

WILR Board Meeting  
1/13/2012—Burlington, NC

Members Present: Joan Sherif, Laura Weigand, Carol Laing, Jennie Hunt, Sarah Jeong, Ruth Hoyle, Jenny Boneno

There will be an NCLA Executive Board meeting on 1/26. Joan will attend. They will be having a retreat in Winston-Salem at Graylyn.

Membership and financial reports are available on the NCLA website.

Joan reported that the 2011 NCLA conference was profitable. The 2013 conference will be in Winston-Salem.

WILR program (comments and wrap-up)

The program was well attended and board members received positive comments from attendees. Laura stated that she felt the program was a little bit canned & that Carson's performance was hampered by the large (too large) size of the room and the fact that she had no lavalier microphone, forcing her to stand behind the podium to speak. Others agreed. We all agreed that we appreciated a venue that is more versatile and a more intimate setting for smaller groups.

We all thought that our membership table looked great and drew attention.

Sarah updated the WILR page to reflect this year's winner and will update again when we have finalized our off-year program

Off-Year Program

Mary sent a suggestion for an off-year program via Laura. The general idea is to create a program that would encourage younger, smart women in the profession to think about and feel motivated to take more of a leadership role in the profession. It would also focus on helping women who are already in leadership roles to encourage and help motivate newer professionals to become leaders. Carol stated that Wake County does related training for all employees about 'leading from where you are' and taking personal responsibility for your performance. The Wake Co. program is called (?) "Leadership: Everyone's Role." The facilitator in Wake Co. is a favorite with employees.

We thought the set-up could be much like our last off-year program with a main speaker in the morning, a break for lunch and then an afternoon panel to share their experiences and open up dialogue about leadership. We also said that it would be good to have someone on the panel to speak as to why many of the younger generation of librarians do NOT want to become managers or leaders in the profession. WILR board members and panelists can think of talking points to help the afternoon along if necessary. The panelists can offer advice that perhaps they received early on that helped them to become leaders, as well as information or thoughts as to how NCLA involvement has helped in this process. Panelists could stress the importance for younger professionals to "step up" and take a leadership role. Cal Shepard, Wanda Brown and Mary McAfee were a few of the names suggested for the panel. We said

that we would continue to think of other possibilities as well. We also should all be thinking of names for the program. One suggestion was "Inspire Your Herd."

That's all I have in my notes! If anyone has additions or corrections, please feel free to let me know.

Our **NEXT MEETING** is scheduled for 3/16 in Burlington (same location as this meeting).

Have a great weekend!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenny Barrett Boneno