



Library Development & Legislation (LD&L) Committee

Friday, March 24, 2023

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

Members present: Pete Loeffel, Betsy Bleck, Kris Adams Wendt, Mark Arend, Nick Dimassis, Heather Johnson, Vicki Teal Lovely, Sherry Machones, Kathy Pletcher, Jim Ramsey, Bradley Shipp, Kristopher Turner, Laura Sauser (WLA Executive Director), Steve Conway (Conway Consulting)

Members absent: Bruce Gay, Desiree Bongers, Margaret Murphy,

Guests: Ben Miller (DPI), Shannon Schultz (DPI)

Loeffel called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. The agenda was approved with the understanding that the legislative report would be deferred pending Conway joining the meeting.

Approval of minutes from the January 27, 2023 meeting. The minutes of the January 27, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously on a **motion from Shipp seconded by Pletcher.**

2023 Legislative Day recap. Sauser reported that final registration count was 217, exceeding room capacity at Madison Public Library for the morning briefing. Consideration will be given to downtown hotel alternatives. WLA expenses were covered! Overall evaluation feedback was positive, especially for the briefing and guest speakers. Adding the local library visitation invitation forms to leave behind packet worked well. The [Lifecycle of a Book](#) handout explaining collection development policies was much appreciated by attendees and legislators.

Libraries transform Posters. Sauser reported that the process developed by Murphy was working well. She and Conway had spent the previous day delivering finished posters to capitol offices and taking photos. The posters have been well received! Bradley indicated OWLS was interested in obtaining copies of their area legislators' posters and will contact Murphy.

County & Municipal Funding Workgroup. Nothing to report.

Federal Relations Coordinator update. Machones summarized the information linked [here](#). In addition, an email alert has been sent to WLA members announcing ALA launched an initiative opposing the "Parents Bill of Rights Act" currently under consideration in the U.S. House of Representatives as H.R. 5.

WLA update. Sauser reported the WLA Board will meet next on May 19. The Board is working with the Intellectual Freedom Task Force (on which Bleck represents LD&L) on an IF needs assessment to assist in developing toolkit resources for member librarians, as well as training and other support. Information is to be public facing on the WLA website rather than password protected. Standing committee or roundtable status is being explored for the IF Special Interest Group. The 2023 WLA Leadership Development Institute will kick off as a pre-conference workshop at WAPL on April 26 and wrap up in person at the WLA Fall Conference on October 24. Participants will also attend 10 virtual modules May through September. WAPL Conference is April 26-28 in Oshkosh.

Legislative update. Conway reported that the LD&L Budget Team meetings with Joint Finance Committee members and leadership provided excellent opportunities to acquaint legislators with the WLA 2023-2025 budget agenda and were very positive. JFC members Senator Mary Felzkowski (District 12, R-Irma) and Representative Tony Kurtz (District 50, R-Wonewoc) have agreed to sponsor the state library aid motion. Thank you notes to Felzkowski and Kurtz from libraries in their districts were requested. Every legislator has a designated JFC “budget buddy” through which they can message their top three priorities to the committee. JFC public hearings were announced for April 5 (Waukesha), April 11 (Eau Claire), April 12 (Wisconsin Dells) and April 26 (Minocqua). Wendt has volunteered to coordinate the testimony effort and identify site captains from LD&L and SRLAAW at each location to help recruit both testimony and non-speaking support from the library community. Wendt will work with Sauser on messaging to the overall membership and website posting as more information becomes available. Conway also summarized conversations that have taken place between WLA members and legislators concerning various messaging bills introduced since January that could have a bearing on Wisconsin library collections. Each interaction between legislators and librarians builds credit and credibility.

DPI/DLT update. Miller summarized the DPI report to LD&L which is linked [here](#).

Announcements and other business. Lovely announced that SCLS is breaking ground for their new building renovation project and requested advice on issuing invitations to legislators. She will work with Conway to make that happen. Bleck announced that she will become the Deputy Library Director at the Brookfield Public Library on April 26.

Remaining 2023 LD&L meeting dates: May 26 (Brookfield Public Library w/virtual option), July 28 (Stoughton Public Library w/virtual option), September 22 (Wauwatosa Public Library w/virtual option), November 17 (virtual only).

Loeffel declared the meeting adjourned at 11:36 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Adams Wendt, Recorder