

PLS Minutes - 3-19-2021

Virtual

Present: Sandra Lovely, Laura Highfill, Rachel Webb, Lindsey Shuford, Decca Slaughter, Jeffrey Hamilton

Sandra called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone,

Minutes

The minutes from the February 19 meeting were reviewed. Laura made a motion to approve, and Lindsey seconded the motion which passed.

Revised Minutes from NCLA Executive Board

Sandra said that they were approved on March 3 and set the fees for the conference.

Directors' Reports

None at this time.

New Business - Conference Planning

Sanra said that programs have been confirmed including:

- Jenna Mayhem - Special Needs panel
- NC Cares - Will be a regular session
- Sandra reached out to Jessical London (Durham County LGBTQA Committee) to ask if she had any recommendation for speakers for a program and was waiting for a reply.

Lindsey reported that she is working on a pale for the Unexpected Changes (COVID related) panel. She also heard back from Patrice Gopo who is interested in presenting an author session.

Decca said that the conference planning group said that the conference will mostly be virtual with a few in person events including the President's Dinner, All Conference Luncheon (both at the Benton), and All Conference Reception (maybe at the Benton). The platform has been selected along with SELA, and a two year contract was signed for best rate. The conference will be a joint one with SELA. Session recordings will be kept for 6 months, and then NCLA will put them on their website. Program proposals are due March 16. There will be a virtual keynote speaker. Section can have virtual author events. There will be no author luncheons. All PLS sessions will be viruta and can be pre-recorded or live. There will be 5-6i PLS programs.

Sandra said that she received an email from Rachel Olsen asking about sections offering scholarships to students (NCLA and SELA) since the State Library is offering to library staff. The PLS budget is in good shape. A motion was made by Decca to offer 10 scholarships at \$25 for a total of \$250. The motion was seconded by Rachel and passed unanimously.

Recruiting PLS Volunteers

Rachel sent out an invitation to PLS members to ask if they were interested in serving on a PLS committee and got a good response. They will be sorted by committee. An acknowledgment will be sent to the request and a committee chair will reply to the person. Rachel will be the point person for the Marketing Committee. April and Marian will be point people for the Circulation Committee.

Sandra said that she heard from Deanna Cunningham from Alamance County who is interested in Programming/Marketing. She also heard from a student who is interested in Circulation. She will pass information on to Committee Chairs. Sandra said that she is very pleased with the response from the PLS membership to serve on committees.

State Library Update

Jeffrey said that there is a new round of CARES grants which are due May 1. The grant amount is \$500-1500/branch and is for cleaning, personal protective equipment, and digital inclusion. Information is posted on the State Library website.

The Chapel Hill Public Library is a finalist for the National Medal from IMLS. The last recognition for the award was Cumberland County in 2017.

The next meeting will be April 16 at 10:00 on Zoom.

As there was no further business, Sandra adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Sherif, Secretary