

**AzLA Board Meeting  
June 20, 2015**

**Present**

- Dan Stanton
- Amanda Brite
- Joyce Martin
- Andrew See
- Becky Brendel
- Cindy McQuien
- Ann Leonard
- Ofelia Zepeda
- Rebecca Blakiston
- Mari Barron
- Richard Dirusso
- Debbie Hanson-Trip
- Alexandra Humphreys
- Denise Keller
- Alexis Skidmore
- Ann Boles
- Dale Savage

**Call to Order 10:02 AM**

1. Welcome/Intros/Updates/Announcements:
  - a. Richard Dirusso welcomed as new chair of the Intellectual Freedom Committee
  - b. Ofelia Zepeda welcomed as the new Native American Library interest group chair
  - c. Becky Brendel welcomed as the new Professional Development Committee chair and thank you to Rebecca Blakiston for her service as past Professional Development Committee chair
  - d. ALA Election Results
    - i. Three members were elected Rebecca Blakiston, Rene Tanner and Amy
  - e. In the News
    - i. <http://www.publicnewsservice.org/2015-06-03/education/how-arizona-kids-can-avoid-summer-brain-drain/a46538-1>
      1. Article on summer brain drain – author called AzLA for comment
    - ii. <http://crln.acrl.org/content/76/4/196.full>
      1. Congratulations to AzLA Newsletter Chair Niamh Wallace who coauthored an article in the April issue of *College and Research Libraries News*
  - f. Michael Stephens – Conference keynote
    - i. Ann Leonard attended his event in Prescott and gave him a positive review.
  - g. Newsletter Reminder
    - i. Articles due on 20th

- h. Horner Fellowship and Special Project
    - i. The board will need to vote on funding a special project from an AzLA member through the Horner Fellowship
  - i. Carpool to July Meeting in Bullhead City
    - i. Meeting will be at the Bullhead City Library (1170 Hancock Road). We will try to organize a park and ride system to carpool.
  - j. AzLA Elections
    - i. Please encourage people to run and throw your own hat in the ring.
  - k. Conference Update
    - i. 2016 conference will probably be in Tucson
    - ii. 2015 Conference schedule nearing completion
      - 1. Elizabeth Matson and Samuel Dyal, our Program Subcommittee Co-Chairs, have created a draft schedule. We recently held a virtual meeting in which the schedule was discussed. Only minor revisions have been requested, and a schedule will be ready to present to the full conference committee very soon.
      - 2. Once the full conference committee has the opportunity to review the schedule, we will begin sending acceptance and rejection emails, with contracts soon to follow!
      - 3. Confirmed Author Programs
        - a. Author liaisons Cheryl McCurry and Jennifer Whitt have been busy confirming authors for the 2015 AzLA Conference. A happy benefit of the Flagstaff location is the availability of Flagstaff-based children's author Monica Brown, who has penned the Marisol McDonald series. She will hold a discussion about writing for children on Thursday morning, in the 10:30 am program block.
        - b. Lori Alexander, an Arizona author who made her picture book debut last year with Backhoe Joe, will also speak at the conference. Her program will be Friday, in the 9:30 am program block. There will be an additional author presentation, the details of which will be forthcoming.
- 2. Job Postings
    - a. AzLA usually doesn't post job openings, the organization only referred people to the state library who maintains a list.
    - b. Andrew proposed we reconsider and post job announcements on AzLA's Linked In page
      - i. Andrew will write up a proposal with procedures for how this would work
  - 3. Interest Group Survey
    - a. Decided to keep this survey separate from the membership survey.
    - b. Encourage SIRLS students to chair AzLA interest groups to help them build some experience
  - 4. Contracts – needs a board vote, but no quorum today
    - a. Debbie/Mari contract is up in June

- i. Dan will email the board for a vote to renew this contract.
  - b. Jessica AzLA lobbyist contract is up in June
    - i. also requires board vote
- 5. Membership Survey – Tabled
- 6. AzLA Newsletter Archives - Tabled
- 7. Marketing and Advocacy – Plan B – Tabled,
  - a. Will discuss in July at in-person meeting
- 8. Questions/Future Topics
  - Dale Savage – Montana Library Association voted to offer a reciprocal in-state registration with AzLA

**The next Board meeting will be July 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30-3PM in Bull Head City at Bull Head City Library 1170 Hancock Road. The location of the in-person meeting is still to be determined.**

**Adjourned 11:40 AM**