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

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.