

WASHINGTON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, SPOKANE, WA  
APRIL 21, 2005  
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

John Sheller, President, convened the Annual Business Meeting at 11:30 a.m. after determining that a quorum was present. He asked that any new motions or resolutions be passed to the Secretary.

He remarked that both WLA and Alki were both celebrating landmark years in 2005: WLA celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and Alki celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> birthday.

GREETINGS

Mike Wirt, Director, Spokane County Library District/Conference Chair, and Jan Sanders, Director, Spokane Public Library, extended greetings to the assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Sheller introduced current and outgoing officers:

Vice President/President Elect	Carolynne Myall
Secretary	Nancy Slote
Treasurer	Wayne Suggs
Coordinator of Continuing Education	Mary Stillwell Power
Coordinator of Strategic Planning	Christa Werle
Coordinator of Conference 2005	Mike Wirt
Coordinator of Conference 2006	Susan Odencrantz
Coordinator of Conference 2007	Mike Cook
ALA Councilor	Jonathan Betz-Zall
PNLA Representative	Patience Rogge
WLFFTA Representative	Jeanne Steffener & Jim Grayson
IG Coordinator	Tim Mallory

President Sheller announced and introduced new officers and Other Voting Board Members

Coordinator of Strategic Planning	Tim Mallory
Interest Group Coordinator	Anne Bingham
PNLA Representative	Punkey Adams
Treasurer	Priscilla Ice
Vice President/President Elect	Martha Parsons
WLFFTA Representative	Jim Grayson

President Sheller introduced those reporting to the Board:

Legislative Planning Co-chair	Mike Wirt
Federal Relations Coordinator	Jan Sanders
Washington State Library Liaison	Jan Walsh

President Sheller introduced Committee Chairs:

Alki Editorial Committee	Carla McLean
Awards	Jan Walsh
Elections	Elena Bianco
Finance & Operations	Kim Hixson
Intellectual Freedom	Laura Boyes
Legislative Day 2005	Laura McCarty & Regan Robinson

Member Services	Carol Schuyler
Nominations	Brian Soneda
Organizational Structure	Kristy Coomes
Public Relations	Lisa Oldoski
Scholarship	Angelina Benedetti & Lisa Oldoski,

President Sheller introduced Interest Group Chairs:

CAYAS	Lynn Stone
CDIG	Mike Cook
Grassroots!	Laura McCarty
IFIG	Beverly Stuart
IGLU	Susan Veltfort
NEXTGENWA	Lisa Oldoski
OLE	Bonnie Gerken & Theresa Gemmer,
RIG	Elinor Appel & Shireen Deboo,
SAM	Katie Cargill
SRRT	Laura Park
TRIP	Tamara Georgick & Marilyn Sheck,
TSIG	Sue Anderson
WALE	Katrina Disbennett
WALT	Elizabeth Iaukea
WLFFTA	Jeanne Steffener & Jim Grayson,

President Sheller introduced Association Staff and Employees:

Association Coordinator	Gail Willis
Legislative Liaison	Steve Duncan
Alki Editor	Cameron Johnson
Webmaster	Evelyn Lindberg

President Sheller introduced guests and VIPS:

PNLA President	Greetings from Jan Zauha read by Patience Rogge.
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*In part: I am writing to thank the Washington Library Association for its support of the Pacific Northwest Library Association's first Leadership Institute, which took place October 24-29, 2004. Your board provided financial support and input that was essential to the planning and execution of this professional training. Your state provided some very important people power. We especially appreciated the fact that John Sheller was able to join us in person on October 24 to offer some welcoming remarks at the start of the Institute. PNLA certainly could not have delivered this intensive continuing education opportunity without the support of its chapters.*

Washington State Librarian	Jan Walsh
ACRL, Washington State Chapter,	
Past President	Linda Pierce

President Sheller thanked exhibitors.

President Sheller gave special recognition to WLA Sustaining individual, organizational and vendor members:

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## INVITATION TO TACOMA CONFERENCE

Neel Parikh, Program Chair Conference 2006, invited the assembly to the conference in Tacoma, April 19-22, 2006.

## NEW BUSINESS

President Sheller issued a last call for resolutions and motions. No new business was brought forward.

The membership adopted the Conference Rules by acclamation.

2004 Task Force approved Minutes of Annual Meeting 2004. The membership accepted this report by acclamation.

## REPORTS:

**TREASURER:** Wayne Sugges reported that the Association continues to maintain its healthy financial condition. He expects that the Association will have one year's revenue in the bank prior to the beginning of the fiscal year.

**LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE:** Steve Duncan reviewed the outcome of the current legislative session. The major legislative issue, HB 1446/SB 5333, allowing voter-approved multi-year levy lid overrides, did not survive, primarily due to perceptions about taxes. Bills that would require state agencies to provide the Washington State Library with electronic documents for preservation also died. Libraries did have success in adding themselves as agencies which would receive certain kinds of sex offender notifications and in becoming more visible players in the push for early literacy.

**FEDERAL RELATIONS COORDINATOR:** Jan Sanders referenced her full report in the 2005 Annual Report, but added that five WLA members would be going to Washington, D.C. for National Legislative Day.

**WASHINGTON STATE LIBRARY:** Jan Walsh reported that the WSL has more stable funding and staffing, and that its work is more focused and visible. The collections have become more visible through on-going digitization allowing for full text searching of books and newspapers. The Washington Reads program is in its second year, and public programs have high attendance even without an auditorium. Services to the library community have focused on information literacy, including a pilot partnership with WebJunction, which includes on-line training at no cost to the participants. WSL is also investigating the establishment of a statewide catalog through OCLC Group Services. The Statewide Marketing Campaign has held ten workshops and recorded PSA's with Bill Gates, Sr. and Jean Enerson.

**OUT-GOING WLA PRESIDENT:** John Sheller summarized the highlights of his term of office. WLA is on track to gain more individual members, more organizational members and more active members. Membership reached over 1000 in 2004, the first time in a number of years, and the Association reconfigured its institutional dues structure to make membership more attractive to the academic library community. Access to continuing education was also a priority, with workshops offered in smaller venues with funding subsidies.

NEW WLA PRESIDENT: Carolynne Myall called WLA “small but mighty.” She committed to reaching out to less represented parts of the library community, to increase continuing education opportunities, and to “work smartly” within the resources of the Association.

Good of the Order: The 2006 Annual Business Meeting will be held in Tacoma, during the Annual Conference, April 19-22, 2006.

Official Passing of the Gavel

Greeting from New President

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nancy Slote, Secretary

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Carolynne Myall, President