

Public Library Section Business Meeting  
April 8, 2011

Introduction and welcome by current PLS chair, Ken Werne.

Additions to the agenda:

Mickey Coalwell asked to speak about KLA's goal for an all volunteer conference

Chris Rippel and Carol Barta asked to speak about the Small Public Library Award

Jeff Imparto moved to add the items to the agenda, Caleb May seconded. Motion carried.

Gail Santy presented the minutes of the 2010 Public Library Section Business Meeting. Kim Beets moved to approve the minutes, Laura DeBaun seconded. Motion carried.

Ken reported on the election of new officers. The election was held online, with 48 out of 89 members voting. Gail Santy was elected the new PLS Chair, Jeff Imparto the Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, and Diana Weaver the Secretary/Vice-Chair Elect.

Ken reported that PLS has \$4,506.00 in its account with KLA. We have been in a holding pattern to see what direction KLA would take in the past year. Ken will send the actual budget out electronically after KLA's strategic planning session. GeeGee Helms moved that Ken would send the budget out to the membership as proposed. Connie Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

There was a question about how KLA restructured their finances, and what was the current financial situation. Laura DeBaun replied that KLA was in the black and in a much better position than last year, especially since we are now essentially an all volunteer organization. She explained that all of KLA's cash assets are in the same bank account, but that the money "floats" as needed for expenses and cash flow.

Ken reported on the PLS survey. He intends to get the survey results posted on the PLS website. He mentioned that the ranking of the Continuing Education topics should drive the theme of the PLS retreat.

The PLS retreat was discussed. Keeping with the every-other-year tradition, 2011 would have been the year for a fall retreat. But this was not possible because of the uncertainty over finances. Many options were discussed including a fall conference for 2013, a fall retreat for 2011, some sort of hybrid conference with face-to-face meetings and a virtual track, a fall retreat 2012, or a spring retreat for 2013. Since KLA will be changing to a fall conference, this will affect when PLS will have their retreat. Another suggestion was for a virtual conference with "watch parties" in each of the systems. Many expressed the view that face-to-face interactive was more preferable to "just sitting in a chair."

Diana Weaver made the motion that PLS will sponsor a virtual conference in the fall of 2011 with library systems hosting watch parties for attendees. In addition, PLS will sponsor a traditional face-to-face retreat in the Spring of 2013. Gee Gee Helms seconded. Motion passed.

A suggestion that the Spring retreat be held further west received cheers.

Ken will send out a survey to determine the best date for the fall conference.

Ken reported that PLS sponsored this year's conference Virtual Track and thanked Cindi Hickey for all

her work.

The KLA executive board is planning a retreat to determine its strategic plan. Following that, PLS can proceed on its own plan. Members of the strategic planning committee are:

Diana Weaver  
Dalene Hawthorne  
Gail Santy  
Ken Werne  
Pat Clements  
Jeff Imparto  
Cindi Hickey  
Chris Rippel

Carol Barta and Chris Rippel spoke about the KLA/Auto-graphic Small Public Library annual award for excellence in small public libraries. The intent of the award is to give respect to the work of small public libraries and to showcase their services. Chris and Carol encouraged everyone to think about their library and their services, and to consider applying for the award.

Mickey Coalwell asked for help in sponsoring and suggesting programs for next year's KLA Conference, which will again be all volunteer. Kim Rutter made the motion to empower Gail Santy to form a committee to decide what programs PLS could sponsor and to have a PLS member do introductions for speakers. This would also be a good way to promote our organization. Jeff Imparto seconded. Motion passed.

Roger Carswell gave a legislative report and update. He gave thanks and kudos to Jennie Rose for her help with KLA's lobbying efforts this year.

Jeff Imparto made the motion to adjourn, Sue Blechel seconded. The meeting was adjourned.