

SWING
Membership Meeting
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Abingdon
12 April 2004

The SWING membership met Monday, 12 April 2004 at the Southwest Higher Education Center in Abingdon at 10 am.

Attending

Lorraine Abraham and Janet Kirby, Emory & Henry, Cy Dillon, Ferrum, Karen Dillon, Carilion, Steve Vest, Botetourt County PL, Dot Ogburn and Rachel DeHaven, Pulaski County PL, Beth Horn, Bridgewater, Pat Hatfield and Amy Jo Pruitt, Smyth-Bland RL, Diane Hollandsworth, Radford PL, Marsha Hertel, Montgomery Floyd RL, Matt Peltier, King, Charlotte Parsons, Washington County PL, Janis Augustine, Salem PL, Anna Ray Roberts, Wytheville Community College, John Cotham, Mountain Empire Community College, Diane Philips, Southwest Virginia Community College, Amy Bond, Lonesome Pine RL, Jud Barry, Bristol PL, Laurie Roberts, Tazewell County PL.

Intellectual Freedom Award

President Lorraine Abraham introduced Cy Dillon, Ferrum College library director and past Virginia Library Association president. Cy presented the 2003 VLA SIRS/ProQuest Intellectual Freedom Award to 9th District Congressman Rick Boucher, who has cosponsored legislation to repeal Section 215 of the USA Patriot Act, worked to defeat the requirement of filtering public access Internet in libraries, and has introduced legislation to preserve traditional fair use provisions of the copyright law for use of digital media. Mr. Boucher expressed his gratitude for this recognition, his intent to donate the \$1000 award to a foundation at Emory & Henry College established in honor of his mother Dorothy Boucher, the first female attorney west of Roanoke, and spoke eloquently of the importance of libraries and the work librarians do providing the foundation for education of the best-educated society in the world.

Karen Dillon, manager of library services for Carilion Health Systems, gave the program on the Health Information Prescription Project. Citing a Pew Research Center study indicating that adults have limited health literacy, she described a nationwide program addressing that issue. The Health Information Prescription Project encourages collaboration among doctors and health care providers and librarians to promote public access to online medical information available at medlineplus.gov. Ann Duesing described pilot projects to deliver this information in southwest Virginia and sought interest from other librarians in expanding the program.

Following a lunch break, Lorraine called the business meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

The minutes of the fall meeting were approved as distributed.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as prepared.

Scholarship Committee

Steve Vest reported that the Scholarship Committee had awarded a \$500 scholarship to Carol Glesh, who is employed at the Salem Public Library. She is a distance education student at the University of South Carolina. The next application deadline is 1 July.

Children's Librarians

Amy Jo Pruitt, president of the children's librarians' group, announced that their next meeting would be 23 April at the Carroll County Public Library.

Legislative Report

Janis Augustine reported on legislative issues. As yet, there is no state budget, so state aid to public libraries is not known. The House may be voting today. Bills tying state aid to filtering of Internet resources have been tabled but will return next year. SWING contributed \$250 to the legislative reception at the Library of Virginia in January; it was well attended. VLA is sponsoring Federal Legislative Day 4 May, which will include a luncheon at the Library of Congress. The bill relaxing certification standards for public librarians was avoided as result of a compromise raising the population ceiling at which a locality is required to employ a certified director from 5,000 to 13,000. The upcoming Administrative Review process will address this issue in a systematic way.

Continuing Education

Lorraine noted that there is interest in SWING collaborating with VLA Region I to offer programming. She announced a workshop on internal customer service and marketing is developing for Fall 2004. She also had had an offer for a workshop on government documents on the web; this may be arranged for summer at Emory & Henry. After the excellent morning program, members noted a need for a program on medical literacy.

Website

Matt is close to getting the new website completed. SWING has had no expenditures for this for the last two years.

Contracts

Beth Horn reviewed responses to the RFP for serials. She recommended dropping four vendors whose proposals were inappropriate to SWING's needs, leaving eight vendors on the approved list. The membership unanimously approved the motion, duly proposed and seconded, to drop the four vendors and accept the eight as recommended.

A committee to develop database proposals is still being formed. Volunteers are needed from school and community college members. Work is to begin soon.

Lorraine reminded members that the membership fee changes 1 July to a flat rate of \$150 per institution.

Paid Position

Lorraine reported the recommendation from the committee developing plans for a paid position to handle business matters that the individual be paid \$10/hour for 20

hours/month for a total of \$2400 annually. Discussion offered several issues for consideration: supervision (president should provide), employment provision and tax liability (better to contract with someone to eliminate those issues), role of elected treasurer to oversee work of a business manager, need to establish a personnel committee and develop a written contract. The group unanimously adopted a motion, duly proposed and seconded, to create a position at the same rate of pay as the Contracts Administrator, with details and contract to be developed by the Personnel Committee.

2004-05 Officers

Janis Augustine presented the report of the nominating committee recommending the slate of officers for the 2004-05 term. As the result of the resignation of Wlodek Zarycny, who was President-Elect, Matt Peltier, scheduled to be Vice President, had graciously agreed to step in as President-Elect, to be President in 2004-05. In addition, Janis proposed Dot Ogburn as Vice President-President Elect, Diana Rosapepe as Public Library representative, Chrissie Peters as Community College representative, and Barbara Stepp and Brenda Collins as School Library representatives. Upon a motion proposed by Anna Ray Roberts, seconded by Lorraine Abraham, the group unanimously elected the full slate. Janis named other officers continuing to serve into the 2004-05 term: Past President Lorraine Abraham, Secretary Laurie Roberts, Treasurer Pat Hatfield, 4-Year College representative Jon Tallman, At-Large representative Marsha Hertel. She also noted that Kelly McBride will chair the Program Committee.

SWING's Accomplishments

Lorraine summarized accomplishments of the last year, including revising the fee structure to be more fair and equitable among all members, adding a position for a business manager to ease the burden on volunteers handling treasurer's duties and continuing education registration, becoming fiscally solvent, and moving the contracts efforts in a new direction as we look toward adding electronic databases.

There being no further business before the membership, the meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Laurie S. Roberts, Secretary