

Maryland Library Association
Executive Board/Advisory Council Meeting
May 20, 2009
MLA Office

Attendance: Kay Bowman, Elizabeth Cromwell, Joseph Eagan, Natalie Edington, Jim Fish, Marion Francis, Lucy Holman, Todd Krueger, Mary Mannix, Monica McAbee, Sydney McCoy, Kate Monagan, Dana Newman, Daria Parry, Stuart Ragland, Julie Ranelli, Ruth Schaefer, Donna Sebly, Andrea Shore, Simmona Simmons, Meredith Solomon, Mary Somers, Pat Turkos, Susan Waxter, Dianne Whitaker, Ada Woods

Excused Absences: Craig Abresch, Darrell Batson, Mary Baykan, Margaret Carty, Denise Davis, Patty MacDonald, Sandra Meyers, Elizabeth Pratt, Mary C. Wilson

Absences: Ashley Dahlen, Jim DeArmey, Stefan Freed, Linda Frydl, Pamela Taylor, Carole Wade, Lynn Wheeler

Call to Order: Jim Fish called the meeting of the MLA Executive Board/Advisory Council to order at 10:08 a.m. He acknowledged the presence of Joseph Eagan of the ALA Executive Board.

Changes to the Agenda (Move item from Consent Agenda for discussion): Dana Newman asked that her report be added to the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Approval of the Consent Agenda Items: Marion Francis moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as changed. Kay Bowman seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Minutes from March 18, 2009: Donna Sebly asked if there were any amendments to the Executive Board minutes of March 18, 2009. With no amendments offered, Julie Ranelli moved that they be accepted as written; Monica McAbee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Waxter asked board members to refer to the handout of the Treasurer's Report. She noted that it was nearly the same as that given out at the MLA Annual Business meeting on May 15, 2009. She pointed out that income from the conference, programming, and membership is up and that operating costs are under control. So MLA is financially sound. The Budget and Finance Committee would meet after this meeting. Jim Fish noted the special challenges under which MLA is operating.

President's Report: In Darrell Batson's absence, Jim Fish reported that annual reports are due in June. Leadership Day will be held on June 9, 2009, in Baltimore County. Monica McAbee added that Program Planning Day is to be held the following week, on June 16, 2009. Jim acknowledged the success of the annual conference and thanked the Conference Planning Committee for its work.

Conference Director's Report: Elizabeth Cromwell expressed words of gratitude to sponsors and many others for the success of the 2009 Conference. She noted that a wrap-up meeting would be held this afternoon. She especially wanted to thank the MLA staff for a job well done. The next conference will be held on April 21, 22, and 23, 2010. Jim Fish added further comments on the hard work done to make the conference the success it was and words of appreciation to all of those responsible for its success.

Executive Director's Report: In Margaret Carty's absence, Kate Monagan reported that the Board members will be sent self-evaluation forms, and that division chairpersons should submit annual reports. If anyone wishes to amend an already-submitted report, he or she may do so, noting on the report that it is the amended one.

Consent Agenda Items for Discussion: Dana Newman reported that two articles from the *Crab* have been picked up by ALA for publication: columns by Mary Mannix and Terri Tresp.

Old Business: None.

New Business: There were two items of New Business:

- Judith Krug Resolution – Mary Somers offered a resolution that MLA bestow Honorary Membership upon Judith F. Krug, the recently deceased director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association. Mary Somers offered the motion; Kay Bowman seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Board Self Evaluation – Jim Fish reminded all present that self-evaluations would be sent out shortly from the MLA office.

ALA Focus Group: Kay Bowman and Joseph Eagan led the members present in an exercise to aid in the ALA Planning Forum. Broken into groups, the members present responded to four questions relating to ALA and libraries. The groups then reported out on responses, while Kay and Joseph recorded those responses. Finally, the board members indicated their priorities on the responses. Kay will write up the results.

Adjournment: Jim Fish adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Donna L. Seibly, Secretary