



April 22, 2022, ABOS Board Minutes  
Recorded by Karen Bradley, ABOS Secretary

### **Call meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm CST by ABOS President Lori Berezovsky and Roll Call performed by Karen Bradley.

### **Roll call**

**In attendance:** Lori Berezovsky, Brittany Peacock, Karen Bradley, Brooke Bahnsen, David Kelsey, Jenn Koetz, Maggie Petersen, Carlotta Young, Liz Anastasi, Susan Parkins, Cathy Zimmerman, Crystal Harris

**Absent:** Alicia Rodriguez

### **Secretary Minutes**

Meeting minutes from the March meeting were distributed and adjusted by the Board. Jenn motioned to accept, Brittany seconded, and the motion was approved. March minutes will be uploaded to the website.

### **President's Report**

Liz is now using the board1 email account.

PLA Report - Maggie, Susan, and Lori attended PLA. There was a big crowd. Several outreach related programs offered. One was on variations of home delivery and the presenters were from Indianapolis. Lori let them know we will be in Indianapolis in a few years. Maggie was happy with the conference and the offerings. Susan was able to talk to lots of people about ABOS. Susan and Lori spoke with some vendors about ABOS and made some good contacts.

April 7th - interviewed by Newsy, a national news outlet. Lori was contacted during National Library Week for a short, 5 minute interview. They had lots of questions about bookmobiles and how they have changed over the years.

### **Treasurer's Report 1:12**

Vendor payments have been coming in, up to about \$17,000 income from that. Merchandise and membership dues have also added to our income. There is nothing unpredicted happening this month.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Awards**

The Awards committee met April 20 to discuss the Award Categories, advertising for the awards and the selection process, as well as a timeline for the committee. Awards have not opened yet, but will open the first week of May.

## Bylaws

So far there are 142 votes. The first reminder was sent out Wednesday. The tally is so far is over 98% yes for the combination of Advocacy and Marketing into the Communications Committee. The vote for the Executive Director currently sits at 93% yes. The vote will close in three weeks in order to be open for five full weeks of voting, per our bylaws requirement. The goal is to get 200 people to vote. David will post to the listserv that there is currently a member vote and they should be on the lookout for the email or contact David for the link.

## BOIR

The BOIR committee had their first meeting to explain what BOIR stands for and what the committee looks like now. The big thing is the IMLS grant so that we can improve the BOIR website, which is currently difficult to use. ABOS will find out the results of the grant in the fall, so the committee is looking for other funding opportunities to apply for while we are waiting. The problem is that we can't promote the tool to people in its existing state because it is not easy to use. The goal is to improve the website so that we can promote the usefulness of it fully. Since the BOIR website is linked on the ABOS website, David can update the page or shadow it if it's not ready to be live. Maggie will follow up with David regarding the website.

## Communications

The Communications Committee had their second meeting of the year on Friday and discussed the success of the bookmobile parade with over 250 submissions. The committee worked well together and the event was a success. They recently sent out the submission form for the Youth Services Outreach Week, a new event for this year.

## Conference Planning

The Conference Planning Committee met in early April and is currently deciding on their May meeting time. They formed a small subcommittee for the Monday evening reception which will include ice breakers and various games. There are lots of fun ideas being thrown out for the event, including the working title "It's so good to see you again!"

Instead of doing one big library tour, we are going to try and do several times where people can sign up for a tour. The library is limited to 20 people at a time. Because the library is 1.5 miles away, we will have to figure out transportation for attendees. Individuals can also travel to the branch during their own time.

For our author keynote, JA Jance, we will be ordering books from Books A Million. Lori will finalize the numbers with them in the next week or so. We will put an option on the registration form for individuals to purchase their copies ahead of time.

The site visit is **Apr 30, 2022**. Lori and Susan will go to set up final details and get the lay of the land. They are looking to do some live videos for promotional purposes while they are there.

### Continuing Education

The survey of the membership was extended to ensure that those who may have missed completing it by the end of March would have a chance to give their input. The results were reviewed, and plans are underway to prioritize the topics that membership is looking for in outreach continuing education.

A moderator training took place for committee members place so that all committee members are able to cover webinars and Driven Discussions throughout the year.

The first ABOS Continuing Education Webinar of 2022 will take place on Monday, April 25 at 1 pm (CST) – So You Want to Start a Podcast; presented by Brittany Peacock from Davenport Public Library in Davenport, IA. Registration closes at the end of the day 4/22/22, currently at 55 approved registrations.

The next CE Webinar will take place on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 11:00 am (CST) - Getting Started with your Mobile Library: Creating and Maintaining Mobile Services; presented by Dave Bare from the Randolph County Public Library in Asheboro, NC. Registration will open May 2, 2022

### Long-Range Planning

The LRP committee is awaiting final notification from several hotels before narrowing our search down to 2 venues for 2026. We will then concentrate on those 2 and set up site visits. Currently we are looking at Las Vegas, Houston, and Memphis. We will narrow choices down to one or two so that we can schedule site visits in the next few months. Las Vegas has higher food and beverage rates but decent room rates, good flight costs, and plenty of things to do. Houston has no amenities; the conference space is at the hotel. Graceland is nice but isn't extraordinary.

### Membership

ABOS currently has 817 active members and 14 renewals pending. Lapsed members sit at about 200 this month. Crystal, David, or Lori may want to consider sending out a discount code to get people interested. Membership is looking to highlight institutional membership as a great deal.

Membership Week is coming up and David suggested approaching Noah Lenstra and Migquel Figeura for short promotional videos. The Membership Committee is looking to host a social event on Zoom in June to welcome new members, highlight longtime members, and promote membership. The event will also have some speakers.

### Technology

The Technology Committee met on March 31 and has their next meeting scheduled for April 26. They are currently updating the website to make it more streamlined, easier to search and find things, and to make it more user friendly. They hope to have all updates done by June.

## Vendors

We currently have 15 vendors at this point. Baker & Taylor and Winnebago have given verbal confirmation but still need to send written confirmation. There are 10 Gold Sponsors and 5 Premium Sponsors. Some vendors have not decided yet and may be waiting for their budgets to be set. Rifkin is 95% certain they will sponsor our attendee bags. The US Census Bureau did not get funding. The National Library of Medicine is waiting for their budget and has made no commitment yet. Emporia State is not joining us and we have no word from Hayley Tricycles.

Cathy noted that Karen will need to make sure there is space for 10 Gold Sponsors in the conference program.

The following items have been sponsored: JA Jance, Networking Nite, Break goodies, 3 Carol Hole awards, and the Vavrek and Philips awards.

## New Business

ALA would like us to sign and support their Unite Against Book Bans movement document, which is currently in the 2022 Board Information folder. Lori will sign the document in support of the movement that embraces ALA's stance for freedom of censorship.

Registration for the conference opens May 2. As you make your travel plans, add your arrival and departure times/dates on the Board Travel doc (also in the 2022 Board Info folder). This helps us plan staffing throughout the conference.

## Old Business

Executive Director position and bylaws voting through May 11, 2022. Announcement will be made shortly after.

## Upcoming Events

- Scottsdale site visit, Apr. 30-May 2, 2022 (Lori and Susan)
- ALA Annual (in-person), Washington, DC June (Lori and Cathy will present)
- ABOS Conference, Oct. 4-6, 2022, Scottsdale, AZ
- Events:
  - Youth Services Week, May 16-20, 2022
  - Membership Week, June 13-17, 2022
  - Membership Week social event, June 17
  - Senior Services Week, July 18-22, 2022
  - Book Bike Week, August 1-5, 2022
  - Student Week, September 20-25, 2022
  - StoryWalk® Week, November 7-11, 2022

## Motion to end meeting

Brittany motioned to end the meeting; Carlotta seconded, none opposed and the meeting adjourned at 3:04pm CST.