

**AWSL Spring Business Meeting**  
Held via Go-to Meetings  
March 17, 2021 at 10:00-11:30 a.m.  
**FINAL**

Agenda

1. Introductions: Amy O'Shea, Carrie Doyle, Anne Moser, Jaime Healy-Plotkin, Kris Turner, Brianna Wolbers
2. Approval of 2020 AWSL Fall business meeting minutes: Carrie approved, Carol seconded
3. Additions to Agenda/Announcements
4. Officer Reports
  - a. Chair (Amy)
    - i. Virtual Tour of Steenbock: Karen Dunn hosted, 13 people attended
    - ii. Leadership 2021: Attended virtually
    - iii. Office of Chair: Amy is moving :( Anne will take over duties as she is the next Chair
  - b. WLA Board Representative (Kris)
    - i. Executive Director position: Plumer Lovelace left suddenly. Board met to decide whether to take on the task of hiring a new executive director or outsourcing the job to the hiring firm John Keister & Associates.
      - Position needs to be enticing to recruit a long-term director (currently does not offer health insurance). Other two positions are half time and done virtually.
      - Plumer was a lobbyist, so WLA is losing that connection to state politics.
    - ii. 2021 WLA Conference
      - No decision made on hosting in-person or virtual
        - a. Keynote speakers do not want to travel
        - b. Not sure if the hotel will refund if the conference is virtual
    - iii. Funding
      - Many people did not renew. Suspect it was because there was no incentive for a conference discount.
      - Plumer was heavily involved in fundraising for WLA and the foundation. Not sure what how his leaving will affect those.
  - c. Vice-Chair (Anne)
    - i. Leadership 2021: Also attended virtually, and thought it was well done.
    - ii. Conference tour: If the conference is in-person, we will host a tour but will limit the number of attendees.
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Newsletter (Carol)
    - i. Publish: April 12th

ii. Articles:

- Possibly feature special libraries that are opening up. Ask Pat Reichart about the reopening of the Legislative Reference Bureau?
- Anne wrote an article on Black lives matter and social justice that she'll submit.
- Virtual tour recap.
- Scholarship application is due mid-September. If the conference is virtual, the scholarship will only cover registration. (Hannah will also put the scholarship announcement on the website.
- Farewell from Amy.
- Another call for volunteers. Will include write-ups of the officer positions.
- Will not include information about possibly becoming a SIG.
- Carol is willing to write other articles if people supply the content.

b. Webmaster (Anne): Working with Hannah.

c. WLA Membership Committee (Carrie): Carrie will follow up with the committee as she is no longer Chair.

6. Old Business

- a. Role for AWSL within WLA
- b. Membership recruitment
- c. Possibility of becoming a SIG

7. New Business

- a. Upcoming outreach for AWSL in 2021
  - i. Special Librarian conference (virtual?)
- b. WLA Conference
  - i. Update scholarship and advertise
    - Send to Hannah to put on website so it is searchable?

8. Adjournment: Jaime motioned, Carol seconded

Next meeting: Fall 2021. Determine closer to date when and how meeting will be held.