

## **Association of Bookmobile & Outreach Services**

Board Meeting

October 10, 2008

University Plaza Hotel, Columbus, Ohio

### **Present:**

President - Theresa Gemmer

Vice President, President Elect - Jody Olivieri

Treasurer - Edith Isele

Board Members - Erica MacCreaigh, Jan Meadows, Karen Wiedman, Martha Buckner, Maryanne Marjamaa, Tena Wilson

### **Absent:**

Secretary – Christine Gibson

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by President Theresa Gemmer.

Preliminary receipts from the hotel for the conference show a profit of \$10,000 for the association. The exhibits reception and all member luncheon/meeting on Friday are being paid for by the association for the first time and this is included in the profit amount.

### **Old Business:**

The Bookmobile Guidelines revised in 2006 were never officially approved.

Motion was made by Jan Meadows to approve the 2006 Bookmobile Guidelines.

Seconded by Karen Wiedman. All in favor, none opposed.

Martha Buckner chairs a committee reviewing our current bylaws. They need additional work before being presented to the membership. The current bylaws were necessary to allow incorporation 501C3 status. Revisions of the bylaws would give us workable rules. Members will be asked to vote to accept the new bylaws at the same time they are asked to get rid of the old bylaws. Martha does not feel this can be done at the time of our annual election, which will be November 10, but hopes to have a revision ready for a vote by the end of the year.

Erica MacCreaigh, Jan Meadows and Karen Wiedman will be leaving the Board at the end of the year.

### **New Business:**

The Association of Bookmobile @ Outreach Services is now an affiliate of the American Library Association. Satia Orange, Director of Literacy & Outreach Services of ALA, spoke about the benefits of affiliation with ALA. Affiliation will cost ABOS \$110.00 per year, Satia Orange is our official liaison. The official address for ABOS will be the address of the ABOS President for the year and ABOS will be listed in the ALA handbook of organizations. Satia distributed a handout of affiliation benefits. She emphasized how important it will be to honor ALA guidelines. The president of ABOS will be invited to all special events at ALA and will receive free registration. The main benefit of affiliation is that ABOS is now a part of the vision of ALA. Theresa indicated ABOS will have a budget for a display at ALA next year.

Theresa Gemmer reported on her attendance at the Association for Small & Rural Libraries annual conference in Sacramento, California, in September. Many ABOS libraries are small and rural, and we have held joint conferences with this group in the past. Theresa went at the request of Bernard Vavrek, Director of the Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship at Clarion University, who was retiring. During the conference, Theresa was asked to endorse the Rural Compact, a set of principles for building stronger rural communities and a stronger nation. Theresa will ask the ABOS membership to support this initiative. We will support ASRL with a membership template on our web site. Theresa was asked by Mr. Vavrek to start a Journal of Bookmobiles similar to the existing ASRL journal but did not feel we should commit our organization to this endeavor at this time.

Discussion was given to creating a network of mentors via our ABOS web site. We want to have a “go to” list and a list of speakers. Motion was made by Edith Isele to create a network of mentors and speakers. Seconded by MaryAnne Marjamaa. All in favor, none opposed.

MaryAnne Marjamaa proposed and moved we get a corporate membership to ASRL. Seconded by Martha Buckner. All in favor, none opposed.

Discussion was held on the process for giving conference refunds. A clear statement on refunds will be included in future registrations as will a release form for photos taken during conference events. Clarification will also be given for how many people may register for the conference under one membership.

Observers to the board meeting were asked if they wanted to address the Board. No one wished to be heard.

MaryAnne Marjamaa chaired the long range planning committee this past year and spoke about the issue of timeliness. Information from the evaluations of the yearly conference need to be collated and distributed to the officers and board. Jody Olivieri and Martha Buckner presented the need for an active web site with job descriptions, checklists, and procedures. Jody will prepare a 2009 conference schedule with deadlines for all responsibilities.

Clarification was given that the nominating committee chair, not the ABOS secretary, is responsible for the annual election which will be electronic. MaryAnne wants it made clear to people who are nominated as officers and board members that they are making a serious commitment.

Theresa wants to have a conference call in the next month and all present were asked to submit their best available times. Theresa is pleased that our present structure with a Vice President/President Elect allows for mentoring so the next president is ready on January 1.

At 9:15 AM, Jan Meadows moved we adjourn. Seconded by MaryAnne Marjamaa. All in favor.

Submitted by Karen Wiedman, October 15, 2008