

CLA Literacy Section Notes of the Conference Call on 10-5-07

Participants: Monica O'Hara, Randy Weaver, Mary Miller, Susan Lynn, Jacquie Brinkley, Carla Lehn, Carey Gross, Kelli Sandman-Hurley, Marilyne Odegard and Joanne Wright

1) 2007 CLA Conference

A. *OLSL Award* – Committee members include: Carey Gross, Delores Allmond, Shanti Bhaskaran, Rosie Manela, and Monica O'Hara. Contributions were received from SCLLN, BALIT, NCLC, and Inland Library System Literacy Services Committee. High quality nominations were received from southern and northern California. There were 6 judges representing different areas. Carey reported that the awardee has been selected, and will be announced at the Awards Dinner on Friday evening. The winner will receive a plaque, in addition to hosting the Perpetual Plaque for the year, a membership to CLA and a \$100 gift certificate.

B. *Literacy Section Meeting* –

1. The section meeting is scheduled for 12-2pm on Saturday, October 27. This 2 hours will include a training and the section meeting. Lunch will be served.
2. Jacquie described 4 possible workshops that Cathay Reta presents as options for the training. After extended discussion, the board decided that *Leadership Style for Building Effective Teams* might be the best choice, with *Whole Brain Time Manager*, the second choice. Although written for 90 minute presentations, Cathay may be able to shorten to fit the 45 minute time frame allotted. Jacquie will contact Cathay and ask her to contact Monica.
3. The meeting will consist of a recap of the year, committee reports and then open for new business.
4. Susan Lynn will present CLA's restructuring plan. The plan should be posted prior to the section meeting. Members will be alerted to the posting, and asked to review in order to be able to provide feedback at the section meeting. Susan will highlight and refer to the survey. CLA's Executive Committee retreat looked at what doesn't work. A task force was formed, implementing on-line and telephone surveys. Three key points mentioned were communication, membership value, and sections and roundtables that don't function. Susan reported that Children's and Literacy's sections offer the most workshops for the conference.
5. Discussion followed as to whether the current CLLS listserv discussion should be addressed as part of the agenda. Carla explained that the State Library is aware that this is an important issue and that it is part of the Strategic Plan. Carla and Jacquie will make a short report acknowledging that this is an issue, but that the CLA section meeting is not the place to discuss this.

6. Susan brought up the idea of planning some sort of pre-CLA meeting next year for Literacy advocates. This would encourage attendance at the conference and section meeting. A committee has been formed to look into this (Susan Lynn, Caroline Beverstock, Holly Fulghum-Nutters and Joanne Wright). An invitation was extended to other parts of the state to participate.
7. Jacquie will send out a list of CLA workshops with descriptions. It is not too late to sign up for the conference.

2) *Committee Reports*

- A. *CLA Legislative Committee* – Carey reported on Anna Caballero's Assembly Bill 1030. Please help to get the word out. There has been a cut in PLF and it is in question for the future. The Literacy Section is making a large effort and impact.

3) Monica reported that the new annual report is being mailed out today.

4) Carey asked about replacing Valerie. Carla stated that plans have been in place since January to hire a ½ time person to help her with rural areas, therefore freeing up some of her time for adult literacy.