

WISCONSIN VALLEY LIBRARY SERVICE
Board of Trustees Meeting
 January 21, 2017
 WVLS Office – MCPL lower level
 Wausau, Wisconsin

NOTE: These minutes are to be regarded as the unofficial record of the meeting until the Board of Trustees has approved them. The next Board meeting is March 18, 2017.

President Tom Bobrofsky called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

Roll call was taken by Wendt and a quorum was declared.

Present

Tom Bobrofsky, President
 Sonja Ackerman, member
 Jim Backus, member
 Tyson Cain, member
 Eileen Grunseth, member
 Christy Janczewski, member (phone)
 Peg Jopek, member
 Paul Knuth, member (phone)
 Louise Olszewski, member
 Pat Pechura, member
 Katie Rosenberg, member
 Marilyn Sauer, member
 Elaine Younger, member

Others Present

Marla Sepnafski, WVLS Director
 Inese Christman, WVLS Assistant Director
 Kris Adams Wendt, WVLS staff (phone)
 Anne Hamland, WVLS Staff
 Augo Hildebrand, WVLS staff
 Chris Heitman, WVLS staff
 Judy Bobrofsky
 Audrey Kohlbeck (phone)
 Tammie Blomberg (phone)

Excused

Douglas Lay, Vice-President
 Michael Otten, Treasurer
 Katie Rosenberg, member
 Marilyn Sauer, member

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: (Exhibit 1)

Bobrofsky asked to move the 2016 ARSL Conference report to the first item under reports.
Olszewski/Pechura motion to accept the agenda as amended. All aye. Motion carried.

Backus/Olszewski motion to approve the November 12, 2016 Board meeting minutes with the addition of Ackerman’s name to those attending annual WLA Conference. All aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CURRENT BILLS: (Exhibits 2-7)

Pechura/Jopek motion to accept and approve the financial reports and current bills as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

2016 TREASURER’S REPORT: (Exhibit 8)

Backus/Grunseth motion to accept the 2016 Treasurer’s Report as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Bobrofsky read a letter of thanks from Alice Sturzl expressing appreciation for the recognition she received at the November meeting before retiring from the WVLS Board.

REPORTS:

2016 ARSL Conference: (Exhibit 12) **Hamland** introduced WVLS scholarship recipients to the 2016 Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference held October 27-29 in Fargo, ND. Tammie **Blomberg** (Director, Rib Lake Public Library) and Audrey **Kohlbeck** (MCPL Spencer Branch Coordinator) gave their reports by phone. Third scholarship recipient Denise **Korenuik** (Director, Western Taylor Co. Public Library, Gilman) was unable to also be present. Kay **Heiting** (Director, Granton Community Library) also attended in 2016 after winning a drawing for all expenses paid at the 2015 conference. Two scholarships will be available for the 2017 conference in Utah.

Resource Library: (Exhibit 9) There was no discussion.

WLTF: There was no report.

COLAND: (Exhibit 10) No additions were made to the information in the board packet.

WVLS Director's Report: (Exhibit 11 including WVLS Staff Report) **Sepnafski** shared these highlights from her report included in the board packet posted online. In late November 2016, DPI informed WVLS that the 2017 system plan was approved and that the first (of two) 2017 state aid payments was released. The first payment of \$638,958 was received/deposited in a WVLS investment account in late November.

WVLS received official notifications that appointments have been renewed for Paul **Knuth** (Oneida County), Marilyn **Sauer** (Lincoln County) and Jim **Backus** and Katie **Rosenberg** (Marathon County). Forest County appointed Christy **Janczewski** to replace Alice **Sturzl** who resigned from the WVLS Board in 2016.

Former WVLS staff member **H. Barbara Schmoekel**, passed away on January 2, 2017. A letter announcing that a \$100 memorial was placed in the Carol Ruth Wessler Memorial Scholarship Fund was sent to H. Barbara's family.

Notes of thanks were received from Annette **Miller** (Tomahawk Public Library) to Ann **Mroczenski** for presenting/hosting the October 18 Makerspace Workshop; Cara **Hart** (Neillsville Public Library) to WVLS for creating and sharing makerspace kits; Julie **Beloungy** (Thorp Pubic Library) to Marla **Sepnafski** and Augo **Hildebrand** for the December field visit; and Denise **Korenuik** (Western Taylor County Public Library) for the ARSL Conference Scholarship.

Retired Edith Evans Community Library (Laona) director Cynthia **Lemerande** has taken a position as director of the Wabeno Public Library. She replaces Kim **Geitner** who resigned at the end of 2016. Justine **Paulson** announced her resignation as director of the Withee Public Library in early February 2017. Last week, the Withee Public Library Board of Trustees hired Anne **Martin** (Loyal, WI) as her replacement.

Sepnafski drew the board's attention to the lengthy 2016 WVLS Staff Report.
**Cain/Jopek motion to accept the 2016 WVLS Staff Report as presented. All aye.
 Motion carried.**

PLSR workgroups took a hiatus over the holiday season and are now getting back to work. Workgroup leaders and facilitators, along with members of the Steering Committee and DPI Liaisons, met Friday, January 20, at the Fitchburg Public Library to review the work plan for the final phase of the PLSR process.

2016 LITA Conference: (Exhibit 13) **Christman** and **Hamland** attended the Library Information Technology Association (LITA) Forum in Ft. Worth, TX on November 1-20, 2016. They thanked the board for the opportunity and provided a brief overview of the more detailed report included in the board packet. **Christman** further elaborated on a recent scam alert from the Wisconsin Innovative Users Group.

WLA LD&L Committee; 2017 Library Legislative Day: (Exhibit 14) **Wendt** will represent WVLS and facilitate upcoming Legislative Listening Sessions scheduled with Senator **Tiffany** and Representative **Swearingen** at the libraries in Minocqua and Eagle River on January 23, and at Tomahawk Public Library on January 25 where a special half hour devoted to library issues has been offered by Senator Tiffany and Representative **Felzkowski** (formerly Czaja). In addition, 36th District Representative Jeff **Mursau** will attend the Forest Co. Library Board meeting at the Potawatomi Cultural Center Library and Museum on the evening of January 23 for conversation and presentation of his *Libraries Transform!* poster. The Wisconsin Library Association is actively promoting these 2017-2019 Wisconsin Biennial Budget requests for state library funding: an additional \$1.5 million for public library system aids (emphasis on supporting local libraries in the areas of broadband access, workforce development and lifelong learning); cost to continue funding for core state library services including BadgerLink, Newsline for the Blind and the four statewide resource contracts (Cooperative Children's Book Center, Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library, and inter-library loan access to Milwaukee Public Library and UW-Madison collections). A requested statutory language change would allow expenditure from the WISEdash and WISEdata programs for public library related collections and data maintenance as well as for public schools. Library Legislative Day is February 21. Board members expressing interest so far are **Ackerman, Backus, Grunseth, Olszewski, and Otten**. WVLS supports a scholarship to assist a library staff member who has not previously attended Library Legislative Day with expenses.

WVLS CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURE FORM: (Exhibit 15) Copies of the 2017 Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Form were distributed for board members to update.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Pechura reported on behalf of **Otten, Younger** and herself as Nominating Committee that **Bobrofsky, Lay** and **Otten** are nominated to continue the offices of President, Vice President and Treasurer respectively with **Knuth, Grunseth, Pechura** and **Rosenberg** rounding out the Executive Committee.

ELECTION OF 2017 OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Backus/Olszewski motion to approve the slate of officers and Executive Committee members as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

CONCERNS, COMMENTS AND REPORTS FROM AREA LIBRARY PERSONNEL AND TRUSTEES: **Jopek** mentioned that Shawano County is reported to be considering reorganizing library service as a consolidated county library. **Olszewski** shared more information about the new Withee Public Library Director, who starts January 23, and the library's newspaper project open house. **Backus** shared information about the eBird website <http://ebird.org/content/ebird/>. **Wendt** gave a reminder that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction primary election is February 21 and those planning on attending Library Legislative Day should arrange for absentee ballots.

WESSLER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: Having previously noted the donation to honor the memory of H. Barbara Schmoekel per the Director's Report, there was nothing further to report.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: 2016 WVLS annual report.

SELECTION OF DATES FOR 2017 BOARD, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, V-CAT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS: (Exhibit 16) The dates selected for WVLS Board meetings are March 18, May 20, August 19, and September 16, with the November date to be determined at the March meeting. Executive Committee and V-Cat Steering Committee dates are yet to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT:

Grunseth/Pechura motion to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Adams Wendt, Meeting Recorder