Monthly AzLA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 14, 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
☐ Vacant, 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, Karly Scarbrough Summary of the May 2024 meeting were sent via email. Motion to approve was made by Amber and seconded by Debbie. All approved. Motion was carried.

Review of Financials, Karly Scarbrough - See Report

President, Lisa Lewis (presented by Karly Scarbrough) Wade Stephens passed away a few weeks ago unexpectedly. Announcement on website coming and something at the conference. Have gotten inquiries about donating in his memory. Our sympathies go out to the Stephens family. BCBS has a grant geared towards mental health. Lisa is looking at possibilities. Award is up to $125K and would look at doing training and targeting youth. Would give out mini grants across the state.

State Librarian, Megan - See Report

MPLA, Amber Kent - See Report
**Division Reports**

**Grand Canyon Reader Award, Jean Kilker** - Discussed the need for more evaluators for the GCRA. The current books are advertised, and the voting will happen in the Fall.

**School Librarian Division, Jean Kilker** - Need more people in the group/distro email that gets sent out to members. Briefly discussed helping Jean get this list compiled during the meeting and chat. Jean and Tina need to coordinate about the email.

**Web Division, Tina Packard** - See Report

**Committee Reports**

**Professional Development, Cheryl Gerken** - Update about the two previous ProDev webinars, which were well-attended and well-received. Some of the webinars on our YouTube channel have over 150 views on YouTube, so members are going back in to watch them, which is excellent news. They have most of their schedule set for the rest of the year and appreciate the collaboration with Conference Programs for sessions that aren't accepted. That has helped them get lots of submissions. Karly also mentioned the L4L training she just did in Chicago and said we also needed to collaborate to get those scheduled.

**MMO Committee, Erin Lorandos** - Discussed the email requesting bios and headshots from the board. Reminded committee chairs to submit theirs as well. They are hoping these submissions will bring content for the newsletter.

**Conference Committee, Beth** - See Report

**Nominating Committee, Amber Kent** - Emails will be sent out with information about the upcoming election and in the July AZ State Library newsletter (call for nominees). The bylaws must be posted on the website before everything goes out. Tina will coordinate.

**New Business**

- **Board Retreat Documents - Karly Scarbrough** - Showed everyone where the Board Retreat documents are located (board and committee job duties), but discovered that the Google Drive isn't appropriately shared with everyone and needs cleaning up. Tina and Karly will meet to work on that. Karly will send out the document we worked on at the Board Retreat once it's organized.
- **GCRA Supplies** Jean said that Kerrlita has a surplus of GCRA supplies. It is pencils, and different stickers, and bookmarks. Kerrlita had proposed we post them for sale on the website, but all agreed not to do that. Some ideas- putting them into larger bundles, selling them for cash at the Conference, and reaching out to schools to see if they needed them.
- **Appointment of new Treasurer - Karly Scarbrough** - Marissa Daily was appointed as the new Treasurer.

11:17 am Adjournment - Next Meeting: July 12, 2024, Online
Report:

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State Library Report
LSTA 2024 Grants

- $832,674 was awarded in grants for 67 library projects in 12 Arizona counties.
- The award is made possible with federal Library Services and Technology Act funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services’ Grants to State program.
- Some of the projects funded by the grant include adaptive technology for people with disabilities, virtual reality experiences, Wi-Fi hotspot lending, content creation for aspiring writers, and providing telehealth in rural communities.
- For a complete list of funded projects, visit: https://azlibrary.gov/libdev/funding/lsta
- The Arizona Center for the Book at the Arizona State Library sponsors programs that highlight the state's literary heritage and calls attention to the importance of books, reading, literacy and libraries.

Great Reads from Great Places 2024 Selections

- The Arizona Center for the Book has selected one youth and one adult title by Arizona authors to represent the state at the 2024 National Book Festival: On the Verde River by Phoebe Fox published by the Friends of the Verde River and Brave the Wild River by Melissa Sevigny published by W. W. Norton & Company.
- Both titles will be part of the National Center for the Book’s Great Reads from Great Places program. Great Reads from Great Places features books and authors representing the literary heritage of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and Northern Marianas. For over 20 years this program has included a highlighted youth title from each affiliate center. In 2022, “Great Reads from Great Places” began including titles for adults for the first time.
- This year’s National Book Festival on Aug. 24 will be held in-person in Washington, D.C. but will include many livestreamed and recorded virtual programs celebrating books and authors.
- The National Book Festival Roadmap to Reading is made possible by the support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the National Endowment for the Humanities with additional support from Chief Officers of State Library Agencies.

Arizona Memory Project Informational Sessions

- From June to October 2024, the State of Arizona Research Library will host 5 online workshops to help researchers gain a better understanding of how to use the Arizona Memory Project:
  - Wednesday June 26, 11:00-11:30am: Newspapers
  - Wednesday July 31, 11:00-11:30am: Law
  - Wednesday August 28, 11:00-11:30am: Periodicals and Publication Sets
  - Wednesday September 18, 11:00-11:30am: Oral Histories
  - Wednesday October 30, 11:00-11:30am: Topics and Places

Summer Reading Adventures Have Begun

- “Adventure Begins at Your Library!” is the 2024 Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) theme we are using.
- The State Library is providing membership in CSLP and some of the basic supplies for all Arizona public libraries, using IMLS funding.
- We have new software for tracking reading this summer: Beanstack.
- Libraries and their Friends groups and other partners are supplying match for the IMLS funds by supporting staff, additional programming, and supplies.
- We’re looking to build on our statewide success from last year.
- 113,053 Participants Tracked Reading
- 103,749,238 minutes Total Minutes Read
America250
• America250 introduced America’s Field Trip, a nationwide scholastic contest designed to actively engage America’s youth in commemorating and celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Students grades 3rd to 12th were invited to submit artwork, videos, and essays articulating what America means to them.
• Winners will be announced soon. Other activities will be announced on the state and national levels. Watch the newsletters for opportunities to participate.

AzLA Membership, Marketing and Outreach Committee

Report for Board Meeting, June 2024
Submitted by Erin Lorandos, Committee Chair

Current Committee Members
Donna Throckmorton, Bob Diaz, Shelley Reddy, Debbie Winlock, Pam Galovich, Vanessa Crabtree

Recap
Big highlight for us this month was sending out the first call for newsletter articles. We’ve asked (individually) for articles/submissions from Board members, Committee chairs and members, Regional Reps. These will “seed” the newsletter, and we will also open up for AzLA members to submit content as well.

We are also working on ideas for engagement opportunities for Annual Conference, including coordinating “Lunch with Your Regional Rep” and “Lunch with the Committee Chairs” opportunities, head shots, resume reviews (with AZ@work) and hopefully a “Tell Your Library Story: Open Mic” opportunity to connect with and share with other AzLA members and conference attendees.

Future Plans
Continuing planning for newsletter and conference activities.

Action/Discussion Items for Board Meeting
Not at this time.
tween MMO and the new Webmaster. I’d like her to bring those up for discussion.

AzLA Professional Development Committee

Report for Board Meeting, June 2024
Submitted by Diana Flores & Cheryl Gerken, Committee Co-Chairs

Current Committee Members
Co-Chairs: Diana Flores and Cheryl Gerken
Academic Library: Chad Deets, Cheryl Gerken
Public Library: Lauren Clementino, Diana Flores, Peter Grant, Jeff Howick
School Library: Vacant
Special Libraries: Vacant
Tribal Library: Vacant
State Library Continuing Education: Melissa Kummen
Recap

Our May 9 webinar was Connecting through Collections: A Community-Centric Approach with Corie Cisco. Diana Flores was the moderator and Lauren Clementino served as Technical Director.

- YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06pK9yxFoAM
- Attendees: 128 registered, 62 attended (48%) +47 YouTube views (as of 6/10/24)
- Membership & library type: 68 members, 60 non-members (10 interested), 62 academic library, 35 public library, 6 archive/special collections, 13 school library, 2 tribal library, 12 “other”

Survey Report:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1b9E9MPPZqFgMKSeM4DqLROusgVwOWYCUgdCUhBmFmc/edit?usp=sharing

Sample comments:
- The creativity of the project was most valuable.
- Openness in sharing not only the process but the results of her collection building strategy. These featured collections are not just about acquisition mechanics but engagement and community participation. Very exciting.
- She was incredibly knowledgeable and this program is very exciting!
- It was great hearing about some of the featured collections that I was unfamiliar with.
- Notes for Committee: (none)

All webinar recordings are available on the AzLA YouTube Channel's Professional Development Playlist.

Future Plans

Summer is Upon Us! Extreme Heat Preparedness in Arizona

Date: June 13, 2024
Time: 1 pm
Registration Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DZrZsBrpSdmkDFXWRGlnUQ

Program Description:
Heat is the leading cause of weather-related fatalities and injuries across the country, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency. Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) reports the state is seeing longer periods of extreme heat, with Summer 2023 being the hottest summer on record resulting in over 4,000 heat related emergency department visits (Arizona’s Extreme Heat Preparedness Plan). Heat-related illnesses ranging from heat exhaustion to heat stroke contributed to over 3,200 in Arizona from 2012-2022 (ADHS).

Effective heat preparedness and response will require cross-jurisdiction collaboration, coordination, and communication. The proposed webinar will provide an overview of statewide heat preparedness efforts for the 2024 heat season as well as strategies for building heat resilience. Panelists will also share tools and strategies that can support library efforts in addressing community needs during extreme heat season.
Key attendee takeaways:
• Familiarity with heat risk data and planning documents provided by the AZ Governor’s Office (AZ Governor Heat Preparedness Plan) and ADHS (Heat Resilience: Shaping Arizona’s Future) including recommendations/action items from ADHS planning group meetings.
• Understanding the extreme heat early warning system tools provided by the National Weather Service.
• Identification of disparate challenges among rural and urban settings in responding to extreme heat.
• Understanding of new approaches to extreme weather mitigation, from “cooling centers” to “climate resilience hubs”.

Presenter Bios:

Mona Arora, PhD, MSPH (Facilitator)
Assistant Research Professor
Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health (MEZCOPH), University of Arizona
Mona is an Assistant Research Professor at the University of Arizona Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health where she teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Emergency Preparedness, Climate Change, and One Health. Her research focuses on building the public health capacity to address “wicked” public health challenges through the development of decision-support tools, enhancing science communication and translation, and integrating a health and equity lens to adaptation planning. She is the Principal Investigator for the Arizona Department of Health Services/Center for Disease Control and Prevention funded COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant – Advancing Health Equity, Addressing Disparities (AZ AHEAD) and Co-Principal Investigator for the nascent National Institute of Environmental Sciences (NIEHS-NIH) funded Southwest Center on Resilience for Climate Change and Health (SCORCH).

Tom Dang (Panelist)
Science and Operations Officer (SOO)
National Weather Service (NWS) Tucson Office, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Tom has served as the Science and Operations Officer (SOO) for the National Weather Service (NWS), Tucson Office, since 2015. He has over nine years of experience in forecasting and providing decision support services with NWS in Anchorage, AK (focus: marine and winter forecasting) and in Sacramento, CA, (focus: fire and winter weather forecasting) prior to his current position. Tom is an expert in geographic information systems (GIS), provides decision support to federal, state, and county officials related to emergency management, and received training in the Department of Homeland Security National Incident Management System (NIMS). He is particularly adept in communicating complex weather information to the general public using concise, easy-to-understand language.

Eugene Livar, MD (Panelist)
Chief Heat Officer & Assistant Director, Public Health Preparedness
Arizona Department of Health Services
Dr. Eugene Livar currently serves as Arizona's first Chief Heat Officer. In this role, he oversees the implementation of Governor Hobb’s Extreme Heat Preparedness Plan. He began his public health work at ADHS in 2012 as an epidemiologist assisting with state efforts covering border health and unexplained deaths. Prior to his current role, he held roles as Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) program manager, Office Chief of Disease Integration and Services, Bureau Chief of Epidemiology and Disease Control, and most recently, the Assistant Director of Public Health Preparedness. This role encompassed leading and overseeing six critical public health bureaus, the Bureaus of Emergency Medical Services & Trauma Systems, Environmental Health Services, Immunization Services, Infectious Disease & Services, Public Health Emergency Preparedness, and State Laboratory Services. His forward-thinking approach and commitment to public health preparedness continue to shape policies and initiatives aimed at safeguarding the well-being of Arizona's residents.

Amber D. Mathewson (Panelist)
County Librarian-Executive Director
Pima County Library
Amber Mathewson received a bachelor’s degree in Biological Sciences from Colorado State University and a master’s degree in Library Science from the University of Arizona’s School of Information Resources and Library Sciences. Ms. Mathewson has worked for the Pima County Public Library system for 33 years and has held her current position as Library Executive Director since October of 2016. She holds professional memberships in the American Library Association, Public Library Association, Mountain Plains Library Association, Arizona Library Association, and the Urban Libraries Council. Community involvement includes sitting on the boards of Literacy Connects and Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest, as well as membership in Women Leading Southern Arizona.