

Kansas Library Association
Amended Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Oct 21, 2010
Washburn University Memorial Union's Shawnee Room

The quarterly meeting of the Kansas Library Association (KLA) council was called to order at 1:05 pm by President, Emily Sitz.

Attendees: Cynthia Akers, Rob Banks, Nona Barton, Sue Blechl, Heather Braum, Jo Budler, Roger Carswell, Mickey Coalwell, Kathy Delker, Andrew Evans, Marc Galbraith, Cindi Hickey, Cindy Hittle, Connie Hocking, Bonnie Keim, Royce Kitts, Margaret Knecht, Joe McKenzie, Ann Pearce, Emily Sitz, Denise Smith, Ken Werne, Harry Willems,

Presentation: President Emily Sitz opened the meeting with introductions. She introduced Amalia Monroe-Gulick, Anschutz Library, Kansas University who provided an overview of her research for the American Library Association related to recruiting and retaining millennial members in library associations. Amalia's handout is attached to the minutes along with notes of a Council discussion based on questions posed by Amalia.

ACTION: Emily asked that the financial report be treated separately. After the financial report was removed from the consent agenda, Andrew Evans moved the consent agenda be approved. Kathy Delker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financial Report: Emily reviewed the financial reports in the absence of Treasurer, Cynthia Berner Harris. KLA now has a financial summary **prepared** in the context of the **line item** budget. Institutional memberships have exceeded the budgeted income. Emily is sending out renewal notices regularly. The Kansas Association of School Librarians (KASL) is providing a gift in reciprocation for advocacy efforts. Six of the regional library systems have made payments to support a lobbyist. Income YTD is \$22,509. The executive board is watching attorney fees very carefully, but the attorney had to be involved with a snafu in the coverage for the former executive director. In response to a question Emily explained that **the money of the** KLA sections and roundtables **was** kept in one pot with other KLA money but the records of section and roundtable balances were maintained. The deficit has been made up and the KLA balance is now in the black.

ACTION: Ken Werne moved that the financial report be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Denise Smith. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Kansas Library Association Educational Foundation (KLAEF) Report: Joe McKenzie reported KLAEF will be updating the scholarship application and adding it to the website. The foundation will fund the scholarships but KLA will write the checks. KLAEF wants to make this connection live so people will continue to support the foundation. The continuing education budget for this year was \$3000. A little over \$1000 has been spent so far. As awards are made the KLA treasurer will write the

award checks. There is currently a funding bias towards grants for attendance at the KLA conference. KLAEF is working on opening the scholarships for students at other library schools in addition to the School of Library & Information Management, Emporia State University. The board is also working to raise awareness around the state about the work of KLAEF and the KLA continuing education committee. They are also looking at using the KLA online store to collect donations for KLAEF.

Study Team Reports:

Models of organization: Rob Banks reported that the team meets online every two weeks. A survey was sent to Council and most members responded. The team is now working to put together a rubric for studying different styles of organization that meet identified needs.

Finance: Cindy Berner Harris provided a written report for the financial team report. Dues restructuring will be part of the team's consideration.

Membership Benefits: Cindi Hickey reported the team met twice online. Ken Werne and Cindi sat in on a poster session at the College and University Libraries Sections (CULS) conference and the experience pointed out the diversity of needs and expectations in the Kansas library community. The team is working on identifying librarian roles, types and sizes of libraries that will be targeted in interviews. They are also working on a question list.

ACTION: Emily asked the council to ratify the facilities agreement with Topeka & Shawnee County Library by the Executive Committee. Emily explained that executive committee had to act on the agreement by the August renewal date. Rob recused himself from the vote.

Roger Carswell moved that the facilities agreement with Topeka & Shawnee County Library be ratified. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Akers. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

ACTION: Emily asked that the Memorandum of Understanding between KLA and KLAEF that was discussed at the September online informational meeting being approved. The memorandum supports the relationship of KLA and KLAEF as being mutually supportive of a common goal. The memorandum was put together by attorney, Charles Engel. Emily and Cynthia attend foundation meetings. All provisions are to be reviewed annually.

Denise Smith moved that the Memorandum of Understanding between KLA and KLAEF be approved. Ann Pearce seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Governmental Affairs Committee Report: Roger Carswell explained that the focus for the year will be on local and regional legislative events. The push card was finalized and printed by Johnson County Library. It is also available electronically in PDF format. It will be distributed to all legislators and seeks restoration of state aid to 2009 levels

and continued use of Kansas Universal Service Funds for Kan-ed. The Kan-ed draft bill is not mentioned. The committee is concerned about the bill because it seeks to open up Kan-ed membership to additional classes with no request for additional funding. The push card does not include local library board authority because there are no current issues before the legislature. Even though state funding seems to be stabilizing there has been a reliance on stimulus funds that will go away. It is not likely that funding will be increased but that is the priority. Emily reminded everyone about Snapshot Day and asked Council members to work through their sections and roundtables to promote it.

Lobbyist Update: Six of the regional library systems have contributed funding for a lobbyist. An agreement with Jennie Adams Rose is close to completion. Jennie has several years of experience in Topeka. She is willing to do advocacy training with the council and in a conference session. Her middle level of service at \$19,200 is being considered. She prefers to work on an annual contract, which includes working with interim sessions with more and increased activity during the legislative session. The governmental affairs committee will have an orientation with Jennie on October 29th and she will begin work on November 1st. This will signal a shift of focus from a legislative day to year round efforts. Emily is waiting for reply to funding proposal for the lobbyist from the final regional system which will determine final funding level for the lobbyist.

ACTION: Emily asked for a show of support to work for a joint 2013 conference with KASL, the Kansas Association for Educational Communications and Technology (KAECT) and the Kansas Reading Association (KRA). This would involve moving the conference to the fall which would mean a fiscal year for KLA with no conference income. CULS and the Public Library Section (PLS) have agreed to move to a fall conference. Cynthia Akers polled the CULS membership and believes if the KLA conference is moved to the fall, CULS will move to the spring to avoid weather issues and conflicts with Association of College and Research Libraries conference. Some CULS members would like KLA to consider a joint CULS-KLA conference or adding a CULS day before or after the KLA conference. There was discussion of how profits would be split, some process for sharing the work of conference preparation and conference liability and planning to avoid past errors. Emily mentioned an e-mail in the form of an open letter from Mickey Coalwell to the Missouri Library Association proposing a joint conference in 2013-2014.

Denise Smith moved that council support our chair to pursue the 2013 conference to be a joint conference with KASL. The motion was seconded by Ann Pearce. A friendly amendment added KRA and KAECT to the motion. The motion was seconded by Ann Pearce. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

ACTION: Emily could not find anything in the by-laws revision indicating the disbanding of the New Members Roundtable (NMRT). The NMRT balance of approximately \$900 has been absorbed by KLA but no record exists of the transaction. Currently, the KLA bylaws include an appended list of sections and roundtables. Do you consider an appended list as part of the by-laws. The last membership was in 2009 with a roster of seven members, KLA bylaws require a minimum membership of ten. Emily had appointed Heather Braum as chair of NMRT before realizing that some action had been

taken to disband the roundtable. Based on the current conditions, Heather suggested that she join the existing membership committee chaired by Ken Werne and serve as the new members representative for the committee. Emily suggested the KLA office will find a mechanism for getting new member information to Heather.

Roger Carswell moved to disband the NMRT and transfer the roundtable's assets to KLA. Kathy Delker seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Conference Reports: Emily sent out a final conference report for 2010 conference. In her work on the 2010 conference, Emily identified a need for a conference manual and she has started one. Currently, there is no contract for a conference location for 2013. Emily will appoint a futures group to look at conference locations for three years out.

Royce Kitts reported on arrangements for the 2011 conference. Jamie LaRue, Douglas County Libraries, Colorado will do the conference keynote and a virtual session. Tom Averill, Kansas author and author of *What Kansas Means to Me*, the Kansas Reads selection will provide the closing keynote. Royce asked the council to contact their vendors and request their participation at conference. Mickey asked council members to volunteer for the conference and to encourage their section and roundtable members to volunteer also. Mickey outlined the options for section and roundtable sponsorship of conference sessions. Emily said that KLA support staff, Bonnie Keim's hours would be increased for the conference.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Emily Sitz at 3:12 p.m.

Minutes prepared by KLA Recording Secretary, Cindi Hickey