Monthly AzLA Board Meeting Summary

Date: February 9, 2024  
Time: 10:00 AM Arizona  
Location: Zoom  
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Call to Order and Welcome Lisa Lewis  
Roll Call of Voting Board Members

☐ Lisa Lewis, President  
☒ Karly Scarbrough, President-elect  
☒ Terry Lawler, Secretary  
☒ Ruth Hewitt, Treasurer  
☒ Gloria Moreno, Central Representative  
☐ Bob Diaz, Southern Representative  
☒ Debbie Winlock, Northern Representative  
☐ Amber Kent, MPLA Representative  
☒ Liz Garcia, ALA Councilor

Board Reports

Presentation and Approval of Minutes, Terry Lawler  
Summary of the January 2024 meeting were sent via email. Motion to approve was made by Debbie and seconded by Karly. All approved. Motion carried.

Review of Financials, Ruth Hewitt  
Shared Chase Acct. and Investment account totals and membership dues totals. Lisa reiterated the Chase Acct. is still off because of the AZ on Track grant that will be going back.

President, Lisa Lewis  
UofA Center for Rural Health mini-grants are still going on through May. Dept of Energy Project is up in full swing with the first community discussions happening next week in Busby. Have a mtg with Charles Swab re: investment accounts and operational accounts split to hire a webmaster.

Tucson Festival of Books discussion - touched base on whether to have a booth at the festival. Erin (MMO) had gotten an email asking if we were interested. Erin (Legislative) mentioned we could partner with the Pima County booth and offered some options for participation. She will be attending one day to spread the Unite Against Book Bans info. Karly suggested we try to have a booth next year. Holly mentioned it will be time to sign up right at the end of the current year. Erin (Legislative) will get cost info for the booth. Lisa suggested a shared booth with the State Library.
State Librarian, Holly Henley - Digital Equity Update - Thanked everyone who looked at the plan and gave feedback. They really are listening. Libraries play such a critical role in digital equity, our voices are important. Round tables will continue on a monthly basis. Continuing process. Plan is being finished by Commerce Authority with the feedback incorporated. Once it is approved, we will know how much funding will be available and what the options are for funding. State is staying involved to see what role they will play (examples Large grant with subgrants, or large programs)
Affordable Connectivity, Feb 7th was last day. Households who applied will continue to receive their benefits until funding runs out. Projecting it will run out in April.
State Libraries has lots going on this month.
In Person What's New Workshops were very well attended last week.
Summer Reading Workshops are in March, Tucson (27), Tempe (28), Flagstaff (29)
Early Literacy Summits coming as well. Check website for info.
Look at online training as well!
Save the date for Az Genioly Day, still taking content if you’d like to have a slide for your library’s resources.
Megan - Announcement - Jamie’s Successor will be Chris Guerra, he wil start the 19th! He will keep the role of the state data coordinator and report to IMLS.

ALA Report, Liz Garcia - LibLearnX Jan 19-22 in Baltimore. Final numbers for the conference were low, possibly due to poor weather. Vendor floor was sparse this year. National Library Worker's Day is April 9th. Streamline of pricing for ALA is happening. Some are going down.
This may effect the combined student price for AzLA / ALA. Voted to modify the composition of the ALA Committee appointments. Intellectual Committee voted for all parties to uphold human rights in line with international law. Amended new bylaws, virtual council participation and core values.

LIBLEARNX is in Phx next year in January - AZLA should have a table there.

Central Representative Report, Gloria Moreno - Met with the Erins and Lisa and learning about AzLA

Northern Representative Report, Debbie Winlock - ALA president visiting Page Library in June.

Division Reports
Teacher Librarian Division, Jean Kliker - Needs assistance, have sent emails out asking for more assistance. Lots of good advocacy for librarians. Teachers have had an inkling about the bills being proposed. Some teachers have brought their classroom libraries to her and said they didn't want to be in trouble for anything.
Committee Reports

Legislative, Erin MacFarlane - AzLA Bill Tracking - If you click on the bills, it gives a summary, who sponsored it and where it is with regards to the process of becoming a law. Tracking several topics such as Public Money, Libraries, Teachers, etc. The tracker will allow for easier and faster sharing, through a weekly email. Or, could put a widget on the website where people can just click on it on the website. This would mean people would have to go to the website. Discussed pros and cons of each. The group decided to go with a widget on the website. Also discussed an advocacy page on the website.

SB1007 - Targets School Libraries - this bill is bad for libraries. SB1287 - exact same bill that also addresses Public Libraries. Both are vague and violations are a class 5 felony.

Membership, Marketing and Outreach, Erin Lorados - 2 main goals for year are 1) the revival of the newsletter - proposing it is members only. Creates special things for members. There is a jam board that can be shared where everyone can share ideas of what could be available on the newsletter. Advertising for a social media/newsletter coordinator to assist Donna and be point person for the newsletter. They will post on social media and send an email to all members. 2) Website - waiting on webmaster.

Professional Development Committee, Diana Flores - Last webinar was about Indigenous Librarianship. Well attended and lots of asks for more info. Yesterday's webinar was the Art of Saying No, very will attended. Coming up in March is LGBTQ+ outreach and community building. They are looking for representatives from School, Special and Tribal Libraries. Would like to send an email.

New Business

- Ad Hoc Intellectual Freedom Committee, Erin MacFarlane - The current committee doesn’t have the capacity to assist everyone asking for help. An Ad Hoc Committee could take over this task during this time of challenges and censorship. Discussed what it would look like and what they could do to help. Erin would not lead the committee but could help. Examples, sharing collection development policy, sharing some ALA info behind membership walls. Intellectual Freedom Book Resumes - helps with what the book is, reviews, awards, notable lists, and responses to challenges already brought forward. Could also put this info on the website in the advocacy page. We could also recruit at the conference this year. Karly reached out to Michael Valley???? for a pre-conference for October. Also highlight at lunch with a 2 minute lightning express talk and talk about micro activism.
● **2024 Conference Budget, Karly Scarbrough** - Went through 2023 actuals and projections for 2024 - 2023 profit was $6XXX. Food and beverage cost will go up a little bit. Keeping it at the same venue helps with knowing all costs. There will be some decreases in some places because of the 2 year contract. Projected revenue is $8750.
  ○ Erin asked if we could hire someone for professional headshots. Lisa mentioned goal to be financially secure, and would like to build up revenue before hiring someone. This will remain a volunteer position for now.
  ○ Anticipating all of the same vendors as last year. Hopefully a few new ones.
  ○ Terry Motion to approve, Gloria Seconded - all in favor, motion carried.
  ○ Next Board mtg be prepared to vote on 2025/6 venue contract.

● **Update Conference Committee Responsibilities in By-Law, Lisa Lewis** - Formed the conference committees. Working on a logo, March 1st will be kickoff date, program proposals will open, Conference Committee bylaws have all conference duties in the bylaws. This is unusual and makes things more difficult, especially with the conference planner. Would like to remove the responsibility portion of the bylaws and work organically and allow for conference planners and allowing people to work on tasks based on their talent and interests as well. Theme is Rising to the Challenge.
  ○ Motion was made by Terry, seconded by Ruthie, all were in favor. Motion was carried.

**11:17 am Adjournment - Next Meeting: March 8, 2024, Online**