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Spring Fling 2000

Thursday, April 6
Flatwoods, WV

8 A.M.-Noon Registration

9-9:15 A.M. General Session

9:30-10:50 A.M.

■ **A.** Public Library Division Survey Results Regarding the Himmel & Wilson Study (sponsored by the Public Library Division)

■ **B.** Panel discussion with Sharon Saye, Director's Roundtable Chair; Dottie Thomas, First Vice President WVLA; Suzette Lowe, previous Public Library Division Chair; Pam Coyle, President WVLA. Discussion and commentary on the Public Library Division survey regarding the Himmel & Wilson study. Please bring your comments, concerns, etc. to share with the group.

9:30-10 A.M. Intellectual Freedom Committee Meeting

10-10:50 A.M.

■ **A.** Serving Distance Education Centers & Students Using Document Delivery and Electronic Resources (sponsored by the Academic Division)

Almost everyone seems to be jumping on the distance education bandwagon but how do libraries fit in? Distance students must have access to library services and materials no matter where they live. We will discuss both new and traditional ways of providing much-needed services to distance students. Presented by Lynne Edington, Public Services Librarian, Marshall University Graduate College.

■ **B.** Government Documents Roundtable

11-11:50 A.M.

■ **A.** The Joys and Problems of Small Libraries (sponsored by the Public Library Division)

If you work in a small library or you are a non-degreed librarian/director in your library, come prepared to have fun.

Get some Freebies! Make some friends!!!

Presented by Crystal Hamrick, Director/Librarian, Nutter Fort Public Library.

■ **B.** What's New in West Virginia & Appalachian Literature (sponsored by the West Virginia Literature Roundtable)

Gordon Simmons, Renaissance Bookstore, will present and discuss new publications dealing with West Virginia & the Appalachian Region. There will be a West Virginia Literature Roundtable meeting following this presentation.

■ **C.** ALA Council Update: Q & A

Your Councilor has the responsibility of sharing your views and issues with the ALA executive board and council. Find out what's happening with your national association and let your councilor know your concerns. Several resolutions were passed at ALA midwinter that may affect you and your library patrons. Q & A to follow. Presented by Monica Brooks, West Virginia's ALA Councilor.

■ **D.** Webbing the Library (sponsored by Automation Roundtable)

The Library catalog is available on the WWW. Now what other services can you add to your Library homepage to make it more useful to your patrons and community, not to mention the librarians?

Presented by Ron Titus, Electronic Services Librarian, Marshall University & Automation Roundtable Chair.

Noon-1:30 P.M. Lunch & visit the exhibits

1-1:30 P.M. Public Library Division Meeting

There will be a discussion of WVLA's Legislative Day what worked, what did not, what do we do next year, WVLC's strategic plan, what programs will be available at Fall Conference, what concerns you would like addressed.

1:30-2:20 P.M.

■ **A.** Basic Trustee Survival Skills, part 1 (sponsored by Trustee Division)

A library Trustee must strike a delicate balance between "good management" and "good library". This session is designed to provide a trustee with a process to frame decisions within these principles while at the same time maintaining their essential role as the voice of the community. A variety of activities are employed with the intended result of the trustee returning to their library with an increased understanding of the difference between policy and procedure. Presented by Eric Anderson, Director of OVAL (Ohio Valley Area Libraries).

■ **B.** Preservation: A Common Sense Approach (sponsored by Academic Division & Preservation Roundtable)

Kathleen Bledsoe, Special Collections Librarian, Marshall University, will discuss a common sense approach to preservation in all library settings; how to instill preservation awareness and good book handling skills in staff and customers; and tips on disaster preparation/recovery and minor repair projects. There will be a Preservation Roundtable meeting after this presentation.

■ **C.** Working Toward Your Board of Regents Degree, part 1 (sponsored by Library Development, West Virginia Library Commission)

This program is aimed for the non-degreed library staff who are interested in completing a 4-year undergraduate degree. Learn how you can use life experiences to gain college credit toward a degree by designing your portfolio. There will be plenty of time for questions & viewing sample portfolios of successful candidates. For more information contact Rebecca Van Der Meer at the WVLC.

■ **D.** Producing Audiobooks: A Session with Johnny Heller, part 1 (sponsored by Public Library Division)

Recorded Books, Inc. invites you to
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If I had but known...

Legislative Day 2000 is over, and as I reflect on the day, I am both pleased and tired. Pleased because of all the work that most of the public and academic libraries did to bring this day off. The displays were great and so imaginative—never doubt the future of all West Virginia libraries, when you can work together to complete these types of coordinated and cooperative efforts. *The Library Corporation* helped enhance the day's activities.

The television channels showed many of the displays to the general public and stated that libraries were in town to ask for more money for better libraries. The number of people visiting the exhibits was impressive.

The reception was well received and

the caterer, Sara White of Root Cellar Herbs and Mercantile did a fantastic job. Thanks to Karen Coria, a member of the West Virginia Library Commission, and Peggy Bias, director of the Putnam County Library for suggesting her. The SIRSI sponsorship of the reception was much appreciated.

Thanks also to the staff at the West Virginia Library Commission for lugging all that stuff over to the Rotunda. Dave Lewis and Dave McIlvain deserve your compliments for saving our backs.

This event takes a great deal of coordination of efforts. The Association needs to take a look at improving this event next year. We need to consider whether or not we want to do the "Library Day at the

Legislature" in the Rotunda, whether to have the reception the same day, etc. Some of the improvements that I would suggest now are

- 1) schedule the Day earlier in the session,
- 2) provide advance publicity to Delegates and Senators,
- 3) set up committees to help with each part of the Day,
- 4) start planning earlier, so that more meetings with coordinators could be scheduled.

Please send your suggestions to me, or to Dottie Thomas, or to JoAnn Calzonetti, as head of the legislative committee.

Thanks again for all the help from all of you!

WVLA Continuing Education Workshop on Genealogy

The WVLA Continuing Education Committee is sponsoring the first in a series of workshops across the state. This one will be on Genealogy Research and will be provided by West Virginia Archives and History staff during April and May at the following locations:

■ **April 5** - Wednesday - Raleigh County Public Library, Beckley

■ **April 12** - Wednesday - Cabell County Public Library, Huntington

■ **May 4** - Thursday - Bridgeport Public Library, Bridgeport

■ **May 10** - Wednesday - Martinsburg-Berkeley Public Library, Martinsburg

■ **May 17** - Wednesday - Ohio County Public Library, Wheeling

■ **May 24** - Wednesday - South Charleston Public Library, South Charleston

At all locations - except Martinsburg - the workshop will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with lunch from 11:45 am to 1:15 p.m.. (Lunch will be on your own and each location verified that there are eating places nearby.) At Martinsburg the workshop will be from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with lunch from 12:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Contact the location closest to you to reserve a spot - 20 maximum number.

Workshop sessions will provide informa-

tion on assisting the family history researcher, collection development to meet the needs of genealogists, types of materials needed and sources for these, arrangement and access to family history collections, research methods, and how to cope and survive those consumed by the avocation. Each workshop will include sessions on: "The Library and Genealogy: Why?", "Genealogy Research Methods", "The Basic Collection for West Virginia Genealogy Research", and "From Tombstone to Electronic

Blip: Reading and Interpreting the Record". Archives and History staff will provide information for librarians to assist the beginning family history researcher, steps for documentation, methods for organizing genealogy research, and how to find, access and interpret the various records and printed materials used by the family history researcher.

If you have any questions please contact Judy Duncan, St. Albans Public Library, 304-722-4244.

Dancing Outlaw not dancing... in West Virginia!

West Virginia's most popular homegrown video ever, "Dancing Outlaw", selling more than 2,000 copies in-state, is no longer being distributed inside the state. According to Debbie Oleksa, videosales person at WNPB, said, "When our stock ran out in December, that was it. I still get calls every day for it. We have 10 copies of Outlaw II for sale, but when they are gone, that's it." Jacob Young directed it for the WNPB-TV series, "A Different Drummer" in 1989. Several years ago, Young was fired by WNPB,

the only producer/director laid off then. WNPB-TV continued to distribute that video and many others produced by Young, Nakashima, Samels, and others. WNPB is still distributing all of the other "Different Drummers" including the "Amazing Dolores". They still have "Road to College", "Promises to Keep" (both by Watne.) They still have "Forks of Cheat" (1989), their first distributed video. (Their video sales number is 1-800-672-9672)

Library Commission awards LSTA grants

Karen Goff, Library Development Director
West Virginia Library Commission

On December 10, 1999, libraries across the state anxiously awaited the magic hour of 4 P.M. when the complete list of successful applicants for LSTA competitive grant awards was posted on the Commission's web site. 59 projects were funded for a total of \$305,703. Grants were awarded in six program categories: administrative, adult services, children's services, collections, literacy, and technology. Although a public library had to be the fiscal agent for each proposal, projects involving multitype libraries or library consortia received priority.

The competitive grant process presented myriad challenges to both the grantors and the grant writers. Commission staff had to devise a fair application and evaluation process that met all the requirements for LSTA sub grants. The requirements included the determination that the projects supported the goals of the West Virginia Library Commission's LSTA Five Year Plan, and the evaluation of the impact of the projects on the lives of West Virginians. The Commission staff spent hours around a table working on the process, the application form, the evaluation form, and the grant contract. Forms were designed, re-designed, then re-designed again. The applications were available October 1 with a deadline return date of November 5, 1999.

Challenges for the grant writers involved identifying needed projects that met LSTA goals and Commission priorities, forming consortia, finding partners, determining costs, filling, but not overfilling all the boxes

on the application, determining appropriate evaluation methodology, describing how the project would influence the lives it touched, and securing required signatures IN BLUE INK. After meeting all these challenges, grant writers had to make sure the proper number of copies of everything were at the Commission offices by 5:00 on November 5. Commission staff members were posted at every entrance to make sure not one proposal was missed.

Between November 5 and December 10, the Commission's consultants read and evaluated the proposals. They read during the day. They read during the night. They read on the train. They read during the flight. They read about computer replacement, authors, after school tutoring, and petroglyphs. They read about computers for patrons, and shelving. They read about computers for circulation, accelerated readers, and electronic databases. They read, and read, and read. Then, on December 10, after reading and evaluating and meeting and writing and phoning, the winners were announced. A complete list of the awardees is still posted on the Commission's web site <http://www.wvlc.lib.wv.us>. Click on "Announcements".

The Library Commission congratulates each of the 31 libraries that received a grant. It is hoped that these projects become models for programs and projects in other libraries. Those libraries which were not successful this time are congratulated for their effort and encouraged to keep trying. The Commission is sponsoring a Spring Fling pre-conference on grant writing make a challenging process a bit easier.

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Is this logo dated?

Do you want a new one? WVLA announces a new logo contest! **Rules are simple:** • black and white drawing/rendering, etc.; color, if appropriate • must be original • deadline October 1, 2000 • contest open to all artists.

Judges will be two librarians and three graphic artists. Prizes will be announced at Spring Fling. The winner will be announced at the Awards banquet at the

annual conference in November. The logo will be used for our stationery, brochures, marketing items, such as cups, shirts, etc.

Submit your original artwork to:

Cheryl Harshman,

WVLA Membership chair,

West Liberty State College,

Paul N. Elbin Library,

P.O. Box 295,

West Liberty, WV 26074.

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spend time with one of our premier narrators, Johnny Heller. Mr. Heller of New York City has been called one of the best performers of Young Adult audio literature today. He has narrated many titles for Recorded Books, Inc. in both the YA & Adult categories. We invite you to hear Mr. Heller read some of his favorite excerpts and share from his experiences in acting. Sales representative Ed Childress will give an overview of the industry today & some of the components necessary in producing an audiobook.

■ **E.** Introduction to Front Page — detailed demonstration, part 1 (sponsored by Public Library Division & Academic Division)

Part I of a two-part seminar. (Part II Hands-on class: to be held at MU and 3 alternate locations Summer 2000.) Attendees will learn the basic function of the Front Page program and receive documents to aid in navigating this software package. Presented by Monica Brooks, Interim Dean of Libraries/Associate Dean for Technology Services, Marshall University Libraries

2:30-3:20 P.M.

- **A.** Basic Trustee Survival Skills, part 2
- **B.** Working Toward Your Board of Regents Degree, part 2
- **C.** How An Audio Book is Made, part 2
- **D.** Introduction to Front Page — detailed demonstration, part 2
- **E.** Inside Censorship (sponsored by Intellectual Freedom Committee)

Open your mind to a sure-to-be illuminating and provoking presentation/discussion plus some show and tell on matters of self-censorship, cataloging as a form of censorship, workplace speech, and economic censorship by one of the nation's best-known librarians. Presented by Sanford "Sandy" Berman, former head cataloguer at Hennepin County Library (Minneapolis, Minnesota) and longtime co-editor of "Alternative Library Literature", a biennial anthology now in its 10th edition.

3:30-4:20 P.M.

- **A.** Trustee meeting with David Price, Director of the West Virginia Library Commission
- **B.** Inside Censorship, part 2

■ **C.** Don't Put That Rare Book on Your Sale Rack

Received a donation of books? Not sure what to keep and what to put on the sale rack? Join Gordon Simmons of Renaissance Books as he gives you tips and pointers on how to recognize rare items. Hopefully, you can then use this information to look through those donations for that "rare gem".

■ **D.** Providing Reader's Advisory Service (sponsored by West Virginia Library Commission)

Build a loyal following of fiction read-

ers with improved reader's advisory service. Learn easy tips to help you and your staff analyze, categorize, and remember the books in your collection and do a better job of matching them to patron requests. Presented by Jennifer Soule, Adult and Senior Services Coordinator, West Virginia Library Commission.

■ **E.** Reference & Interlibrary Loan Roundtable

■ **F.** Automation Roundtable

4:30-5:20 P.M.

- **A.** Director's Roundtable
- **B.** Social Responsibilities Roundtable

Spring Fling 2000

Children's Roundtable Session

Friday, April 7 • Flatwoods, WV

8 A.M.-Noon Registration

9-9:10 A.M. General Session

9:15-10:45 A.M.

■ **A.** The Child in the Middle: Assessing the Pre-adolescent Student's Needs

Children age ten to fifteen face many challenges in school and life in general. This age can be a time of different maturation rates and different abilities and interests. Learn strategies for understanding and working with this age group from someone who has had direct experience with "the middle child." Presented by Dr. Rudy Pauley, Professor of Elementary and Secondary Education, Marshall University Graduate College.

■ **B.** Storytelling Without Stagefright

Add a new dimension to your library programs with storytelling. Do you want to incorporate storytelling through participation activities? Learn stories quickly? Control your stage fright? Know where to find good stories to tell? Storyteller and librarian Susanna Holstein ("Granny Sue" to her storytelling friends) will share resources, tips, and techniques to answer these questions and many more in this lively workshop.

11-11:50 P.M.

■ **A.** West Virginia Read Aloud Program

What can librarians, parents, and teachers do to motivate children to want to read? In this session, learn about a program that generates excitement about

books in the classroom. Presented by Mary Kay Bond, Director of Read Aloud West Virginia for the last five years and Read Aloud volunteer.

■ **B.** Partnering to Keep Kids Reading

Energy Express is a six-week program that seeks to promote the school success of children living in low-income communities by maintaining their reading achievement and nutritional status over the summer. Using children's literature as the foundation, college student mentors work with small groups of children to create a print-rich environment that makes reading meaningful and fun! Community partnerships are an integral part of Energy Express — and local libraries are crucial to its success. Presented by Ruthellen Phillips, Energy Express Director and Jaci Webb-Dempsey, Energy Express Program Specialist.

Noon-1:30 P.M. Lunch and visit the exhibits

1:30-2:20 P.M. Children's Roundtable Meeting

Deciding themes for Summer Reading for the years 2002 & 2003, Exchange of ideas for programs for Fall Conference, etc.

2:30-4:30 P.M. Summer Reading Program (Celebration 2000)

Bring your ideas, suggestions, bibliographies and all your creativity to this annual "get ready for Summer Reading" program.

registration form

WVLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

December 3, 1999
North Bend State Park

I. Call to Order

President Pam Coyle call the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. on December 3, 1999. Those in attendance were Peggy Turnbull, Suzette Lowe, Lynn Pauley, David Dalzell, Ann Henriksen, Monica Brooks, Dottie Thomas, Cheryl Harshman, Charley Hively, Judy Rule, Betty Gunnoe, Mary Strife, Jo Ann Calzonetti, Karen Goff, Linda Hedding, Judy Duncan, Julie Spiegler, Sue Eichelberger, David Childers, and Denise Ash.

II. Minutes

Lynn Pauley made the motion that the minutes of the October 6, 1999 meeting of the WVLA Board of Directors be approved with the following changes : Charley Hively was not in attendance and the minutes of the previous meeting were not approved at the October 6 meeting. Peggy Turnbull seconded.

III. President's Report

President Pam Coyle stated that her report would come later in the meeting.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Dave Childers, outgoing Treasurer of WVLA, stated that, due to the fact that not all cancelled checks are in, there could not be a final report. He requested that each division check their budgets on the financial statements distributed at the meeting. Mr. Childers reported that the scholarship, checking, and savings accounts had been transferred to Traders Bank in Spencer so that the new treasurer, Denise Ash, would have easier access. The accounts at Bank One have not been closed due to the fact that a lot of checks are outstanding and that currently, on that bank, WVLA is using cashier checks. The scholarship fund stands at approximately \$10,000 and continuing education fund stands at approximately \$3,492.08. Mr. Childers recommends that the Fred Glazer memorial account be moved up to the Fred Glazer fund and move it out of regular checking to a separate savings account.

Other issues presented by Mr. Childers included :

A. It has always been the intention that the Marketing fund would show a \$2500 profit and it came close with a profit of \$2200.

B. The financial statement reflects two conferences in the same budget. This was unusual but the two annual conferences fell within the same fiscal year for 1999.

C. Bulk mailing needs some changes. When a division makes a bulk mailing, it must report that to WVLA treasurer along with how much was spent. There could be a possible

delay in the bulk mailing at Charleston if the account is kept up-to-date. He reminded everyone that at least one mailing must be done at Morgantown, the location of our primary account.

A motion to approve the payment of checks was made by David Dalzell and seconded by Betty Gunnoe. Motion was approved.

The auditing committee reported that the only thing cited on the report was the fact that three checks were charged to one line item instead of two, although the amounts were correct. Dave Childers will make the adjustment in the line item. The accounts were correct, just not the line item.

V. Membership Reports

Cheryl Harshman, membership chair reported that the total membership is 603.

By division, there are 71 academic, 27 friends, 306 public, 17 school, 25 special, 150 trustees, 7 other, 7 honorary.

By roundtable : 19 Academic directors, 96 automation, 80 children's, 67 directors, 27 government documents, 43 ILL/Reference, 35 preservation, 48 social responsibilities, and 101 WV Literature.

New 2000 members not included in the standard report : 13 (academic 1, public 1, school 1, trustees 10.)

VI. Division Reports

1. Academic Division

The college and university division are planning on call a meeting of that division. Their focus is still on faculty status for college librarians and they are trying to work with and through presidents of colleges and boards of directors. The division is also designing a handbook based on the models of West Virginia University and Marshall University.

2. Public Library Division

Activity of the public library division is mainly focused on Spring Fling 2000. There is a planning meeting tentatively scheduled for the second week of January 2000. Lynn Pauley, division chair, is going to try to design a web page for the public library division and asked that anyone having ideas or suggestions to please contact her at Jackson County Library.

3. Special Libraries

Mary Strife, the new division chair, is looking for the by-laws for the division and is compiling a list of e-mails for each division member. She also announced that the Pittsburgh Chapter would like to set up a meeting in the northern panhandle of West Virginia with the special libraries division of WVLA.

4. School Libraries Division

Due to the lack of a division chair, no report was given.

5. Friends Division

Due to the lack of a division chair, no report was given. President Pam Coyle stated that she is still seeking a chair for both school libraries and the friends division with little luck.

6. Trustees Division

David Dalzell, the new chair of the division, said he needs to know exactly what the role of the division is and is not. He is planning on having a speaker at Spring Fling to address that concern. Mr. Dalzell is planning on having mini-meetings of the division around the state at 3 or 4 places for discussion and to keep the members of the division "in the loop".

VII. Roundtable Report

Since there was no quorum at the annual conference a representative, a letter ballot was sent out with Charley Hively being chosen. The roundtables are working on programming for spring fling and any budgetary requirements. Charley will contact each roundtable for preliminary budget requests.

VIII. ALA Councilor Report

Monica Brooks, the new representative, reported that she had had a conference call with the ALA chapter to determine duties. Her goals are to share globally and to encourage membership involvement. She will be having a program at Spring Fling and will be attending the ALA conference and hopes to have a program at the WVLA annual conference in Charleston. She reminded the board that the ALA by-laws had changed and the term of the representative has moved from 4 years to 3 years.

IX. Federal Relations Coordinator

Betty Gunnoe announced that the ALA Legislative Day will be May 1 and 2, 2000 in Washington, D.C. When she receives more information she will make it available to everyone. There will be training the day before and she said that Senators and Representatives do meet with the ALA members. She urges attendance and does need to know who's going to attend within 2 weeks of the Legislative Day.

X. SELA Representative report

Judy Rule, SELA Representative, announced that the SELA Conference would be at Jekyll Island in Georgia in conjunction with the Georgia Library Association's conference. There will be a leadership conference in the spring.

XI. WV Libraries newsletter report

Sue Eichelberger and Denise Ash, editors of *WV Libraries*, reported that the December

issue was ready to go to press and that the next issue would be in February. Some of the items to be in the December issue are the Himmel and Wilson survey results, a summary of the 12-page improvement package from the WVLC, a feature on the Cornucopia of Books event at West Liberty State College, and a list of the Legislative Day coordinators. There will be 7 issues instead of 6 for less money this year.

XII. WV Library Association Report

Representing David Price, who could not attend, was Sue Eichelberger. She reported that the process for selecting the recipients of the WVLC competitive grants was continuing. The results would be posted on the WVLC homepage at 4:30 P.M. on December 10, 1999. Also, the status of library report was ongoing.

XIII. Committee Reports

1. Auditing Committee

The honoraria to the editors of *WV Libraries* and to the webmasters of the WVLA homepage have been approved and do not need to be approved at each meeting.

2. Conference Committee

People have been contacted by Dottie Thomas to serve on this committee with little success with the only two volunteers being Susan Riley and Cheryl Harshman.

3. Constitution and By-laws

Nothing to report, but everyone was encouraged to read the by-laws and it was noted that dues are to be reviewed during even numbered years.

4. Continuing Education

It was reported that programs, such as desktop publishing and general searching on the internet, be offered around the state.

5. Elections—No report

6. Finance—No report

7. Handbook

The committee will get more handbooks compiled

8. Intellectual freedom—No report

9. Legislative

Joann Calzonetti reported that the six prioritized goals of the legislative are : (1) To raise the per capita funding from 4.01 to 5.50 ; (2) Support the improvement request of the WVLC for population growth grants ; (3) Support the WVLC request for funding to purchase a core collection of electronic databases ; (4) Support the WVLC request for funds to begin addressing the construction and remodeling of WV's public libraries ; (5) prepare a resolution for submission to the legislature supporting the establishment of school libraries staffed by professional librarians.

10. Library Appreciation Day

Ann Henrikson or Peggy Turnbull will work on contacting academic librarians for partici-

pation. There will a January meeting of coordinators to come up with a basic plan for the displays.

11. Marketing

The Marketing committee made approximately \$2700 and are considering adding puppets and license plates to their inventory.

They also asked for more people to join their committee.

12. Membership

Cheryl Harshman stated that it needed to be made very clear on the membership forms that the student rate only applied to full-time students, not part-time. She would also like to see an emphasis on the fact that people can join 2 roundtables at no cost with Charley Hively suggesting that the word "additional" be highlighted. Linda Hedding now keeps the data base of membership so that membership forms are to be sent to her not to Cheryl as 2nd Vice-President. Linda will then send reports to the 2nd vice-president and to the Secretary. It was noted that anyone who does not renew by June 1, 2000 will not receive copies of *WV Libraries*.

13. Nominating

No report although it was noted that only the 1st and 2nd vice-presidents and chair of the public library division will be up for vote.

14. Public Relations

Karen Goff suggested looking at the by-laws because this seems to be a non-functioning committee. The only duty seems to be promoting National Library Week and the annual conference in the public newspapers.

15. Resolutions and rewards

No report although President Pam Coyle stressed the need for resolutions as there were none last year.

16. Site Selection

No report except to remind everyone that 2000 conference is at Charleston and 2001 is at Canaan.

17. Web page

Monica Brooks requested that information be sent by e-mail to both her and Steve Christo.

IX. Old Business

A. Betty Gunnoe moved to confirm the vote to make Dave Childers treasurer emeritus of the WVLA. Charley Hively seconded. Motion carried.

B. Legislative Day plans are going forward for February 15, 2000.

X. New Business

A. Future Direction for the Association

At the end of the regular meeting, President Pam Coyle held a discussion and activity to determine the future roles and directions of the West Virginia Association. The group consensus for the priorities that the WVLA

should address are (in order of importance) : Communication (such as listservs, Web page, hearing the voice of the membership,

Public Relations to promote libraries and librarians, Staff Development,

Advocacy, including working with WVEA, Department of Education, Read Aloud, etc., Publisher (publishing for libraries), Literacy, and Standards.

B. Appointment of Ex-officio members to committees :

A motion was made by Betty Gunnoe, seconded by Charley Hively, that, since there was nothing in the constitution of the organization to prohibit it, the president of WVLA have the power to appoint ex-officio members to any committee. Motion carried.

C. Change in ALA councilor's term :

A motion was made by Lynn Pauley and seconded by Denise Ash, that per new ALA regulations, the term of the WVLA's ALA councilor position be reduced from 4 years to 3 years. Motion carried.

D. Committee Appointments

With there only being one committee position open, on the Legislative committee, this item was tabled until the March meeting of the WVLA Executive Board.

E. Other Business

Charley Hively made the motion, with Monica Brooks seconding, that after notification to the treasurer, the honoraria to those editing the handbook and *WV Libraries* be paid instead of waiting till each executive board meeting. Motion carried.

XI. Correspondence — None

XII. Other

A. Budget Question

The question arose concerning the budget with Denise Ash, current treasurer, reporting that the new budget was in progress but with the change in treasurer and accounting changes, there was no complete proposal at this time. It was stated by Judy Rule that the budget needs to be presented at this meeting for authorization to spend with final approval of the budget to come in March. Betty Gunnoe made that motion with Dottie Thomas seconding. Motion carried.

Denise Ash stated that she hope to give a monthly budget report, not quarterly.

C. Programs for 2000

Pam Coyle, president, presented a list of proposed programs for inclusion at the 2000 WVLA conference. Pam requested that any ideas for the conference be sent to her.

XIII. Adjournment

Betty Gunnoe moved to adjourn the December 3, 1999 meeting of the executive board of WVLA, Charley Hively seconded, motion carried.

Calendar

March

- 3 Executive Board Meeting
 - Bridgeport Public Library
- 12 WV Legislative Session ends
- 28-April | PLA 2000 Conference
 - Charlotte, NC

April

- 6-7 Spring Fling
 - Days Inn - Flatwoods, WV
 - “Preserving the Past and Exploring the Future”
- 9-15 National Library Week

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