



KPLA Business Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2020, 4:30 PM

KLA Conference- Zoom virtual meeting room

Present: Ruthie Maslin, Dave Schroeder, Jenni Link, Michael Richter, Jessica Powell, Melissa Wallace, Amy Morgeson, Deloris Flowers, JC Morgan, Sarah Flood, Sandy Linn, Mary Ann Abner, Emily Saderholm, King Simpson, Mark Adler, Jennifer Nippert, Michelle Jacobi, Lindsey Westerfeld, Elliot Appelbaum, Sherryl Appling, Ron Critchfield, Sarah Flood, Julie Carroll, Terry Manuel, Beth Milburn, Carrie Hermann, Amy Morgeson, Katie Justice, Morgan Lockard

Call to order 4:34 PM

Ron Critchfield made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. JC Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After a review of minutes from October 24, 2019, business meeting, JC Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes. Dave Schroeder seconded. The motion carried.

Ruthie introduced the 2020-2021 Executive Committee: Ruthie Maslin (Immediate Past Chair); Jessica Powell (Chair); Lindsey Westerfeld (Chair-Elect and Conference Chair for 2021); Jeanna Cornett (Vice Chair-Elect), Jenni Link (Treasurer); Mary Ann Abner (Secretary).

Chair's report by Ruthie Maslin: COVID put a damper on many KPLA plans, particularly the 2020 conference. Ruthie thanked Jessica Powell for her efforts with the conference, both planning it and then abruptly cancelling it. COVID caused libraries to be closed. Many libraries saw an opportunity to help people in their communities despite the closure and offered fine amnesty. Also noted were the successful Fresh Faces program and a good turnout for Legislative Day 2019.

Chair-Elect's report by Jessica Powell: KLA's move to self-management is coming by the end of the year.

Treasurer's report by Jenni Link: Jenni presented the financial report. Carrie Hermann made the motion to approve financials; Lindsey Westerfeld seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Report on 2021 Conference by Lindsey Westerfield: The Conference is slated for Owensboro (March 24-26). KPLA is going to “fast forward” the theme of the 2020 Conference, calling it “A Ground, a Common Good: Reboot. Keynote speakers have been retained. The Planning Committee is making an effort to host an in-person Conference but realizes that COVID may cause us to come up with alternative plans.

The 2022 Conference is scheduled for Bowling Green (March 16-18) with Jeanna Cornett as Conference Chair.

Committee Reports

- Advocacy – Dave Schroeder reported on plans for next legislative session. Legislative Day will be February 11, 2021, though in-person visits to legislators may not be possible due to COVID. 96 libraries have contributed to the Advocacy Fund to the tune of \$41,070.
- Awards/Scholarships – Elliot Appelbaum reported that due to the cancellation of the 2020 Conference there were no Spring awards. KPLA has created a new award: Outstanding Service for Young Adults. New Fresh Faces nominations will be coming soon.
- Continuing Education – Christina Cornelison reported that the committee is working on virtual and regional trainings.
- The Intellectual Freedom Chair is an open position.
- Public Relations Chair Emily Saderholm will be working on 2021 conference.
- Jennifer Nippert reported that the Standards Committee is revising standards document and is looking for new members.
- Michael Richter reported on the ad hoc committee he chaired about how libraries can share resources. COVID has brought about resource sharing opportunities. The Committee recommended that KPLA purchase a wiki that could be a shared resource for all Kentucky librarians and KPLA members

Ron Critchfield made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Schroeder seconded. The motion passed.

Meeting adjournment 5:09 PM.