**LBPH Western Region – History & Practices – compiled April 2013**

“The NLS network is divided into four geographic conferences: the north, south, midlands, and west. Each conference elects officers and conducts a meeting for members in odd-numbered years. The conferences elect librarians and patrons to serve on various committees convened by NLS for input on policies and planning.”

**Practices**

A regional conference occurs in the odd years. At that conference, officers are elected for the upcoming 2 year. Conference location is generally decided at the national meeting.

A program committee and local arrangements committee is convened to plan and execute the regional conference. Interested members of the region participate on the program committee while members of the regional library in the hosting state participate on the local arrangements committee.

Seed money exits for the conference and in 2011 $2,100 was sent from Denver to Salem, OR for the 2013 conference.

There exists a notebook (known as “the bible” by some) with past conference planning documents to provide reference for the local arrangements committee. This is sent along to the next hosting state when the location is decided.

A business meeting is conducted at both the national and regional conferences. Resolutions for NLS are submitted by attendees at the meeting, voted on by the group and submitted to NLS by the Chair. Minutes are generally taken by a volunteer but not stored in any central location.

Currently committee assignments are selected by state in alphabetical order. These assignments are discussed via email if necessary or at a business meeting.

Pioneer assignments for the machine committee come through that organization and are not decided by the region.

A region listserv has been set up and is an open list.

WR-LBPH mailing list - hosted by the Colorado State Library  
[WR-LBPH@cvl-lists.org](mailto:WR-LBPH@cvl-lists.org)  
<http://www.cvl-lists.org/mailman/listinfo/wr-lbph>

**Chair & Vice-Chair/Chair Elect**

1991 – Donine Hedrick, CA-N

1993 – David Oertli, NB

1995 – John Brewster, NM; Keri Putnam, NV

1997 – Keri Putnam, NV; Linda Montgomery, AZ

1999 – Linda Montgomery, AZ; Henry Chang, CA-S

2001 – Henry Chang, CA-S; Jerry Packard, NM

2003 – Jerry Packard, NM; Christie Briggs, MT

2005 – Christie Briggs, MT; Sue Walker, ID

2007 – Christie Briggs, MT; Sue Walker, ID

2009 – Sue Walker, ID; Danielle Miller, WA

2011 – Danielle Miller, WA; Debbi MacLeod, CO

2013 – Debbi MacLeod, CO; Susan Westin, OR

2015 – Susan Westin, OR; Sue Hammer-Schneider, ND

2017 – Sue Hammer-Schneider, ND; Scott Scholz, NB

2019 – Scott Scholz, NB; John Mugford, NM

**Conference locations –**

1995 – Lead, SD

1997 – Anchorage, AL

1999 – Santa Fe, NM

2001 – Salt Lake City, UT joint with Midlands

2003 –

2005 – Seattle, WA joint with Midlands

2007 – Scottsdale, AZ joint with Midlands

2009 – Springfield, IL joint with Midlands

2011 – Denver, CO

2013 – Salem, OR

2015 – Sacramento, CA

2017 – Santa Fe, NM joint with Southern

2019 – San Antonio, TX joint with Southern

**Committee Representatives**

**Audio Equipment Machines**

1995 – SD

1996 – MT

1997 – Library: NB: Pioneer: MT; Consumer: ND

1999 - Library: NM, John Brewster; Consumer: ND, Allan Peterson

2001 –

2003

2005

2007

2009

2011 – Library: AZ, Ron Bryant; Pioneer: CO, Stephen Austin

2013

**Collection Development**

1995 – Library: AK; Reader Rep: WA

1997 – Library: CA-N; Consumer: WA

1999 –

2001 – Library: HI: Sue Sugimura

2003

2005

2007

2009

2011 – Library: New Mexico, John Mugford;

2013

**Magazine Advisory**

1995 – CA-N

1997 -

1999 -

2001 –

2003 -

2005 -

2007 -

2009 -

2011 -

2013 -

**Public Education Advisory Group**

2011 – Mary Jane Kayes, CA

2018 – Debbi MacLeod, CO

Other info –

LBPH listserv was set up by OR in 1993