

WILR Executive Board Meeting - Draft for Approval
Friday, March 21, 2014, 10:30 a.m.
Central Library, Forsyth County Public Library, Winston Salem, NC

Members present: Carol Laing, Laura Weigand, Kyle Thomas, Kim Becnel, Joan Sherif, Mary McAfee and Jenny Boneno

Minutes

The minutes of the January 24, 2014 meeting were approved and will be added to the WILR webpage.

Webpage

Kyle communicated with Jahala about website updates related to changes in contact information. Kyle missed the NCLA website training and will follow up with Laura Wiegand to see if the webinar was recorded.

Finances

Our current balance \$839.78, but this figure does not reflect earnings from the 2013 NCLA conference. WILR conference earnings were not available at the executive board retreat in January. M.J. Wilkerson will do an internal audit and present a quarterly report at the next executive board meeting in April.

Review of NCLA Executive Board Retreat

Carol briefed us on important items mentioned at NCLA's Executive Board retreat. Kim Parrott received a new title, executive assistant, and a raise. Carol participated in group discussions about NCLA's purpose and how to improve internal procedures and processes. There was also discussion at the meeting about whether there are too many round tables and committees. Currently there are 17 committee chairs and 18 round tables and sections. Anthony Chow and LaJuan Pringle have organized a trip to Washington D.C. for National Library Legislative Day, May 5-6. After a statewide contest, 15 students were selected to travel to Washington to speak with legislators about the importance of libraries in our state's communities.

Connecting with Members

We discussed creative ways to connect with our members. Ideas like creating a WILR Facebook page or producing a regular electronic newsletter were discussed. Ultimately we decided creating a Facebook page was the best, quickest way to connect. There are currently 49 WILR members.

Off Year Retreat

We brainstormed and discussed several ideas for an off year WILR retreat. These included: women supporting women; communication techniques on the job; status of women's needs in the workplace (still being questioned about FMLA leave after birth, women as caregivers); developing a network for career support; women in technology in libraries; and a panel - including people knowledgeable about distinct WILR-related topics. We also discussed using a query to engage workshop participants before the workshop related to the chosen topic. A discussion broke out about the relevancy of WILR. Kyle shared that she looked at other state library associations websites and discovered COSWL (Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship), who actively represents women's issues in the library profession. We discussed women issues in regards to popular culture, media, career, family and some current event items relating to women (including the campaign to "Ban Bossy"). We decided overwhelmingly that WILR is indeed still relevant. Next we discussed possible speakers and Laura shared several ideas. We decided to delay the fall retreat until spring 2015.

Next meeting

Boone in May

Action Items

Kyle - Ask Laura Wiegand if a NCLA website webinar is archived; contact COSWL for speaker recommendations; post approved minutes to webpage.

Jenny - Create WILR Facebook page.

Jenny and Laura - Meet with potential speaker about 2015 spring retreat.

Carol - Email possible May meeting dates; call Jahala.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by:

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Secretary