

Collaborative Summer Library Annual Conference, Omaha Nebraska

Wednesday, April 22, 2009 Opening Session

Sally Snyder; President of CSLP calls the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Today we have 27 first time attendees at our conference. Only four states were unable to send a representative. They are Hawaii, South Dakota, Maine and Kentucky. 44 states and the District of Columbia are present and we welcome New Hampshire who will be joining us in 2010. At that point only two states are still not members; Texas and Massachusetts.

This morning we have a presentation that we hope will be very informative for new members. This presentation may also answer some questions for members who have been with the organization.

The Whys for the Wise presented by Julie Tomlianovich; Vice President

One of the reasons that we as a Board decided to put this presentation together was because we always have new members. Whether they are new member states, or new conference attendees, or even if you have attended in the past the amount of information provided can be overwhelming. We hope this will answer your questions and provide you with the information you need. In the conference folders are "Whys for the Wise" handouts.

Julie gives some background on the CSLP organization and its growth. CSLP is a grass roots consortium that collaborates together to provide high quality and affordable summer reading materials to its members. Julie asks representatives when each state joined.

Julie introduces the current Board of Directors and explains their responsibilities.

Sally Snyder- President

Cathy Howser- Past President

Allison Santos- Secretary

Jan Wall- Treasurer and Budget and Finance Committee chair

Grace Greene- Membership and Organizational Structure Committee chair

Karen Drevo- Vendor Committee chair

Adrienne Butler- Children's Manual Committee chair

Nikole Wolfe- Teen Manual Committee chair

Rhonda Puntney- Diversity Committee chair

Enid Costley- PR and Marketing Committee chair

Laura Lee Wilson- Website Committee chair

Ruth Metcalfe- Adult Program Ad-Hoc Committee chair

Karen Day and Barbara Shultz- Administrative Service Agency (ASA) are here at conference.

What does the Board of Directors do? The Board works to implement new programs, ideas, directives and policies on behalf of the membership. The Board is comprised of experienced children's and young adult librarians, youth services consultants, or state or regional agency representatives. They understand how the youth services world of libraries work and they understand summer reading. The Board meets regularly via teleconference calls and face to face annual meetings.

The Board addresses all changes that need to be made to the By-Laws on a regular basis.

Who can be on a committee? State reps and anyone who works in a library in a member state are eligible to serve on a committee. At this conference you will have the opportunity to join our committees. If you would like more information about what a committee does please see the committee's chairperson. Please remember that it is not required that you attend the annual conference to serve on a committee. State reps are advised to reach out to members in your state to see if there is interest in serving on a committee. Please do not sign up anyone in your state without first discussing it with them. Please make sure you provide the correct contact information when you sign up for committees, most committee work is done via email. Please be advised that most of these committees operate on very tight deadlines. In order to be a contributor to the committee you must follow these deadlines.

What does a state rep do? State reps work as liaisons between the Board of Directors, committee chairs and the member libraries in your state. Reps. are responsible for compiling statistical data that is requested by the Board. They are responsible for informing their membership of new programs, policies and directives set forth by the Board. State reps will ask their members for input for future slogans and themes. State reps will bring any issues or challenges that occur in their state that might have impact on the organization as a whole to the Board. State reps are responsible for paying their state dues to CSLP and placing orders for manuals, PSAs, etc. for their member libraries. All state dues are based on stationary outlets in your state. If you need assistance with this information please contact the ASA office. Information to state reps is vent via a list serve designated solely for state reps.

Why is this meeting important? This is the meeting where you may interact with other members from across the country. This is an opportunity to ask questions, not just to the Board but to the general membership. This is the meeting where we vote on the themes, slogans and artists for future programs.

Voting- Each state has three votes. Votes may be spread out individually or all may be placed together. It is a good idea to meet and caucus other states if you feel passionately about a particular theme or slogan. In the end, the theme or slogan with the most votes will be selected.

What /who is the ASA? The Administrative Service Agency provides support to CSLP by working to effectively implement the policies and financial decisions set for by the Collaborative's Board of

Directors. They perform duties such as financial services, communication between members and safe guarding the assets of CSLP by establishing sound financial practices and procedures. They are located in Mason City, Iowa and there is a toll free number to reach them. This number may be found on the website. Julie takes a moment to thank Karen and Barb for all their hard work.

Who is our authorized and official vendor? Highsmith is our official vendor. We have a contract with them. As a state rep you may dispense information from other vendors selling products in your state to your members. Only Highsmith provides CSLP with an annual rebate. Highsmith was purchased one year ago by a company called Lab Safety. You will see this name on their website. They are still the same company and they still provide excellent customer services to our members.

What are the Rules of Use? The rules of use are our policies on what you may or may not do as members of CSLP. These rules include the use of the CSLP logo, artwork related to our programs, manuals, and partner and sponsorship agreements. The rules of use are available on our website. They have been written in very and concise language which spells out clearly what is permissible, and what is not.

What are the By-Laws? The By-Laws are a living document that explains the purpose, structure, and governing policies of CSLP.

Julie ends the “Whys for the Wise” presentation. There will be break-out committee meetings throughout the afternoon. These sessions are very informative. If you already belong to a committee or you are thinking of joining a committee please attend a session.

Adjourn for lunch.

