

Paraprofessional Board Meeting  
July 27, 2005

Present: Maria Medrano-Nehls, Jennifer Wrampe, Janet Greser, Nancy Meyer, Rienne Johnson, Jenni Puchalla

Maria called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

There was no correspondence.

Officer Reports:

Chair Report:

Maria is currently working with Matt to ensure the sessions at the Conference will be covered. She is also working on both Preconferences for 2005 and 2006.

Vice-Chair: (Maria reporting for Matt Rohde)

There was no official report from Matt. The board revisited Matt's earlier plea for prize suggestions for Library Jeopardy. It came to our attention that we are not co-sponsoring the session, "What's Your Ethics IQ?" We still have 3 sessions to present and a Preconference.

Treasurer:

Jenni reported that we had one new member join since our last meeting. See attached written report.

Secretary:

A board member will take minutes at the next executive board meeting. After taking the past chair position, Maria agreed to serve as secretary until the next secretarial election, in October 2006.

Committee Reports:

Citations:

Nancy presented Rienne with a certificate honoring her for her year's service on the board as Spring Program Chair and Secretary.

Membership:

Maria reported that we had 55 members as of last count.

Newsletter:

Janet reported that she is still missing 3 articles to put the *Keynote* to press. The deadline for these articles has been moved to August 4<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the entry of Para of the Year.

Publicity:

Jennifer has been working on the margarita question idea. She reported that questions about history are almost impossible, and the board opted to do questions about nutrition, Mexican song history, and other items along those lines.

She also reported that 6 people applied for the Conference scholarship. An announcement will go in the newsletter stating how many scholarships are still available, if not all previous applicants were Para members.

#### Spring Program:

All ends have been tied up. Rienne handed over the program binder to pass on to the next chair. Jenni also reported that all the bills had been paid, and this year's program saw a profit of \$136.67.

For 2006, it will be called a Spring Meeting, to make our title more cohesive with the other NLA sections. Janet Greser agreed to chair the committee, with Jenni, Jennifer, Jacque, and Nancy as committee members. The theme proposed by the board was "Encourage Someone @ Your Library". The possible dates were March 15<sup>th</sup> or March 16<sup>th</sup>, depending on NETV availability.

#### Old Business:

##### Bylaws:

Since we've rewritten the bylaws this past year, all of our changes need to be printed in the *Keynote*. Janet suggested printing part of the newsletter in color to emphasize the changes, but at double the price of our usual printing, the board decided to either use a different font, bold, or italicize the changes for emphasis at Janet's discretion.

We had two items that still needed to be decided on. Article VI, Section 5 now states that "members of the Executive Board may request [mileage](#) reimbursement to one Executive Board meeting a year. **The amount per mile will be the current state rate.**" Our other item was 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.** This section was taken out entirely, as NLA does not do this.

The web committee will put a link to the revised bylaws on the web page, and print those links in the *Keynote* so the members can compare the old version with our changes.

#### New Business:

##### Para of the Year:

All submissions are due by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Nancy distributed packets of information about the two nominees we currently have, and she asked all board members to vote before noon on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

##### Fall Conference Scholarships:

Six people have applied for the scholarships. If all 6 were Para members, the first four who applied would receive the scholarships.

##### Fiesta Basket Raffle:

Jennifer will pick up all items needed for the basket.

2005 Preconference:

Maria informed the board that the only help needed will be to greet people in the morning and to pass out handouts, etc.

2006 Preconference:

Maria phoned Ann Seidl, the Preconference speaker, for permission to use the Hollywood Librarian logo. We received permission, and she will speak from 10-4. A DVD will be shown during the Recruitment/Retention session at the 2005 Fall Conference as a prelude to the Preconference.

Maria noted that it's nearly time for the committee to start meeting. We are partnering with NMRT, TUFS, and the Diversity Committee. NLC will help us publicize the event, and they are paying all speaker expenses and the speaking fee.

As our bags last year were so successful, we discussed designing another bag for the 2006 Preconference, a T-shirt was also mentioned.

We are on hold for planning until the NLA conference committee secures the million-dollar insurance policy required by the Qwest Center for functions.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 pm.

Next meeting:

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 10-12

NLC, Meadowlark Room

Respectfully submitted,

Rienne Johnson

Paraprofessional Section Secretary