

**WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 12th, 2022**  
**Zoom**

**Present:**

Mayra Cabrera, Kathryn Feeley, Megan Fenton, Giovanna Fiorino-Iannace, Dana Hysell-Alongi, Terry Kirchner, Diana Lennon, Christa O'Sullivan, Kathy Palovick, Lynn Parlman, Elaine Provenzano, Renee Rauch, Anthony Reda, Allison Robbins, Kim Stucko.

**Absent:** Joy Alter, Z Baird, Oz Coto-Chang, Lisa Dettling, Virginia Dunnigan, Eleanor Friedman, Daniel Glauber, Maxine Grandison, Krishna Horrigan, Martha Iwan, Joseph Mannozi, Joanna Rooney, Melissa Victoria, Tracey Wong

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 am. Two spelling corrections were noted on the December Board Meeting minutes, as well as a correction in regards to WLS sharing the cost of the upcoming Professional Development program. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Diana and was seconded by Dana.

**Bonnie Katz Award Presentation:**

- Diana provided an update (this was not part of the recording that was provided to the Secretary so unable to list specifics).

**Professional Development Committee:**

- The Nicole Scherer program will be presented next Friday. People are signing up but it does not look like registrations will go beyond the limit of 20-25 participants. Therefore, a second workshop will not be needed.
- Megan will be present but would appreciate another board member being present in case she is unable to attend.
- No applications yet for the Professional Development Award but that is not unusual at this time of the year.
- A suggestion to create a Google Doc for members to recommend potential speakers was made by Elaine. Kim will create a document and share it with members.

**Mid-Winter Conference:**

- Rory Mir as speaker has been confirmed. A reminder that Rory Mir's pronouns are they/them.
- Kim has reached out to Ellen Tannenbaum for a recommendation of a storyteller to speak at the conference.
- A reminder from Christa that any information should be sent to her for publicity far in advance or as soon as possible. Registration for the Mid-Winter typically goes out in early December and was sent out later this year.
- Dana has sent out reminders to legislators to send videos to Kathy by the due date. Dana will send out another email to legislators to see if anyone else wants to participate during the scheduled time (10:10- 10:30)
- Kathy is checking registrations and will send out the agenda to board members.
- Still determining who will be MC for the conference and who will be recording the conference.

**Annual Conference:**

- Please share any ideas for possible themes/topics for the upcoming Annual Conference.
- A conference planning meeting will be scheduled for the end of February.

**President's Report:**

- This year is WLA's 85th anniversary. Looking for ideas on how to commemorate it such as a special membership pin or other ideas.

- Lawyers have sent back what is hopefully the last revision of the By-laws and Conflict of Interest policy. The next step is to send the changes to the membership for approval via vote. Once the changes are approved, the next step is to work on WLA's non-profit status.
- Elaine thanked Allison and Kim for spearheading the work on the By-Laws revisions.
- Diana asked if there was a deadline for the approval of the by-laws. There is no deadline but it should be done by the May Annual Meeting as that is the best opportunity to have as many members present to vote.
- Jayne recommended giving members notice at the Mid-winter that these changes are coming and to be on the lookout for the email.

#### **Archives Committee**

- Elaine and Jayne are working on a retrospective for WLA's 85th anniversary that will be presented at the annual conference.

#### **Membership Committee:**

- Working on changing to a membership database that can work with our budget software within the next month or so.

#### **Legislation Committee:**

- More information on Library Advocacy day is forthcoming. Details are currently being finalized.
- The program will be virtual again this year, which has been beneficial due to flexibility.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Allison presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. Elaine made a motion to approve it and Lynn seconded.
- Some membership renewals are coming in but may need to send out a reminder or a push for membership soon.

#### **Academic Libraries:**

- Anthony and Mayra reminded the board of a potential speaker: a WCC professor who can present on Critical Librarianship. He can present this program at either the Annual Conference or for a standalone program.

#### **WALDO:**

- Lynn reported that the first cycle of LYRAIS renewal went smoothly.

#### **New Business:**

- Executive board is in need of new members for the following positions: Vice-President, Secretary, Secretary-Elect, Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect and possibly a Membership Chair.
- Board members were asked to reach out to people they think would be a good fit and provide names.
- An open call to the greater membership will occur right before the Mid-Winter via an e-blast.
- The current Executive Board will meet to discuss a contingency plan if the upcoming board is not fully staffed.

The meeting was closed by the President at 10:35

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melissa Victoria

#### **Next Board Meeting:**

**Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 on Zoom at 9:30am (No Board Meeting in February due to Mid-Winter Conference)**