



ABOS Annual Board Meeting Minutes

Everett, WA

October 7, 2009

9:00 am

Present

Jody Olivieri, President

Karri Marshall, Treasurer

Kathleen Butzen, Secretary

Kathy Totten, Vice President/President Elect

Edith Isele, Past Treasurer

Margie Brumm, Board Member 2009-2010

Pattie Johnston, Board Member 2009-2010

Brad Thomas, Board Member 2009-2010

Theresa Gemmer, Past President & 2009 Conference Committee Chair

Martha Buckner, Board Member 2008-2009

Mary Anne Marjamaa, Board Member 2008-2009

Absent: Tena Wilson, Board Member 2008-2009

Call to Order and Welcome

- Jody Olivieri called the meeting to order and welcomed all to the 2009 ABOS Annual Meeting and Conference.
- Jody Olivieri welcomed special guest, Miguel Figueroa, Director, Office for Diversity & Spectrum and Acting Director, Office for Literacy and Outreach Services of the American Library Association. Mr. Figueroa shared ALA President, Camila Alire's initiative emphases – grass roots advocacy and family literacy.
- Jody Olivieri introduced Michael Swendrowski, Chairman of the ALA Subcommittee on Bookmobiles. Mr. Swendrowski talked about the success of Bookmobile Sunday at the ALA Conference in Chicago. He reminded members to continue to support and follow author, Tom Corwin and his, *Behind the Wheel of a Bookmobile* project. Mr. Swendrowski shared the webpage, <http://bookmobiletravels.com>. Mr. Swendrowski invited all to attend the ALA Bookmobile Subcommittee meeting on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 6:00 pm where members can join the discussion about this year's Bookmobile Sunday at ALA in Washington D.C and begin making plans for the first ever National Bookmobile Day on Wednesday, April 14, 2010.
- Theresa Gemmer welcomed all to Everett, WA and then gave a brief overview on what to expect during the next few days.

- Pattie Johnston passed the “Crown” to the longest serving member working in Outreach Services. Barbara Adrianopoli was crowned the Queen of Outreach.

Annual Overview

- Jody Olivieri advised members that the proposed revised By-Laws are now on the webpage for members to review. The revisions were made in an effort to have consistency in wording, clarity of board positions and responsibilities and to use correct verbiage to bring us in compliance with our tax exempt 501(c) 3 status.
- November 10-17 there will be a Survey Monkey poll sent out via the discussion list asking members to approve the revised By-Laws. For the By-Laws to be accepted, there needs to be a 2/3 majority of voters to agree to the revisions. Also on the ballot, members will be asked to vote on candidates running for the 2010 Board.
- Nominations are open for the 2010 Board for Vice President/President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and three members’ at large positions. The current slate of nominees are- Mary Anne Marjamaa and Martha Buckner (Vice President/President Elect,) Kathleen Butzen (Secretary,) Edith Isele (Treasurer,) Terry Sterling, Cindy McFadden, Rita Kadavy, Willow Gale, Theresa Gemmer and Katherine Clipp, all are running for one of three open member at large positions. Jody Olivieri asked all to stand and be acknowledged.
- Another issue the Board is working on is the new membership categories which is in the process of being updated and will be presented to the members for a vote on the ballot in November.
- Jody Olivieri advised that she is continuing to work on the 501(c) 3 processes. She is also working toward securing bonding for the president and treasurer of our organization.
- Jody Olivieri reported that our current membership is down to 244 members from 285 last year, partially due to BCR weeding the membership list of old members. But, she anticipates an increase in membership from the efforts of the membership and marketing committees along with the 2010 Joint Conference in Denver with the Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).

Treasurer’s Report

- Karri Marshall asked the members to refer to the Treasurer’s Report handout that can be found in the conference folder. She explained that the Board has three accounts; a checking account with Bank Of America which is used for day to day operational needs (supplies, grant awards, etc....) our BCR account which keeps track of our membership dues and conference costs and payments and our Edward Jones account which is for our money market and CD investments.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

- Kathleen Butzen read the minutes from the September 28, 2009 Board meeting.

Long Range Planning Committee

- Edith Isele presented the committee's report. The committee is planning three years out and wants to increase networking with state libraries, including maintaining a networking list, all in an effort to increase membership and professionalism. Additionally, the committee will work on the Library Educational Units (LEUs) program (credits that are able to be earned through conference attendance,) expand corporate sponsorship, and will look for ways to secure government sponsorship.
- Mary Anne Marjamaa expanded on LEUs. Through the State of Indiana, we have been accredited to offer LEUs for some the sessions offered at this year's conference. Everyone is welcome to receive LEUs, but not everyone needs the LEUs. However, anyone attending the conference from Indiana please make sure to fill out the forms available at the qualifying sessions. The organization will keep a LEU data base for 5 years. Mary Anne Marjamaa acknowledged that this was the first year LEUs were available to members and that in future years, the organizational part of the program will be refined.

Closing Remarks

- Jody Olivieri took questions from the floor and then reminded members about the upcoming vote in November.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Submitted by Kathleen Butzen
ABOS Secretary
October 21, 2009