

Paraprofessional Board Meeting  
June 16, 2005

Members Present: Maria Medrano-Nehls, Matt Rohde, Jacque Crocker, Jenni Puchalla, Jennifer Wrampe, Janet Greser, Rienne Johnson

Maria called the meeting to order at ten am.

There was no correspondence.

Chair:

Maria is working on membership. She is still sending letters trying to recruit back our previous members. Two people have said that they will rejoin the para section next year.

Vice-Chair:

Matt has submitted the slate for elections: Gayle Roberts for the office of vice-chair/chair elect, and Jenni Puchalla will run again for the office of treasurer.

Treasurer:

Jenni has received spring meeting registrations and the membership dues. We have a fairly healthy balance in the treasury. See attached report.

Secretary:

Rienne Johnson reported that she still had not heard anything as of the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. She will send out an email to the board with news as she receives it.

Citations:

Maria (reporting for Nancy Meyer) There are still only 2 nominees for Para of the Year.

Membership:

Maria suggested that we do what we can to recruit members from our table at the Fall Conference in Lincoln.

Newsletter:

Janet reminded us all of article assignments for the next Keynote. Some of the feature articles are a discussion of the possible name change, reports from our scholarship winners, advertise the Fall Conference scholarships, and the bylaws updates. Articles are due August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Keynote will be sent out on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Publicity:

Jennifer reported that the pictures have been placed in the history book and online. She also purchased cactus margarita glasses for the fiesta basket raffle. We decided to send out teasers about items in the basket as marketing. She will also send out emails promoting the scholarships to the fall conference.

Spring Conference:

All the loose ends have been tied up, and it's time to look ahead to next year's.

New Business:

Fall Conference Schedule:

Maria e-mailed the board the fall conference schedule, and we have 3 sessions: Cultural Beliefs, Library Jeopardy, and Map to a Successful Meeting. We are co-sponsoring an Ethics session with TUFs, but Matt has heard no word from the TUFs section. He will contact Maggie for the status of that session.

Matt also stated that he would need help with Library Jeopardy, and asked the board to think about prizes to hand out. Logistics of this session were discussed, and Rienne mentioned that Creighton has a library jeopardy session online, and would speak to the head of reference about accessing the template.

Para webpage:

The overhaul is nearly complete. A timeline for updates needs to be established.

2005 Preconference:

Speakers are lined up. The panels have been chosen, a few select representatives include a police officer, a librarian, a psychologist, and a clinical research nurse. There are no speaker fees, and S&I is taking care of the honorarium for these individuals.

Lunch is lined up, and the \$25 fee includes lunch, a half day costs \$10. The site was accommodating enough to serve dessert during the afternoon break.

No registrations have been submitted yet, the deadline is Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.

2006 Preconference:

S&I passed on assisting us with this venture, but the diversity committee and TUFs agreed.

Ann Seidl has signed a contract to speak.

The Para section is doing most of the work and contributing most of the funds not covered by the grant.

Next, we need to get committee members together, and reserve a room at the Qwest Center.

Some questions to think about:

Do we want to make bags again?

Can we use the Hollywood Librarian logo?

We are receiving a lot of support from the commission, could we possibly get some assistance from the commission to cover the cost of the room?

We can't move forward with the dates because the Qwest Center requires a million-dollar event insurance policy.

Spring Conference Chair:

We need to locate a new chair for next year. Matt and Maria will brainstorm about who we can ask to take this on. Matt will call Maggie and ask for an updated list of members. Rienne will organize the binder and bring it to the next meeting to pass on.

We need to contact Charlene at NETV to get a cost for next year's session. Tentative dates are March 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>.

Bylaws:

See the web page for a list of changes.

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/comp/para/parabylaws.html>

We still have two green items that we are contemplating.

Article 6, Section 5. Members of the Executive Board may request [mileage](#) reimbursement to one Executive Board meeting a year. **The amount per mile will be determined by the Executive Board each year. (Jenni looking into.)**

Article 9, Section 5. **The outgoing Secretary will send to the new officer's supervisors, directors, or trustees official written notification of the new officer's election immediately following the election. (Who does this? Jacque looking into.)**

Maria adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm.

Next Meeting:

July 27<sup>th</sup>

10 am -12 pm

NLC, Meadowlark Room