

Delaware Library Association

Executive Board Meeting

Dover, Delaware, November 14, 2007

Members Present: Lynne Haines (presiding), Paul Anderson, Julie Brewer, Gail Gill, Terra Hudson, Rebecca Knight, Mary Jane Mallonee, Leigh Ann DePope and Carol Rudisell.

Members Excused: Sonja Brown, Michael Gutiérrez, Cathy Wojewodzki,

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by DLA President, Lynne Haines.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the previous meeting were not available and therefore were not approved.

Treasurer's Report (Carol Rudisell for Michael Gutiérrez)

Although the Treasurer was not present, he sent a report to the meeting. It was approved as submitted; however, several members requested modifications to the format used for reporting on the budget. Suggestions were: 1. include the year's beginning balance, and year-to-date figures, not just quarterly figures; 2. include all budget lines and show both the budgeted amounts as well as expenditures. Paul Anderson will work with the treasurer on format concerns.

Appointments and Reappointments

Moira Conlan has been appointed Archivist and Gail Gill will chair the State Friends committee.

Conference Planning Committee (Rebecca Knight)

Rebecca discussed location of preconference. Sheraton has another customer in the ballroom and has offer DLA use of the Corporate Room (combination of Corporate East and West). Corporate Room seats 80-100 when set up lecture style. Committee will investigate other possible venues for preconference.

Preconference speaker will be Warren Graham, author of *Black Belt Librarians: Every Librarian's Real World Guide to a Safer Workplace*.

Conference themes for next three conferences are: Planting the Seeds to Learn and Grow

2008: Planting Seeds

2009: Cultivating

2010: Branching out to the Future

PALINET will provide wine and cheese for the business meeting.

Also discussed were draft schedule, speakers/presenters, and finances. See Conference Planning Committee Report (11/14/2007) for additional details.

Multi-Year Contract with Sheraton Hotel (Paul Anderson)

Contract has not yet been signed. Paul and Rebecca will look over the paperwork and determine what is required in order to sign contract (i.e. estimated attendance figures). Some items they will try to renegotiate, e.g. have dessert, which is part of lunch, moved to the break. Paul will follow-up on details with the Sheraton.

Report on the DLA Table at the Delaware Book Festival (Leigh Ann DePope)

The table received a lot of questions regarding Delaware libraries. Sale of DLA pins brought in \$45.00. Overall, it was deemed to be a positive experience. Discussed the New Jersey Library Association store which sells library-related items to raise money for the association. It was recommended that Leigh Ann shadow the NJLA store and learn how to set up such an operation. Leigh Ann thought that a store similar to that of NJLA would be a good way to generate excitement for libraries at both the book festival as well as the annual DLA conference.

Membership Committee Report (Julie Brewer)

Membership Committee is proposing to revise the Membership/Renewal Form (see draft attached to Membership Committee report). The Committee will investigate the status of the dues increase, which was questioned.

The Committee made a recommendation to charge non-DLA members to post jobs on the DLA Job Line. The Committee was asked if it was possible to produce a report listing DLA Division members by name. There was also a request for membership cards; this will be investigated by the Committee.

Legislative Committee Report (Carol Rudisell for Cathy Wojewodzki)

DLA Legislative Day is April 23, 2008; ALA Legislative Day is May 13-14, 2008. The Coordinators for DLA Legislative Day are Christina Wissinger and Asher Jackson. Katie Newell of New Castle Public Library will also assist. Speaker has not been selected; format will be the familiar one with buffet luncheon served on balcony. Copies of the FY 2009 legislative initiatives were distributed.

Resolution on the Use and Abuse of National Security Letters (Lynne Haines)

The Board reviewed the ALA resolution and voted to endorse it. Lynne and Carol will work to distribute news that DLA has endorsed this resolution.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Rudisell
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