

Western Council Executive Board Meeting  
01/04/21

Called to order by President Scott at 2:10 P.M. CST. Officers in attendance: President Scott, Vice-President Markus, Past President Smith, Treasurer Westphall, Secretary Soucie.

Scott outlined the agenda items: to discuss spring/summer meeting, update on Alaska, budget review.

Westphall spoke with Alaska State Librarian Fredericksen and Alaska will use their PDE for their 2021 dues. Other requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

The Board agreed that if we hold a spring/summer meeting in 2021 it will need to be virtual. We will follow COSLA's lead for a potential fall meeting, adding a day for a WestCo meeting at the conclusion of the fall meeting if it happens. We agreed that we'll need to have a virtual option for those that can't attend a fall meeting in person due to travel restrictions of any kind. Side note: we think we should plan on this option for all future meetings. We believe that our first in-person meeting should probably not be held in Hawaii due to optics but we are hoping to hold our 2022 or 2023 meeting there. Soucie will create a survey to determine if WestCo members want a summer meeting, to elicit topic suggestions and determine a timeframe. We will list a general update only meeting on the survey and will use guided questions for that format: budget, anything new, anything that has been dropped due to the pandemic and/or budget.

The Board agrees that bylaws and policies need to be reviewed since that hasn't been done since 2011. President Scott will send out a call to the membership for volunteers to assist with this.

Scott adjourned the meeting at 1:30.