

KPLA Business Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, March 25, 2021  
4:30 PM CST/ 5:30 PM EST  
Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Lindsey Westerfield, Jessica Powell, Ruthie Maslin, Angie McGowan, Katie Justice, Kathleen Nell Black, Sylina Adkins, Larry Case, Amy Morgeson, Jenni Link, Beth Milburn, Dave Schroeder, Sarah Flood, Julie Carroll, Ron Critchfield, Mark Adler, Mary Landrum, JC Morgan, Debbie Cospers, Jennifer Nippert, Rene Hutcheson, Alaysia Hamilton, Amber Potts, Melissa Coulston, Mary Ann Abner

Call to order 5:31 PM EDT

Attendees reviewed the minutes from the October 15, 2020 Business Meeting. Dave made a motion to approve the minutes. Ron seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jessica submitted Rachel Smith of Louisville Free Public Library as the nominee for the new KPLA Vice Chair-Elect. Lindsey made the motion, and Dave seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jessica asked the membership to begin thinking of nominees for Treasurer and Secretary. Both of those officers' terms expire Fall 2022.

Chair's report from Jessica L. Powell, Oldham County Public Library: The KPLA membership is to be commended. We may not have done much officially as an organization, but we did something more important. We survived COVID, kept our employees and communities safe, and kept serving the public. There have been new additions to the Standards Committee, and they are moving forward with their mission of reviewing the standards in a changing world. Because of COVID, KPLA did not set strategic priorities in the Fall of 2020 at the business meeting. This fall, we will set strategic priorities for the next year at KPLA, especially given the move to self-management.

Treasurer's report from Jenni Link, Bourbon County Public Library: Jenni presented the financials from 2019 and 2020. The 2019 financials were included as a benchmark for the last "normal" year for KPLA. There was a loss of approximately \$43k in 2020 since there was no Spring Conference. KPLA did have a healthy amount in reserves prior to the 2020 shutdown. KPLA is still in a very stable position, and we have weathered the storm well. Jenni presented an amended budget for 2021 Dave made a motion to approve the amended budget for 2021; Ruthie seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Secretary's report from Mary Ann Abner, Jessamine County Public Library: Mary Ann and Jessica have set a goal to get all KPLA documents – especially minutes and agendas -- on the new KPLA website.

Dates for future KPLA conferences were presented: March 16- March 18, 2022- in Bowling Green with Jeanna Cornett as Conference Chair; March 29-31, 2023 in Owensboro; March 20-22, 2024 in Owensboro.

Advocacy Committee report by Dave Schroeder, Kenton County Public Library: In the current legislative session, the legislature passed budget similar to the last not much taken out or added. PVA bill never got out of committee The bill to allow County Judge Executives to fill Board vacancies was filled but not assigned to a committee. State aid for libraries did not get put into the budget. The Advocacy Committee met to decide to push for aid for struggling libraries.

Continuing Education Committee by Christina Cornelison, Madison County Public Library (in absentia): We are still planning on having Ryan Dowd; the Dare to Lead presenter will do her training at next year's conference with there being a possibility of the training being conducted Fall 2021.

Intellectual Freedom Committee by Mary Landrum, Lexington Public Library: The committee is looking for members.

Standards Committee by Jennifer Nippert, Bullitt County Public Library: The committee is meeting regularly and working on getting back in the three year cycle. Considerations are being made for the changing landscapes for public libraries.

Jessica announced appointments to KLA committees: Kinsey Gaunce, Cynthiana Harrison County PL, to KYVL Alliance Committee; Dena Riley, Trimble County PL, to KYVL Alliance Committee; Patty Clark, Oldham PL, to KYVL Collections Committee; Christina Cornielson KYVL Funding Committee.

Ron Critchfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting. JC seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by acclimation at 6:09 PM EDT.