

Maryland Library Association
Executive Board/Advisory Council Meeting
July 8, 2009
MLA Office

Attendance: Darrell Batson, Kay Bowman, Margaret Carty, Shelley Dolan, Natalie Edington, Jim Fish, Marion Francis, Mary Hastler, Lucy Holman, Todd Krueger, Robyn Lukow, Monica McAbee, Sydney McCoy, Dana Newman, Carl Olson, Daria Parry, Elizabeth Pratt, Stuart Ragland, Michele Ringger-Weil, Donna Sebly, Glennor Shirley, Michael Shochet, Andrea Shore, Louis Sica, Tami Smith, Janet Vogel, Dianne Whitaker.

Excused Absences: Mary Baykan, Elizabeth Cromwell, Irene Padilla, Valentine Pickens, Simmona Simmons, Mary Somers, Lynn Wheeler

Absences: Craig Abresch, Derek Buker, Jim DeArme, Stefan Freed, Bob Kuntz, Mary Mannix, Meredith Solomon, Pamela Taylor, Carole Wade

Call to Order: Jim Fish called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., with words of welcome to the MLA Executive Board and Advisory Council members present.

Changes to the Agenda: Margaret Carty asked that the 2012 Annual Conference be discussed under New Business. No other changes to the agenda were proposed.

Approval of the Agenda: With no objections to the agenda with the proposed change, Jim Fish noted the new agenda and moved forward with the meeting.

Minutes from the May 20, 2009, meeting: Jim asked if there were any corrections or changes to the May 20, 2009, minutes. Hearing none, Dianne Whitaker moved that the minutes be approved. Andrea Shore seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Sydney McCoy presented the FY 2010 budget to the board for its approval. After a brief summary by Sydney, Darrell Batson added some information about the necessary budget reductions. Sydney McCoy moved that the FY 2010 MLA budget be approved. Andrea Shore seconded the motion. The MLA FY 2010 budget was approved unanimously.

President's Report: Jim Fish reported the following:

- Leadership Day was held on June 9, 2009, with overall good comments on the program from participants. Shelley Dolan questioned what was to be done with the previous year's binders. Margaret Carty stressed that the binders may be returned to the office, with or without their contents.
- Jim also reported that the ALA Annual Conference begins on July 10, 2009, and that he will attend the Chapters Relations Committee meeting. Kay Bowman added that MLA will be submitting a resolution honoring Judith Krug, the

recently deceased director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association. She will also be given an honorary membership in MLA.

Conference Director's Report: Andrea Shore reported that the second meeting of the Conference Planning Committee will be held this afternoon. A theme has been chosen, with the emphasis on the essential value of libraries and library staff. She called for suggestions for speaker, programs, and meaningful quotes. She also noted that the silent auction may be a live auction this year.

Executive Director's Report: Margaret referred participants to the various handouts available supplementing her report, specifically the following:

- A new membership roster, to be placed in our binders;
- The Marketing Plan, also to be placed in our binders;
- An updated Educational Programs Revenue and Expense Comparison table;
- A summary of the Annual Review of Performance of the Board as a Group;
- And finally, a copy of the Executive Board/Advisory Council Annual Reports Summary 2008-2009.

Margaret also reported the following:

- Program Planning Day had been held in June.
- She will be meeting with the state Trustees at their annual meeting to discuss the rewriting of the Trustees' manual. The new manual will be presented to CML for review.
- She will be leaving for ALA soon and returning on July 14.
- She plans to attend the MAPLA meeting on July 23.
- The annual MACo conference will be held in August, with appropriate staff to work the MLA table.
- Margaret made a special appeal to members to volunteer at the Baltimore Book Festival (September 25 – 27) and passed around a sign-up schedule.
- Finally, Margaret reminded members present of the importance of submitting unit reports in a timely fashion, by the first of the month of the Executive Board meeting. The form is online for easy access, and the report may be brief.

Consent Agenda Items for Discussion: The Consent Agenda included a brief oral report by each unit representative present. Summaries follow:

- Robyn Lukow (CSD) reported that the Kids Are Customers program will be held on October 15, in Westminster. This full-day program will include the 2009 Blue Crab Award winners.
- Janet Vogel (Membership Committee) reported that she met with Jim Fish and Elizabeth Cromwell to discuss strategies for increasing membership. The union of the goals of Membership and Marketing will be of great importance here. Jim Fish added that the Marketing Committee will also be working closely with Lynn Wheeler, chair of the Fundraising Committee.
- Monica McAbee (PDP) reported that Program Planning Day was held on June 16, 2009. She now has three new members on the PDP, bringing the total to twelve, its full complement. The panel has already approved four programs. She reminded members present that MLA Educational Grant applications are due July 15, and she will be forming a selection committee for those applications.
- Monica (IFAP) also reported, in Mary Somers' absence, that a preconference program is in the planning stages. An IFAP blog is available on the MLA Website on the IFAP page. Finally, the IFAP offers a program for library staff called "Defending Access with Confidence."
- Dianne Whitaker (LMD) noted that LMD had met once already and was planning a fall program called "Transition into Management."
- Natalie Edington (Legislative Panel) reported that she will continue to work on the federal level on library issues. The legislative panel is developing a survey on the use of Capwiz.
- Dana Newman (*The Crab*) noted that many articles have been submitted for the summer edition. September 5 is the deadline for the fall issue.
- Louis Sica (APLSS) reported that the division steering committee members will meet shortly.
- Michael Shochet (ARLD) noted that the division is planning a program on September 18, and that ARLD is in the process of renaming itself ACRL Maryland Chapter.
- Stuart Ragland (Technology Committee) said that a meeting of his committee will be held next week.
- Tami Smith (Maryland Author Award Endowment Committee) noted that members will meet soon, but that the committee would like to have more members.

- Todd Krueger (Maryland Author Award Committee) revealed that this year's focus is on literary nonfiction, including poetry, drama, and so forth. He is currently forming a committee.
- Lucy Holman (Awards Committee) noted that this committee has new members. She is currently reviewing and revising criteria for some of the awards to ease selection.
- Mary Hastler (Legislative Panel) added to Natalie's report that the Legislative Panel will be offering training on the use of Capwiz.
- Carl Olson (GID) would like to increase membership in his division. GID may wish to shift to an interest group if membership does not increase. A conference program is in the planning stages now.
- Elizabeth Pratt (Planning and Bylaws Committee) reminded members present that MLA work plans for the year are due August 28. The form is online and also in our binders.
- Marion Francis (Nominations & Elections Committee) would like to expand nominations to include more academic and special library members' participation. She reminded members that she is also on the PLA Board and will report on activities and initiatives there as time passes.
- Shelley Dolan (TSD) reported that the TSD steering committee will be meeting on July 9, to discuss a conference program, but the committee will also be looking for a stand-alone program for this year.
- Kay Bowman (ALA Councilor) reported that many ALA resolutions have been submitted, so there will be much to discuss at ALA this summer.
- Glennor Shirley (Vice President/President Elect) reported that she is in a learning mode for her position.
- Margaret Carty made some final comments on electronic voting, which will be available to MLA this year. *The Crab* will also be published online.
- Stuart Ragland reminded members about video-conferencing, available to the Maryland library community for free, and thus a viable alternative to on-site programming.

Old Business: There were no items under Old Business.

New Business: Margaret Carty reported that the Clarion Hotel needs a commitment from MLA on our 2012 conference, from May 9 through May 11, 2012. Shelley Dolan moved that MLA reserve the Clarion Conference Center for those dates. Kay Bowman seconded the motion. The motion met with unanimous approval.

Adjournment: With no more business, Louis Sica moved that the meeting be adjourned. Marion Francis seconded the motion. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2009.

Respectfully submitted by Donna L. Sebly, Secretary, July 9, 2009