

Vermont Library Association | Annual Business Meeting

May 19, 2015 | 2pm

Champlain College Perry Presentation Center

Attendance: 90 members

Meeting called to order at 2:13pm.

Amy McMullen moved to accept the 2014 Business Meeting minute. Seconded by Helen Linda.
2014 Business Meeting minutes unanimously approved.

President's Report

Toni thanked the board and VLA's excellent strategic plan that guided her after she volunteered to be president last year. In the realm of advocacy, she contacted legislators on the ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) and other library support items. On the education front, VLA awarded its first scholarship to an MLS student this year. On intellectual freedom, Toni and Trina Magi are collaborating to help libraries get a copy of the new ALA Intellectual Freedom Manual for their staff. In membership news, VLA is engaging in social media more than ever (Toni reminded section leaders to document meetings and share them on social media). She is working on creating a permanent emergency fund for VLA members. Over the past year, VLA sponsored and/or participated in E21, VT ComicCon, the Vermont Pride Parade, Vermont Libraries and Makers grant, and informal librarian meetups. VLA also sponsored Cindy Weber as the region's ALA career facilitator development representative, and she's been doing exceedingly well. Toni offered congratulations to Amy Wisehart for being named an ALA Emerging Leader.

Treasurer's Report

We finished 2014 with a surplus of 578.90. This is smaller than past years' surpluses due to new efforts like sponsorships and a downturn in membership and conference income. This year we have already exceeded both the membership and conference numbers from last year, so we're on track for a great year financially (though we have more new programming to fund as well). VLA increased allocations for the College and Special Libraries Section and the Government Relations Committee and created new allocations for scholarships and sponsorships. We are taking steps to rein in other modest spending.

Membership Report

We are at 303 members, 47 of whom are new. We've been getting 40-50 new members per year and haven't engaged them much, so if anyone has ideas for how to engage and recruit new members, we'd love to hear it. Contact vermontlibrariesmembers@gmail.com. We are now taking online memberships and payments, credit cards, etc. Please buy a tote bag. Thanks go to Virgil for working on getting tuition discount at MLS schools for VLA members.

Presentation of Slate

Vice President: Margaret Woodruff of the Charlotte Public Library

Secretary: Kelly Tomaseski of the Burnham Memorial Library
ALA Councilor: Amy Wisehart of the Hartland Public Library
NELA Representative: Karson Kiesinger of the Bennington Free Library
Slate unanimously elected.

Section Leaders

Section leaders were elected in advance by section members. They are as follows:
Public Libraries Section President: Kevin Unrath of the Ilsley Public Library
Public Libraries Section Vice President: Christine Porter of the Windsor Public Library
College and Special Libraries Section President: Laura Crain of the Durick Library
College and Special Libraries Section Vice President: Bethany Dietrich of the Durick Library
Youth Librarians Section President: Nicole Westbom of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library
Youth Librarians Section Vice President: Ian Gauthier of the Aldrich Public Library
Technical Services Section President: Kelly McElligott of the Stowe Free Library
Technical Services Section Vice President: Rachel Gravel of the Rice-Aron Library
Trustees Section President: TBD
Trustees Section Vice President: TBD

Committee Chairs

Committee chairs were confirmed by the board in advance of the business meeting. They are as follows for the coming year:
Awards Committee: Amy Grasmick of the Kimball Public Library
Government Relations Committee: Selene Colburn of the University of Vermont Libraries
Inclusion Committee: Amanda Perry of the Winooski Memorial Library
Intellectual Freedom Committee: Ray Brior of the Willey Library & Learning Center
Membership & Outreach Committee: Helen Linda of the Eliot D. Pratt Library
Personnel Committee: Shara McCaffery of the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum
Scholarship Committee: April Shaw of the Hartness Library
Conference Committee: Jessica Summer of the Winooski Memorial Library

Incoming President's Address

Virgil thanked Toni and Amber for their guidance over the past year and the membership for their faith in him. He reviewed his background in libraries at Howe, Lebanon, Hartland, and Chelsea. He mentioned VLA's collaborations this past year with VTLib and the Green Mountain Library Consortium. VLA is also introducing the Passport to Vermont Libraries this summer. Virgil is looking forward to the year ahead as president.

Meeting Adjourned.