



PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

23 July 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

207 Hillman Library: University of Pittsburgh

Executive Board Present: Leslie Eibl, President; Carrie Wardzinski, President-Elect; Margarete Bower, Past President, Ryan Splenda, Secretary; Jennie Crowley, Treasurer; Nancy Flury-Carlson, Director; Sharon Palchak, Director.

Committee Members Present: Lynn Berard, Partner & Community Relations; Chris Heil, Awards; Rachel Callison, Web Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

Leslie Eibl brought the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was emailed prior to the meeting and distributed at the meeting. It was approved without any changes. Chris Heil moved to approve the agenda, and Carrie Wardzinski seconded.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the February 24, 2015 board meeting at 207 Hillman Library were approved after corrections were made to the wording of the pooled, total, and reserved funding sections. Carrie Wardzinski moved to approve the revised minutes, and Chris Heil seconded.

V. OFFICER REPORTS

President (Eibl): Provided an update to the action items of the previous meeting. The shadowing article was published in the May issue of *The Confluence*. One person expressed interest (Bryan McGeary – Library Specialist at Hillman Library). Two potential projects were discussed with Bryan; 1. Digitizing the *Confluence* and 2. SWOT analyses of other associations. Leslie spoke with the liaison librarian to the iSchool about fall orientation. There was no word on this. Our chapter elected not to participate in the Sierra Learn webinars offered by Tom Nielsen.

President-Elect (Wardzinski): The tour of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary event was attended by 30 people. The talk with ALA President, Courtney Young was attended by 22 people. SLA Annual was attended by 8 members of the Pittsburgh Chapter.

Past President (Bower): No Report.

Treasurer (Crowley): The Pittsburgh Chapter's 2nd Qtr. (7-10-15) pooled statement sits at \$6,685.66. The next statement is coming on October 10, 2015. Our checking account stands at \$3,562.45 (this includes the \$95 that we made from the ALA Courtney Young event). We don't yet know if we are receiving our allotment from HQ. We spent \$765.81 this year, so we are minus \$670.81 this year so far.

Secretary (Splenda): No report.

VI. COMMITTEE TEAM REPORTS

Member Relations Team

Awards (Heil): Awards is waiting to find out if money is available for them this year. It would be a total of \$450 that we spend this year if we go ahead and have the awards. Also, they are waiting to hear when the Annual Business Meeting will be held.

Employment (Wardzinski): No Report.

Membership Data (Watson via Wardzinski): No Report.

Communications Team

Archives (Beck via Eibl): No report.

Confluence (Hyatt & Eibl): The May issue of The Confluence is up and available.

Discussion List (Watson via Wardzinski): No report.

Website (Callison): There were problems with (all of) the websites during the Annual conference, but it was addressed. SLA HQ indicated they were going forward with a new platform for websites (chapters/divisions) to replace HostGator but no company has been named yet for that platform.

Partner & Community Relations Team

Mentoring, Networking & Consultations (Berard & Callihan): No report.

Student Groups (Doolittle via Eibl): No report.

Program & Events Team (Wardzinski): No report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

No report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. SLA Board of Directors Meeting and Vote: Leslie Eibl gave a summary of the actions of the SLA Board of Directors. Everyone received the initial SLA Recommendations Report from the change consultants in May of 2015. We submitted feedback from our Chapter thanks to Carrie drafting a document that she sent to SLA HQ. On July 10, 2015 there was a revised Recommendations Report that was released, as well as a Roadmap for the Future of SLA report that explains implementing the changes that the change consultants have suggested in the revised Recommendations Report. The SLA Board of Directors held a Town Hall meeting on July 14, 2015 where they voted to receive the original Recommendations Report, they voted to approve the revised Recommendations Report and the Road Map for the Future of SLA report, and they voted to hire the change consultants to implement the Road Map. Some of the notable changes include putting the Leadership Conference in January on hiatus (some discussion of maybe making it a virtual conference) as well as enforcing Chapter reporting more strictly. The Board is waiting on the implementation plan and there is no timetable for implementation.

B. Officer Elections & Timeline: Carrie Wardzinski talked about our Chapter not being compliant with officer elections. SLA HQ now requires new officers to be elected (sign the paperwork, etc.) by October 1 of that year. Carrie asked if there was any leeway with regard to this, and SLA HQ encouraged us to have everything completed by 10-1, but suggested that if we had everything completed by 11-1 and crept up to 10-1 by next year (2016) that we would be okay.

Action Item: Carrie Wardzinski made a motion to have officer elections completed and all paperwork finished by 11-1-2015 this year and by 10-1-2016 for next year. For 2016, we need to fill the following positions: Treasurer, President-Elect, and Director. Lynn Berard seconded this and everyone present voted in favor. The motion was passed.

The Officer Elections move effects the Annual Business Meeting date and time. With this change, we can no longer vote for new officers at the Annual Business Meeting. In order to deal with this, Jennie Crowley discussed moving the Officer Elections to an online environment. She also suggested moving the Annual Business Meeting up to November this year.

Action Item: Jennie Crowley made a motion to move the 2015 Annual Business Meeting to early November. Leslie Eibl seconded and everyone present voted in favor. The motion was passed.

Action Item: Jennie Crowley made a motion to send out an email to the Chapter for nominations for awards this year (2015). Carrie Wardzinski seconded and everyone present voted in favor. The motion was passed.

Action Item: Jennie Crowley made a motion to send out a call for nominations for the open officer positions: Treasurer, President-Elect, and Director. Carrie Wardzinski seconded and everyone present voted in favor. The motion was passed.

C. SLA Recommendations Report & Finances: We had an extensive discussion of many of the points within the SLA Recommendations Report and the Road Map for the Future of SLA. No final decisions have been made yet by SLA HQ, but some of the points that were discussed included the potential for Chapter units no longer receiving allotments, the idea of taxing the Chapter units' funds (taking money from Chapter funds), and the idea of taking a loan out against the Chapter unit funds and repaying it back later after selling the SLA HQ building. Some other discussion topics included SLA HQ wanting to receive 50% of sponsored events from Chapters, getting rid of student rates and student members, and getting rid of the tiered dues structure and replacing it with a flat fee of \$200. Carrie mentioned the possibility of dropping down to a Caucus, but questions arose about potentially having to forfeit our bank accounts.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Leslie Eibl made a motion to adjourn at 7:58PM. Chris Heil moved and Carrie Wardzinski seconded.