

Call to Order at 3:15pm

Members in attendance: Catherine Urban, Leslie Whitaker, Terri Wilson, Josh Wilson, Mary Rausch, Shawna Witthar-Kennedy, Emily Gilbert, Kelly Hoppe, Madison Ferril, Carol Winn, Beth Vizzini, Kinsey Nicholson, Jacqui Haygood, Teresa Fluery, Vicki Decker, Deborah Skinner, Linda Perry

Executive Committee 2021:

- Leslie Whitaker – Claude (School/Public) Chair
- Madison Ferril – WT (Academic) Chair-Elect
- Josh Wilson – Councilor
- Cindi Wynia – Councilor-Elect

Other officers: Mary Rausch is Webmaster

Minutes from April 10, 2020 meeting are approved.

Finance Information and Discussion:

District 2 Financial Report: \$5621.62

- No money was spent last year. Adjust budget to allow more reimbursement for some online educational webinars.
- TLA Annual Assembly will be virtual for 2021.
- Proposal: Usually set aside \$900 (for up to \$300 for 3 people) to attend Annual Assembly. Since it is online, propose that we move the funds for 2021 to allow for more money elsewhere.
- Ask for suggestions on how/where to spend the money through a Google Form, or something like it.
- Have to submit budget to TLA in mid-May. Leslie and Catherine will meet to discuss budget, propose where to move the money to and then bring that back for a Zoom or e-mail vote.

Discussion on pandemic challenges/opportunities:

- Texas Tech library staff were only home for about 2 months. They have been asked, however, if they can work from home indefinitely. They are losing the building they are currently in and there is no place for them on their campus as of this meeting(!).
- WT staff has been rotating, full staff coming back soon and looking forward to entire staff returning!
- AC found the faculty who used their services were different than those that used their in-person.

- APL has noticed people starting to trickle in, but can be hard to get word out that the library is back open for (almost) full hours. See a difference in weekend traffic, for example.
- Hope we continue the momentum of connecting with Districts 9 & 6, as that was delayed due to the pandemic
- Kelly Hoppe suggested “Dine & Dish” sessions during lunchtime. She has been participating in one during the pandemic and has found it very helpful. It serves an educational and social purpose. Concurrence from the group that a virtual social hour with themed discussions would be welcomed, especially if it is kept as a more of casual “mingling” event with some networking thrown in.

TLA Ruminations:

- 2020 was difficult for TLA anyway, moving in addition to the pandemic. They also had a lot of technical issues with the “Members Only” section of the website, list-servs, etc.
- TLA back in person next year, but perhaps they will do a hybrid so people can attend sessions even if they can’t make it to the conference. Helps to attend multiple sessions as well.
- With TLA virtual, did miss the personal connections – especially meeting people that we wouldn’t have the opportunity to meet otherwise. Looking forward to even “standing in line for coffee” at the conference.
- District 2 list-serv still isn’t working. We will have to keep contacting TLA until it is fixed.

District 2 Recruitment/Retention:

- -Retention looks pretty good! District 2 didn’t really lose anybody on the roster; currently have about 80 people.
- Recruitment suggestion that we establish a relationship with District 16, possibly offer CE credits for school librarians in order to entice District 2 membership.
- Reminder that District 2 is for anyone associated with a library, doesn’t just have to be Master’s level librarians. Plus, a range of people is wanted/needed because various levels of experiences will create more well-rounded discussions and provide different points of view.

By-Laws Revision:

- The [Current bylaws/operating procedures](#) on file with TLA are from 2012. We need to update them.
- The Core structures won’t change, but one possible major addition is adding an official secretary.
 - People have always volunteered when one is needed, however, we have also had issues finding the minutes for prior meetings. Having a dedicated secretary position would negate these problems.

- Under the new laws, also proposed that Nominations Committee will be a possible ad-hoc committee, not a required committee.
- Process for updating by-laws:
 - Proposed changes have to be released to the membership; at least 30 days must be allotted for membership perusal. Then, the new bylaws can be put to a vote.
 - Once District 2 approves, then it is sent to the TLA Bylaws committee.
 - The TLA Bylaws committee only meets at Annual Assembly and Conference.
- We did have a Bylaws committee, but everyone rotated off in 2020.

New 2021 Bylaws Committee: Catherine Urban, Emily Gilbert, Leslie Whitaker, Madison Ferril, Terri Wilson, and Kelly Hoppe

- New Bylaws Committee can track changes to show what will be changing, send it out to membership, and have membership vote yes or no electronically.
- Annual Assembly is July 7-10. If we complete changes by the end of May, membership can have the month of June to look at the changes and then it can be sent to the Bylaws Committee in plenty of time for the Assembly.

Fall Meeting:

- We will plan for in-person meeting in the Fall, but offer a Zoom connection for those that cannot make it in person. This also allows us to switch to fully virtual if needed.
 - Generally plan the Fall meeting to be the same day as HUG (Harrington User Group), which is traditionally the last Tuesday in September. The agenda is conventionally organized with District 2 information first and then HUG in the late afternoon.