

Minutes for TLA District 2 Fall Meeting, September 24, 2019

Compiled by Catherine Urban

- **1:15 pm:** District 2 Chair Bob Smith called the meeting to order and a quorum was confirmed. The minutes from the 2018 Fall Meeting were approved.
- **TLA Interim Executive Director Joe Dahlstrom** made a brief report about the current status of TLA's search for a permanent Director and the upcoming 2020 Conference.
- **Treasurer's report:** Chair-Elect/Treasurer Catherine Urban reported on the status of District 2's finances. Due to issues with the TLA website, her request for the most recent report had been delayed and was not available at the time of the meeting. The finances for the 2018 FY were provided as a baseline for 2019's projected expenditures. It will be assumed that the revenues for the 2019 FY will be less than before and expenditures for the Fall Meeting will increase.
- **Councilor's report:** Councilor Kelly Hoppe issued a report on the latest issues discussed and actions taken during TLA Council. A handout with detailed notes was provided. TLA's finances are good and the Interim Director is focusing on maintaining TLA operations while providing for a smooth transition once a new Executive Director is hired. A small hike in TLA dues was proposed and passed during Council.
- **Formation of committees and elections:** Catherine Urban requested volunteers to sit on the reformed Stipend and Membership Committees. Cindy Wynia, Carol Winn and Kelly Hoppe volunteered for the Stipend Committee and Bob Smith, Madison Ferril, and Mary Hare volunteered for the Membership Committee. Catherine also asked for volunteers for the elected positions of Chair-Elect, Councilor, and Alternate Councilor. No names were volunteered at the time. Volunteers will be sought again in the winter before the February elections.
- **Old Business:** The project of updating District 2's bylaws and posting them to the new TLA website is ongoing. In the future a committee will be formed to review the old bylaws and update them before they are posted.
- **New Business:** The floor was opened for a discussion on the possibility of District 2 having another combined meeting with Districts 1 and 4 in 2020. Many of District 2's members were unable to attend the 2018 meeting due to a number of factors (scheduling conflicts, trip length, etc.), but many members like the idea of combined meetings. A future combined meeting might be more successful with more planning in advance and a date that falls on a weekday. Finally, members discussed the possibility of school and public libraries collaborating in the future to help students transition from high school to academic research.
- **Meeting Adjourned at 2:20 pm.**