

Delaware Library Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2014

Dover Public Library



In attendance: Christy Payne, President; Janice Haney, Secretary

Board and Chairs: Terri Jones (Immediate Past President), Beth Borene (Vice-President), Susan Upole (PLD), Barbara Keeseey (YSD), Sarah Katz (CRLD), Hannah Lee (ALA Councilor), Cathay Keough (Executive Director), Annie Norman (State Librarian), Kay Bowes (State Friends), Jon Jeffery (Handbook & Bylaws), Rebecca Knight (Website), Sara Thomas (Membership), Sarena Feltcher (Archives), Elaine Fike (Scholarships, Awards, and Citations)

General Membership: Rose Harrison

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM by President Christy Payne.
The minutes from the December 2013 meeting were tabled pending revisions.

Reports from committees:

By-laws – Jon Jeffery

Jon reported that the two sections By-Laws and Handbook had been successfully separated.

Terri had a question about electronic voting and the timeline of when to post documents for online voting on the changes to both documents.

There are two ways to present the changes to the voting membership.

1. List the original wording, followed by the changes.
2. Present the changes with a link to the online handbook and by-laws.

The quorum necessary for passage of the changes would be 25% of the current 217 membership (55). Last year's changes were approved by an online vote.

Members need to be present or log in online for the annual meeting to make sure we have a quorum participating.

Membership report – Sara Thomas

Current membership is 218 as of today. The membership year runs from July 1 – June 30. When you join late in a membership year, the membership still terminates on June 30.

DLA/MLA Conference update – Cathay Keough brought the printed brochures.

Beth Borene, VP, reported on the conference status. Susan Upole, PLD, may have an idea for Wednesday, preconference. Preconference planning will be on March 7 in Annapolis with Meg Carty. We are invited to participate and help. Question: Will we be working with MLA again next year? Not answered. Beth will go to this meeting in case we are working with MLA again.

We need more contribution for the Silent Auction baskets. We made money on this event last year.

Scholarship/Awards Committee – Elaine Fike

The application date was moved earlier this year and there was only one applicant, Megan McCreary, for the Helen Bennett School Librarian Scholarship. Her credentials looked very good.

Blue Hen awards will be given at lunch on Thursday of the conference.

Distinguished Service (Senator Coons) and Lifetime (John Painter of DelTech and Seaford) awards will be presented at Thursday evening's banquet. School Librarian award will be included in Friday's lunch program. Application forms were already sent out by Jen DelGado. Elaine will make a brochure for the awards. Senator Coons was proposed by Annie because he was instrumental in the creating the state wide catalog. Terri motioned for approval. These awards were voted on and approved unanimously by the board.

Treasurer's report – Ed Goyda was absent, but had sent in the report electronically.

Leg Day update – Cathay Keough

Kay Bowes is helping. The date is April 29. The schedule will be 9-12, then lunch, and again 1:30-3. Cathay is looking into a lobbyist as our speaker. Registration will be out soon. We will have use of Dover Public Library rooms again. Calypso is catering the lunch.

Annie reported on National Leg Day, May 6. Last year we paid \$30/person for seven people to attend. Annie already had 4 people interested in the day.

Friends of DE libraries – Kay Bowes

The group needs a representative from New Castle County. They are preparing for DE and National Legislative Days. There is a membership form for this group on the DE Library Catalog lib.de.us.

Reports from Divisions:

CRLD – Sarah Katz

Spring program on copyright is March 4 at Widener University Law School. This event is now open to all members of DLA.

DASL – Jen DelGado

The January meeting was held at UD Morris Library for a presentation about UDLibSearch. The next meeting is March and will address grant writing.

PLD – Susan Uphold

Rose Harrison, who is Secretary of PLD, was also in attendance. PLD may do a session at MLA/DLA. It was suggested that they use the Uncommons room for this.

YSD – Barbara Keeseey

Amy Abella resigned from Woodlawn Library, but will remain as President of YSD.

Old Business:

Terri reported on the DLA 80th birthday celebration plans. She has no budget and would like approval of funds for the event. It was decided to ask Ed electronically for a modest amount and \$200 was decided. The date will be moved from March 21 to April 4. Members will be charged \$10 to attend. Spouses and other interested people may also sign up. The money will go towards food with a cash bar available. Event Brite will be used as the registration avenue. The venue should be in Dover, but Dover Public is not available for the April date. Program considerations: should there be a speaker/professional development opportunity, will drill team perform, make a group photo to remember the

occasion? Sarena said we could display the DLA banner. The Friends group will look into door prizes.

Race for Relevance - book discussion

Cathay had obtained copies for everyone to read. We agreed that many of the suggestions were difficult for our small association to carry out. We do not have any paid professional staff aside from Cathay who is paid by DDL. Some of the suggestions in the book we have tried with little success. A survey of what the membership wants was compiled last year. The result was that we added a Professional Development component to many of our meetings, hoping to increase attendance. Attendance is better among board members, but the general members are still not going to meetings. It was suggested that DLA hire a consultant to assist with a creating a strategic plan. Cathay will contact people and get information/quotes to present at the next board meeting.

Next DLA board meeting will be 4-6 PM March 27, 2014 at Dover Public Library. Meeting adjourned at 6 PM.

Minutes submitted by Janice Haney, Secretary.

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