

MLA-APLSS Minutes
Thursday February 4, 2010

In Attendance: Lou Sica, Gina Harris, Tammy Taylor, Pat Turkos, Sharon Proakis, Barb Hoddinott and Nicole McLain.

Executive Board Report-Lou Sica

- Jim Fish attended the MLA Mid-Winter Conference in Boston.
- Jim Fish is the Chair of the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries
- Margaret Carty attended MAPLA (Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators).
- The MLLI (Maryland Library Leadership Institute) will solicit donations from past attendees. They are about \$14, 000 short this year.
- Election for MLA and Division Officers now online.
- Elizabeth Cromwell is interested in visiting with each Division to find out what members want to get from MLA.
- MLA sent flowers to Marion Francis, recovering from treatment of cancer.
- The CRAB newsletter is now online. It will be mailed out to members who do not have an email address. Please email MLA@MDLIB.org for comments on the CRAB.
- Lucy Holman announced the names of all of the Award winners.
 - Senator Ulysses Currie won the Distinguished Service Citation Award.
 - David Dahl won the Emerging Leader Award. He is the Emerging Technologies Librarian at Cook Library.
 - Monica McAbee won the Outstanding Member Award
 - Lou Sica won the MLA Professional Award
- The American Library Association adopted a resolution and created the Haiti Relief Fund. They will collect donations to help rebuild Libraries and Archives that were destroyed or damaged in the earthquake on January 12, 2010.

MLA Annual Conference 2009 Committee Report-Lou Sica and Tammy Taylor

- Conference Theme: *Libraries: Essential, Library Staff: Priceless.*
- Prizes for the Conference...
 1. Maryland Author Award Endowment Committee donated 2 tickets to the Music & Arts Festival. Held in Washington in July 2010. Will also include 2 nights stay at Best Western.
 2. Lynn Wheeler donated 2 tickets to a Baseball game.
 3. 2 tickets to the BSO.
- Volunteer signup sheet is now online for the Book Sale and Registration Table.
- A Live Auction will take place during the Pub Quiz intermission.
- Silent Auction prizes...
 1. A behind the scenes tour of the New York Public Library and a 1 night stay at the Boutique Hotel, "The Library".
 2. Themed Baskets.
 3. Bed & Breakfast Stay.

- More directional signage will be added this year so that attendees can find things at the Conference, such as the Pub Quiz, Silent Auction, etc.
- Last year's complaints from the Conference: Rooms too crowded and not enough chairs.

MLA's Treasure's Report

- Membership is holding steady, despite continued economic hard times.
- Income up, expenses down.

Future Meeting Dates

- April 1, 2010: Essex Library
- June 3, 2010: Loyola

Action Items:

- Lou Sica will contact BCPL HR Department to see if they will donate Stress Balls for the Conference.
- Tammy will send an email to Bob Koonz to have Julian's name removed from APLSS membership web page.
- Tammy will send an email to Bob Koonz to have Betty's phone number changed on membership information page.
- Lou, Gina and Tammy will research what an Interest Group is, and how different it is from a Division of MLA.
- Lou will email all of the Division Presidents to see how often they have Steering Committee meetings and how many people attend those meetings.
- Tammy will email Margaret to let her know that she will be running for APLSS Secretary this term.
- Tammy will email Mark Emmel and Doris Trainor to see if they are interested in doing a Stand Alone Program for APLSS: Working with You Is Killing Me.
- Barb will check the Perry Hall Meeting Room schedule for June 2 & 9 dates for Program.
- All APLSS members should read the APLSS page and make suggestions for our "Purpose".

Respectfully submitted by: Tammy Taylor 2/16/10