

Western Council Quarterly Virtual Membership Meeting Notes

3/14/23

Called to order by President Jamie Markus at noon MST. Fifteen attendees were present for the virtual meeting.

Robin provided an update on the Western Council Annual Meeting **2023** and answered questions about PDEs. Rod from Nebraska and Wendy from Oregon provided information about several unique services in their states, including a weekly live broadcast to the library community and a memories database of historical items open to researchers of all ages. A few members shared some legislative strategies that seem to be working.

Other items: Jamie invited all who were interested to attend any of the monthly executive board meetings. More quarterly virtual meetings will be held after our in-person annual meeting

The next executive board meeting will be Monday, April 10 at 1 p.m. MST / 2 p.m. CST.

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