

Maryland Library Association
Executive Board/Advisory Council Meeting
March 18, 2009
MLA Office

Attendance: Darrell Batson, Kay Bowman, Margaret Carty, Elizabeth Cromwell, Jim DeArmey, Denise Davis, Natalie Edington, Jim Fish, Marion Francis, Todd Krueger, Patty MacDonald, Monica McAbee, Sydney McCoy, Sandra Meyers, Stuart Ragland, Julie Ranelli, Ruth Schaefer, Donna Sebly, Meredith Solomon, Mary Somers, Pat Turkos, Carole Wade, Ada Woods, Dianne Whitaker

Excused Absences: Craig Abresch, Mary Baykan, Ashley Dahlen, Stefan Freed, Lucy Holman, Mary Mannix, Dana Newman, Daria Parry, Elizabeth Pratt, Pamela Taylor, Susan Waxter, Lynn Wheeler, Mary C. Wilson

Absent: Linda Frydl, Andrea Shore, Simmona Simmons

Call to Order: Darrell Batson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Changes to the Agenda (Move item from Consent Agenda for discussion): Ada Woods requested that an item be added to the agenda concerning the Author Award Endowment. This was added under New Business.

Approval of the Consent Agenda Items: The Consent Agenda was approved by acclamation of those attending, with the one change proposed by Ada.

Minutes from January 21, 2009: There were no changes to the minutes of January 21, 2009, and it was approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report: In Susan Waxter's absence, Margaret reviewed the Treasurer's Report with the board, noting that the Annual Conference Income was coming along. She added that the Budget and Finance Committee looked closely at the Maryland Author Award Endowment, and under Jim Klima's advice, this account was moved from an equity account to a money market account.

President's Report: Darrell allowed other members of the Executive Board to contribute to his report, as follows:

- Denise Davis reported on legislative issues, including the work done by MLA members in Annapolis during the current legislative session. She noted that the library community can expect a 10% cut in the state budget for the next two fiscal years, but capital funding of \$5 million may be approved because those funds will be secured through bonds.
- Natalie Edington reported that she participated in a teleconference to review the Stimulus Package. She invited Executive Board members to forward any questions about this matter to her. She noted that through the use of Capwiz,

1,030 letters were sent to public officials concerning library matters. Capwiz has had a dramatic increase in users on its network.

- Jim Fish expressed thanks to all who responded to his request for ideas concerning priorities for MLA next administrative year. He announced to board members that Leadership Day will be held in the summer, with a date to be announced soon.
- Darrell Batson reminded members that MLA ballots have been mailed to the full MLA membership.
- Marion Francis added her concerns about library funding in the face of budget cuts and the economic downturn.
- Kay Bowman noted that she contributed to ALA Chapter input on the Stimulus Package as well through a teleconference.
- Sandy Meyers announced that the spring PSD program is to be held on March 19, and that it is completely full. She thanked Donna Seibly for her help on pulling the program together. Donna added that Elizabeth Pratt helped as well.

Conference Director's Report: Elizabeth Cromwell announced that the Conference is coming along so smoothly that there will be no need for a meeting this month. The Conference Committee is still looking for help on the registration table and the book sale table.

Executive Director's Report: Margaret Carty attended the LATI graduation. With no tabletop displays, the LATI class may not be exhibiting at the MLA Conference this year for the Poster Sessions, but Margaret will discuss this with June Brittingham. She will attend a MASL meeting on 03/19, along with Natalie Edington, to discuss Capwiz. She plans to visit the Law Library next month to do the same. She will attend MAPLA at its upcoming meeting.

Consent Agenda Items for Discussion: See under New Business.

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

New Business: Ada Woods had some exciting announcements about the annual Author Award Endowment raffle, to be held at the MLA Conference. Prizes include Southwest Airline tickets and a digital/web/video camera. With tickets at \$2.00 each or the bargain rate of three for \$5.00, she asked members for their help in selling tickets, passing around a sign-up sheet. She also asked for feedback on the new raffle ticket format. Sadly, she added that Annie Young has left us to work at the United States Senate Library. She will be greatly missed.

In addition, Patty MacDonald announced the upcoming ARLD program.

Mary Somers noted that IFAP has a blog. See the link below:

<http://mdifap.blogspot.com>.

Adjournment: With no further business, Julie Ranelli moved that the meeting be adjourned. Pat Turkos seconded the motion. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on May 20, 2009.

Respectfully submitted by Donna L. Sebly, Secretary