

Executive Board Meeting
Rocky Mountain Chapter of SLA
October 25, 2005
The Cable Center

In attendance were Ty Webb, President; Scott Brown, President Elect; Pamm Gross, Treasurer; Lisa Backman, Secretary; Christine Hamilton-Pennell, Professional Development; Yolanda Maloney, Director; Ander Murane, Director; Kathleen Rainwater, Local Arrangements Chair; Marcia Rodney, List Owner. Not attending: Jean Heilig, Past President.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45. The Minutes of the previous meeting of July 13, 2005 were read. A motion to amend a correction in the previous minutes – the correct figure from the Treasurer's report was \$8,905.37, was made and the minutes were approved.

Pamm Gross handed out copies of the budget from June 2004-May 30, 2005. A new budget for the current 18-month chapter year is being worked on by Ty, Scott, and Pamm. The Account Balances for 2005-2006 were handed out. The chapter received the bill for the Colleague Connection. Pamm had a question about whether the Colleague Connection runs out of money. Ty said it pays for itself each year and there is a sufficient amount in the SC3 treasury to cover contingencies. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

The President, Ty Webb, reported on the Colleague Connection which is an annual event sponsored by RMSLA, CoALL, CCML, CAL. The group behind the event has reorganized and become "SC3," which stands for Steering Committee for Colleague Connection. SC3 representatives have held three meetings so far this year to plan the event. Claire Germain, president of AALL will be the speaker in 2006, which is tentatively set for April 17.

Scott Brown, President-Elect reported that 69 people attended the membership meeting. Our next event is Nov. 2, which will be our first virtual meeting. It is a pilot project to test the format and will be audio only. Twenty people have signed up to hear Ander Murane of the Rocky Mountain News and Monnie Nilsson, Research Librarian for the Denver Post, talk about their positions in newspaper libraries. The December event will be held on December 5, 6 pm at the Brown Palace. A tour will be given by Julia Kanelos, historian and archivist for the Brown Palace. The cost to the chapter is \$75 with a maximum of 25 people. The registration cost will be \$10. In January, there will be the Leadership conference. A possible future event is a career day with a focus on Special Libraries with Tom Seward from CoALL on Feb. 25. A panel will consist of people with diverse careers paths and authors in the profession. Scott is working with Jean Heilig on a one-day workshop on finding your next job. Additional events will be the Dine-arounds in February, a scholarship fundraiser possibly in March; the Colleague Connection in April and the Shirley Allredge Lecture in May.

Ty Webb asked for opinions as to whether we should have events all year or just September through June, as most other chapters do. A discussion which covered whether there were too many events was held. Scott will contact Linda to see what will work best for the scholarship event. Christine suggested the dine arounds in March and the scholarship event in the summer. Marcy suggested the events be a balance of virtual and in person.

Committee Reports

Kathleen Rainwater – Local Arrangements Chair for 2007 SLA event, discussed the need to get a logo for the conference and get flier for web/leadership conference. We also need to talk to convention center for tourist information. Poster, flier, and freebies need to be developed to hand out. Kathleen would like to get a hospitality guide ready by January and would work with bookstores and other venues.

Christine Hamilton-Pennell, Professional Development, would like to know how group sees the role of the chair of professional development. Information on professional development that touches in our profession needs to be available. She also suggested doing a survey on what member would like i.e. do you like virtual meetings? Scott Brown intends to get a membership survey out.

Marcia Rodney, List and vendor relations chair

The Listserv is not closed to members. There are now 307 people on list – 279 are regular members and there are many students. The last advertisement got 25 new members immediately. There was a discussion about how the replies to items on the list go to sender and not to the list.

Newsletter

Christy Confetti –Higgins will be the next news editor and will begin in January. Ander suggested an issue with a professional development/education focus. Ty mentioned that one chapter does not do a newsletter but does email blasts instead. A discussion ensued as to whether we should have a click through, attachments or is paper better method.

Old Business

The Board commends Awards committee for their success on the 2005 Scholarship Program which resulted in the awarding of three \$1000 Scholarships. RMSLA extends its thanks and gratitude to EBSCO and to CLiC, which each donated \$300.

Logo

The Board looked at the revised versions of the proposed chapter logo. Ty reminded the Board that the purpose of the logo is to have a picture that immediately brings to mind the product that we are trying to promote and that it should have a distinctive, visual hook, leaves imprint, and is unique. After Board discussion the logo is being sent to Nathan for further adjustments before sending to members.

New Business

The Sponsorship package was distributed for review of the various levels to be sent out to potential sponsors. A discussion followed. Ander Murane thought that it made sense to have a person who knows the representatives talk to them. Scott said the sponsorships run through Dec. 2006. Changes can be made then and vendors may want to negotiate. A spreadsheet with the vendors' information is being developed. A motion to approve sponsorship program was passed.

Marcy has lined up a tentative membership chair.

Ander and Yolanda will contact Kathleen to be on the local arrangements committee.

Next meeting will be in Jan. 2006. Will be a virtual meeting.