

LOUISIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Public Library Section
Annual Business Meeting
March 17, 2011
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The annual business meeting of the Public Library Section of the Louisiana Library Association was held at 1:45 p.m., Thursday, March 17, 2011, in the Mardi Gras Ballroom of the ULL Cajundome in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Barry Bradford called the meeting to order.

The current Officers of the section present were Barry Bradford, Vice Chair; Stephanie Wilkes, Secretary; and Erin Chesnutt, Parliamentarian. Mr. Bradford announced the newly elected Section officers: Barry Bradford, Chair; Dr. Ronald R. Heezen, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect; Crystal Gates, Secretary; and Erin Chesnutt, Parliamentarian.

Committee reports followed. Mr. Bradford turned the chair over to Erin Chesnutt. Erin reported that the LLA-PLS Bylaws Committee had been hard at work with revisions and that a motion be put into place to omit Article IV.D.2 of the bylaws. Randy DeSoto moved for the omission. Laura-Ellen Ayers seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Randy DeSoto reported that the Library Director's Handbook Committee would be meeting soon to complete revision of the handbook.

Randy DeSoto asked for the floor to discuss the Elizabeth Bruns Award. In the past LASL has sponsored the award and the Public Library Section had been asked to take it over and to rename it the Elizabeth & Joe Bruns Award. At present, there is no source of funding. Randy suggested that a committee be developed to look into the award and possibly developing new guidelines and a funding source.

Michael Sawyer asked that a committee be developed to look into creating new awards for the Public Section so that public librarians could be honored earlier in their career or a Director of the Year Award. Mr. Bradford appointed Michael Sawyer, Stephanie Wilkes, and Dr. Teri Maggio to delve further into the issue.

Vivian Solar addressed the Public Section to find a representative for the Editorial Board of Louisiana Libraries. She then described job duties. Erin Chesnutt accepted appointment and will serve as the Public Section Liaison.

Erin Chesnutt asked for the floor. Erin asked that we attempt to get the Public Section Bylaws on the Public Library Section of the LLA webpage and will look into it further.

Dr. Teri Maggio then moved that the meeting be adjourned. Renee Whatley seconded the motion and the motion was passed. Meeting was adjourned.