

**Wisconsin Small Library (WISL) Section of the Wisconsin Library Association  
Leadership Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2017**

**Call to Order**

A leadership meeting of the Wisconsin Small Library (WISL) Section of the Wisconsin Library Association was called to order at 8:02pm on April 27, 2017 by Section Chair Jacqueline Rammer in the Evergreen Room of the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

This was a meeting attended by Erin Foley, Adams County; Jacqueline Rammer, Lakeview; Sherry Machones, Northern Waters Library System; Gina Rae, Wilton; Kent Barnard, Wild Rose; Amanda Hegge, Whitehall; Angela Bodzislaw, Spooner and Amy Stormberg, Shell Lake. Members Kelly McBride, Osceola; Jennifer Friedman, Mendota Mental Health and Teresa Schmidt, Mercer were absent.

**Approval of Minutes**

Machones motioned that the minutes of the board meeting held on February 24, 2017 be approved as presented. 2nd Stormberg. Motion carried.

**Newsletter**

The spring newsletter was sent to the membership before WAPL.

**WAPL 2017**

WISL sponsored programs have been well attended but it was noted that conference attendance was down a bit this year (or perhaps the rooms were larger.) A special thank you will be addressed to Brigitte at WLA for going above and beyond the call of duty providing popcorn for the Librarians at the Movies session.

**WLA 2017**

The group noted several programs that have been presented to the conference committee: Librarians at the Movies, Cooperating with the UW-Extension for Awesome Programming, Capital Funding and working with Millennials. Barnard will book a room for our Leader and Membership meetings as well as a booth. Rammer and Rae are planning a social based on Cards Against Humanity. Rammer has fabulous prizes planned.

**DPI New Director Boot Camp 2017**

New Director Boot Camp will be held from September 20-22 in Lake Geneva. WISL will be hosting a social for all attendees the first evening. Rammer & Rae are working with

the DPI to plan this event. Barnard has prepared a flyer for the new director folders introducing WISL.

### **Committee Reports**

*Nominating Committee:* The nominating committee will be looking to fill seats for 1st year director, chair-elect & secretary. Hegge, Foley & Rae are on the nominating committee. Angie Bodzislaw (Spooner) was recommended for 1st year director, Jessica Schoonover (Trempealeau) for Chair Elect and Rae said that she would serve another term as secretary. This slate will be confirmed before our August meeting.

*Scholarship Committee:* A notice was placed in the spring newsletter regarding two fall conference scholarships. Applications will be sent to Rammer who will forward them to the scholarship committee (Hegge and Stormberg). The committee will make their recommendation at our August meeting.

### **Library Development and Legislation**

Machones reported that joint finance hearings held throughout the state were generally well attended. WLA's lobbyist is optimistic that legislation will make it to the desk of Governor Walker. Regarding IMLS (Federal) funding, she noted that Representative Sean Duffy sent an appropriation letter in support of the museum side of IMLS only, this now passes to the senate for appropriation letters.

### **WLA Board Liaison Report**

There was discussion about opening up our scholarship opportunities to small libraries that may not be WISL members in an attempt to recruit new membership. This possibility would have to be approved by the WLA board. We will discuss this item at our August meeting.

### **Website Updates**

Rae will promote the WISL scholarship on Facebook and include a "Like us on Facebook" note in our next email to membership. Rammer & Rae will pursue a small library of the month feature for Facebook. Machones & Foley are considering a Twitter feed.

### **System Redesign**

Machones stressed the importance that small libraries pay attention to this process. Those in attendance at the PLSR Community Conversation Night noted definite tension stemming from the uncertainty of the redesign process. There were few direct answers to

questions and the event ran later than anticipated. The “Regions” topic team will be the next big focus for the Project. The physical regions suggested by this team will be integral to the small library experience.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm by Section Chair Jacqueline Rammer. The next board meeting will be in August at the Lakeview Community Library, Random Lake, WI

Minutes submitted by: Gina Rae, May 1, 2017