

CAYAS Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 28, 2016
11:30am Spokane WLA

1. Election Results
 - a. Jennifer Fleck announced the results of the election and the current slate while Rosalie worked on getting Jennifer Wooten connected to the meeting remotely:
 - Jennifer Wooten: Chair
 - Rosalie Olds: Chair Emeritus
 - Incoming Chair: Conan McLemore
 - Secretary: Beth Bermani
 - Heidi Dong: Board Position #1
 - Ryan Dzakovic: Board Position #2
 - Sunny Kim & Katie Riley: On-Campus Student Liaison (Shared Position)
 - Erika Miller: Distance Learning Liaison

2. Visionary Award
 - a. Catherine Schaeffer brought up the visionary award. She wondered if serving on the award committee is something that can be posted as a volunteer position. The communication network among the board didn't work well this time, so that is where this idea stems from.
 - Discussion:
 - What if no one responds?
 - It would offer a short term volunteer opportunity that is not there right now.
 - It would be a good remote activity with clear time commitment and deadlines, etc.

3. Introductions were made.

4. Rosalie recognized outgoing board members and thanked them:
 - Jennifer Fleck, Outgoing Chair Emeritus
 - Shelley Mastalerz, Outgoing Board #2
 - Jessica Lucas, Outgoing Board #1
 - Erin Speaks, Outgoing iSchool Liaison

5. Collaborative Summer Reading Program Rep (CSLP)
 - a. Rosalie brought this issue up for discussion because CSLP and WSL were hoping for more continuity in the CAYAS rep that we send to the conference each year.
 - b. Rosalie was thinking maybe this rep could be a board position of its own, or it could be incorporated into a current board position.
 - Discussion:
 - It was difficult enough to recruit people for elections, so it might not work as its own position. Or it could scare people away from a different position.
 - Rosalie thinks we should incorporate the CSLP role into a position. It's a 3-4 day conference. The rep then reports back to the group. It also involves some emails with WSL. The point of going is to have more representation for our state.

- c. This discussion evolved into a discussion about communication issues. How do we communicate better and get information out? Should the newsletter position continue to exist at all or in its current existence? Maybe we should have a social media/newsletter position.

Communication Discussion:

- We need to find a way to get people more information about the elected positions.
- One person couldn't find anything out about the elections by going to WLA website
- Some communication issues are due to WLA transitions and trying to streamline the way information is distributed.
- There was interest in starting a Facebook page
- It's important to have more than one outlet: newsletter, Facebook, WLA website, etc.
- Rosalie concluded that the group really needs to work on the communication piece.
 - i. We need new ideas on how to get people involved and multiply avenues of communication.
 - ii. Rosalie will email WLA about membership info and check to update list-serve. It would be nice if we knew when a new member joined so we could acknowledge them.
 - iii. We are missing the feedback piece about the organization. We'd like to find out what people are interested in to help advise workshops and position responsibilities.

6. Workshops

- a. Let Catherine know if you have ideas for the fall workshop.
- b. Are the fall/spring workshops working in the current format?

Discussion:

- Maybe focus on western WA only for workshops.
- Maybe partner with an Eastern Washington library system to bring a built-in audience and then open the workshop to others who want to attend.
- In the past, attendance has been very low to nonexistent in Eastern WA.
- The Eastern Washington workshop could be set up differently or it might work better if we focus on one location at a time for each workshop.
- If we could offer clock hours, the trainings might appeal more to the WLMA members. Someone will need to research what this involves.
- The upcoming Fall Workshop will be the day before the WLMA Conference in Des Moines in October.
- Kristin Piepho, WLA Interest Group Co-Coordinator, recommended we wait until spring to change the format in eastern WA since we need clarification from WLA on several aspects.

Meeting adjourned at 12:53pm.