

*Maryland Library Association
Executive Board/Advisory Council Meeting
November 19, 2008
MLA Office*

Attendance: Mary Baykan, 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, Dana Newman, Daria Parry, Elizabeth Pratt, Stuart Ragland, Julie Ranelli, Lucy Holman Rector, Ruth Schaefer, Donna Sebly, Andrea Shore, Simmona Simmons, Meredith Solomon, Mary Somers, Pat Turkos, Carole Wade, Susan Waxter, LaTanya West, Annie Young

Excused Absences: Craig Abresch, Darrell Batson, Ashley Dahlen, Linda Frydl, Mary Mannix, Pamela Taylor, Lynn Wheeler, Mary C. Wilson, Ada Woods

Absent: Stefan Freed.

Call to Order: Vice-President/President Elect Jim Fish, in the absence of Darrell Batson, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Members of the Executive Board introduced themselves, at Jim's request.

Changes to the Agenda (Move item from Consent Agenda for discussion): There were no proposed changes to the agenda.

Minutes from 17 September 2008: Donna Sebly noted an error in the spelling of Denise Davis's name on page 2 of the minutes, under "President's Report." Margaret Carty asked that the following names be included under "Excused Absences": Derek Buker, Ashley Dahlen, Carole Wade, and Ada Woods. Marion Francis moved that the minutes be approved with the noted revisions. Mary Baykan seconded the motion. The minutes, with revisions, were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Waxter reported that although some loss might be noted in MLA's investments, the investments remain safe. Membership is up, as is programming income. In general, Susan noted that MLA's finances are in good form.

President's Report: In Darrell's absence, Jim Fish reported that he had discussed the MACo annual conference at MAPLA, in order to encourage broader participation at MACo. He reminded board members that the MLA Legislative Day will be held on February 4, 2009, in Annapolis, with a 5:30 p.m. reception. He also reported on a recently held meeting on the subject of the potential strengthening of support groups through the merging of friends of libraries and trustees in a single division. The discussion, he reported, was fruitful. Meeting participants will evaluate the content of the discussion, consider the issues involved, and then discuss any proposed actions with the MLA Executive Board at a later date.

Conference Director's Report: Elizabeth Cromwell reported that nearly all of the program slots are filled, with only a few time-slots remaining available. Some board members present noted that they would be interested in supplying programs for those few remaining slots. Elizabeth pointed out that at least one speaker is secured: the head of Adult Programming at the New York Public Library. Other speakers may come from HarperCollins and Recorded Books. Barnes and Noble will partner with MLA to supply books for sale. Other vendors and sponsorships are in the works.

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

- The MLA computer report indicates a number of users from foreign countries, who have accessed the MLA Webpage.
- MSDE's Jayne Moore has been named Leader of the Year by the State Education Technology Directors Association.
- Monica McAbee is available to give her workshop "Defending Access with Confidence at *your* Library" to library staff.
- The *Daily Record* is offering a discount to MLA members. The MLA Website will provide access to subscriptions for MLA members.
- BookExpo America (BEA) is offering \$20 discounts to MLA members, and representatives from BEA will be attending our annual conference.
- The Baltimore Book Festival was a rainy event, but worth our participation. Margaret thanked all those who helped.
- The Bermuda Cruise was successful, with over thirty participants.
- Margaret attended the Maryland Association of School Librarians (MASL) conference and reported that MASL is pleased with its partnership with MLA.
- Margaret attended the PopTech conference with other members of the Maryland library community. Guest speakers included Malcolm Gladwell, Juan Enriquez, and Chris Anderson.
- Margaret attended the Capwiz conference, along with Natalie Edington and others. A brief discussion followed on the benefits of Capwiz.
- Finally, Margaret pointed out that the MLA audit and the 990 form will be shared with the MLA Executive Board when a typo in the audit is corrected.

Old Business:

CSD Bylaws – Elizabeth Pratt explained several proposed changes to the CSD Bylaws, relating to the Blue Crab Award. After reviewing the changes, Elizabeth proposed the motion that the Executive Board accept the changes. Mary Baykan seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to accept the proposed changes.

New Business:

Nominations Committee Report – Mary Baykan reported to the Board that not all divisions have submitted nominations for officers. She was pleased to announce that three names have been submitted for the Treasurer’s position and two for the Vice-President/President Elect.

Adjournment: Patti MacDonald moved that the meeting be adjourned. Pat Turkos seconded the motion. Jim Fish adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m., with a reminder that our next Executive Board meeting will be January 21, 2009.

Respectfully submitted by Donna L. Sebly, Secretary