

Minutes
LAMS Board Meeting
February 24, 2006
Hege Library, Guilford College

Present: Wanda Brown, Mary Ellen Chijioke, Kem Ellis, Alan Keely, Rebecca Moore, Raye Oldham, Peggy Quinn, Mary Sizemore, Sue Williams
Absent: Dan Swartout

The Library Administrators and Managers Section (LAMS) of NCLA met at Hege Library on the campus of Guilford College, February 24, 2006, convening at 10:00 a.m.

Section Chair, Mary Sizemore, opened the meeting and Mary Ellen welcomed the group to the Hege Library and Guilford College.

Treasurer's Report

After a discussion and consulting the NCLA website for the most recent treasurer's report, it was determined that the LAMS budget carries a balance of \$2,557.98. This figure does not include \$800+ that is probably income resulting from membership renewals received since January 2006.

LAMS at 2005 Biennial Conference Report

Of the four planned events, three were held and one was cancelled.

The pre-conference event, "Planning and implementing a needs assessment" was judged to be a success with 20+ attendees enjoying an interactive program.

The joint Circulation/Personnel luncheon was a well-organized event despite attendance that was lower than expected. Because the all-conference luncheon was scheduled on a prime day, this caused great competition among other hosted luncheons to attract attendees. This event has been very successful for LAMS in the past, but the thinking is to tweak it a bit for the next conference.

It is proposed that we consider changing the format of this event from a luncheon to a reception-type event, in mid-morning, with a light breakfast/brunch, and seeking sponsorship to cover the cost in lieu of not charging an admission fee. The table-top format could still be encouraged, but with a more relaxed atmosphere.

"Bruce Lee for Managers" presented by Jay Stephens from Rockingham County was a qualified success with very positive feedback received.

Report from NCLA Executive Board Meeting

Raye Oldham attended the meeting which was the first of the new biennium under President Robert Burgin's leadership. A big emphasis for the biennium will be to increase organizational membership by 15%. Sue Williams is our representative to the Membership Committee's online roundtable. Phillip Barton, President-elect, is the Conference planning chair for 2007 in Hickory. The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for April 28.

Action items: Raye will forward minutes of the meeting to the LAMS Board. Additionally, Mary Ellen shared that she will be updating the LAMS Bylaws, which are posted on the NCLA website. Also, Alan solicits any documents we may have in our possession that are suitable for posting to the LAMS website on the NCLA server. The website would benefit from more content.

Off-Year Programming

It was proposed that we offer "regional" programming – the same event in at least two locations, and that we sponsor the event alone – without other section or roundtable assistance.

A productive discussion ensued of possible program topics:

- Productive aging programming; sponsoring more programs at our institutions for the older generation
- "Institutional Relevance" or how do we as professionals remain relevant – in our library, to our jobs, in our community?
- Loss of leadership (due to retirements). Suggestion: Bring Directors together with the purpose of mentoring newer leaders, call it "Meal with a Mentor" and have as a table talk format.
- "It's a Wonderful Life" or the very scary thought: What would our world be like without libraries and librarians?
- Marketing library services
- Service; Leadership topics
- Communication/Listening skills

Consensus favorite topic: "Rules of Engagement" – Communication and listening skills with the added angle of mediation.

Action Items for off-year programming:

- Mary Ellen will check with her contact (mediation)
- ALL: Explore ideas on the topic of communicating, listening, focusing on various audiences – co-workers, patrons, supervisors, those we supervise -- talk to people for ideas and try to get names of potential presenters

- Contact others for collaboration ideas on a possible second workshop for the off-year i.e., Kathy Crowe of UNC-G, Robert James, Leadership Institute; Both Kathy and Robert earlier approached LAMS for joint sponsorship of an event.

Next LAMS Meeting

A meeting is scheduled tentatively for Wednesday, April 26, at High Point Public Library with Kem Ellis.

Adjournment

We adjourned to a delicious lunch hosted by Mary Ellen before departing for the day.

Submitted,

Peggy Quinn
Secretary/Treasurer LAMS