for librarians making \$40,000 to \$50,000, compared to ACRL-WA's \$5 or \$10 per year). Tim talked about WLA legislative actions which protected academic libraries, the variety of relations they have with other library associations, and their upcoming joint WLA/PNLA conference in Victoria, BC. Possible ways of working together included board members attending each other's meetings, website collocation, and ACRL-WA Legislative Coordinator cooperation with WLA.

Before adjourning, Anna encouraged all in attendance to enjoy the remainder of the Pack Forest conference and to consider running for one of the open Board positions. The meeting adjourned and the members proceeded to the joint conference social.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark O'English
Secretary/Treasurer