

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

Attendance: Kay Bowman, Margaret Carty, Jim DeArmey, Shelley Dolan, Natalie Edington, Jim Fish, Mary Hastler, Lucy Holman, Robyn Lukow, Monica McAbee, Sydney McCoy, Dana Newman, Valentina Pickens, Elizabeth Pratt, Stuart Ragland, Michele Ringger-Weil, Donna Seibly, Glennor Shirley, Louis Sica, Simmona Simmons, Tami Smith, Mary Somers, Janet Vogel, Dianne Whitaker.

Excused Absences: Darrell Batson, Marion Francis, Mary Mannix, Carl Olson, Daria Parry, Michael Shochet, Andrea Shore, Meredith Solomon, Carole Wade.

Absences: Craig Abresch, Stefan Freed, Derek Buker, Elizabeth Cromwell, Todd Krueger, Bob Kuntz, Pamela Taylor, Lynn Wheeler.

Call to Order: Jim Fish called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., with words of warm welcome to all present.

Changes to the Agenda (Move item from Consent Agenda for discussion): Two changes were suggested for the regular meeting agenda, under New Business: the adoption of the USA PATRIOT Act Resolution (previously sent to Executive Board members, and a point of discussion concerning Program Approval Forms. There were no items from the Consent Agenda that needed to be added for discussion.

Approval of the Agenda: Tina Pickens moved that the meeting agenda be approved with the two changes. Dianne Whitaker seconded the motion. The members of the Executive Board unanimously approved the agenda with changes.

Minutes from 16 September 2009: Valentina Pickens noted that her first name was misspelled in the minutes. Glennor reminded those present that the Steering Committee minutes from 21 October 2009 contains an error, which needs to be corrected before the next Steering Committee meeting. So noted... Valentina Pickens moved that the minutes be approved with the noted change. This motion was seconded by Shelley Dolan. The minutes with the correction were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Sydney McCoy reviewed the Treasurer's Report, which reveals that despite the poor economy, membership is holding up well.

President's Report: Jim Fish reported the following:

- Jim attended the annual joint meeting of Citizens for Maryland Libraries and the Trustees Division on November 7, 2009. This meeting included a discussion of the updated trustees' manual and a demonstration of Capwiz by Natalie Edington.

- He will be attending a celebratory opening this afternoon of the Center for Library Innovation, spearheaded by John Bartot, in College Park.
- Jim mentioned the importance of a strong Student Interest Group and noted that Joe Thompson will be getting more involved in this effort to increase interest and membership in SIG.

Conference Director's Report: In Andrea Shore's absence, Monica McAbee pointed out that no site visit for the conference took place due to horrendous weather in Ocean City that day. The Conference Planning Committee is on target, and interest in the conference is so great that even more potential presenters have approached the committee with program ideas. Monica is dutifully saving these names for next year's conference. Margaret Carty added that the keynote speakers are in place and that Darrell Batson's gift baskets for the silent auction are being enthusiastically donated by various library systems around the state.

Executive Director's Report: Margaret Carty reported the following:

- Margaret attended the MAPLA meeting as well as the MASL conference. The library quilt was received with great acclaim at the conference.
- She reported on the cruise to Jamaica, which included a visit to the library where Glennor Shirley began her library career.
- She reminded committee members that the next cruise is to the Mediterranean Sea, May 18 through May 30. For more information, please contact Margaret.
- She also attended the CML/Trustees Division annual meeting.
- She participated in a library summit in Montgomery County for laying the foundation for a strategic plan.
- She noted that the *Crab* will soon be published online.
- Irene Padilla notified her that a new director of the Prince George's County Memorial Library has been selected.

Consent Agenda Items for Discussion: No items from the Consent Agenda needed to be discussed.

Round the Table – Brief Updates: What followed was a brief sharing of information by members present, much of which can be found in the Consent Agenda Report of November 18, 2009. Some highlights follow:

- The Membership Committee is melding with the Marketing Committee for more effective membership growth.

- The Awards Committee would appreciate more nominations for various MLA awards, with the nomination submission closing on November 23, 2009.
- Dana Newman pointed out that the *Crab* deadline is December 5, 2009.
- Natalie Edington noted that the Legislative Panel now has a blog that can be accessed from the MLA Website. Mary Hastler added that that the library community is waiting to hear specifics about Governor O'Malley's proposed budget cuts. Jim Fish reminded members that Legislative Day is scheduled for February 10, 2010, in Annapolis.
- Glennor Shirley shared some new details about the MLA cruise to Jamaica.
- Mary Somers shared information about the recent Information Literacy Symposium held at Harford Community College.
- Monica McAbee discussed an issue concerning the Program Approval Forms, formerly to have been discussed under New Business. She pointed out that with PAFs arriving late to the Professional Development Panel for approval, many of the approved programs do not get the proper amount of publicity they need for good attendance, due to the shortened time constraints. She urged members then to plan programs early for greater publicity opportunities.

Old Business: There was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business: The committee next discussed the adoption of the "Resolution on 2009 Reauthorization of the USA PATRIOT Act." Mary Somers gave background information. Kay Bowman added that the resolution only focuses on certain sections of the PATRIOT Act, not the entire Act. Monica moved that MLA adopt the Resolution as presented. Glennor Shirley seconded the motion. A brief discussion followed, in light of Stuart Ragland's concerns. A friendly amendment was presented to change the wording of the third "Whereas" clause, to read "Whereas, Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act allows the FBI to secretly request and obtain library records for individuals without the need to present cause that they are involved in illegal activity...." The motion with the friendly amendment passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Jim thanked all present. Lucy Holman then moved that the meeting be adjourned. Sydney McCoy seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

The next meeting of the MLA Executive Committee will be held on January 13, 2010.

Respectfully submitted by Donna L. Seibly, Secretary