

Executive Board/Advisory Council Meeting

January 15, 2014

Attendance: Debby Bennett, Natalie Burclaff, Margaret Carty, David Dahl, Mark DeJong, Joanna Gadsby, Emily Gamertsfelder, Pat Hofmann, Elizabeth Howe, Erica Karmes- Jensonis, James Kelly, Eileen Kuhl, Tara Lebherz, Danielle Whren Johnson, Dolores Maminski, Robert Maranto, Monica McAbee, Dennis Nangle, Jessica Nhem, Heather Owings, Daria Parry, Jo Pinder, Carrie Plymire, Elizabeth Pratt, Lindsay Sarin, Donna Sebly, Katy Sullivan, John Venditta, Lynn Wheeler, Julie Zamostny

Excused Absences: Annette Haldeman, Mary Hastler, Lucy Holman, Stuart Ragland

Meeting was called to order at 10:01 by Carrie Plymire, President

Changes to the Agenda

- Division Revision taskforce information added to Old Business

Minutes of November 20, 2013

Minutes were approved with one change. Correction needs to be made to the spelling of Pat Hofmann's name.

John Venditta made a motion to approve as amended and David Dahl seconded. The Board approved the minutes as amended.

Treasurers Report-Daria Parry

- Daria Parry distributed 3 Budget sheets
- Daria Parry and Margaret Carty will meet the first week of February to create the projected budget to be given to the Steering Committee in February
- Pat Hofmann motioned to file the budget for audit

Old Business

- The Division Revision Taskforce is meeting with the representatives from PSD and APLSS to finalize their suggestions and concerns for the divisions.
- There were no bylaw changes
- The final plan will be out for review in March

New Business

- Pat Hofmann asked that members be reminded to consider contributing to the new technology fund for MLA
- Lynn Wheeler had sent an electronic message for contributions for the Capital Campaign for a Capital Lady to Marylib. Message was posted on January 15.
- No money has been taken from investments for new technology in MLA office.
- Phone system has been updated

- New broadband has been provided by moving to Comcast

President's Report-Carrie Plymire

- Working on new Strategic Plan
- Reminded members that February 19th is Legislative Day
- Lynn Bradley(ALA) congratulated MLA on the IFAP/Legislative Panel letter that was sent to the Maryland legislature
- Pat Hofmann sent a copy to all ALA state councilors

Conference Director's Report-David Dahl

- The Wednesday evening speaker will be Garry Golden. He is an academically trained Futurist who speaks and consults on issues shaping society in the 21st century. He will be creating a 5 minute webcast before the Conference.
- The Thursday speaker will be Aaron Henkin. He is the co-creator and producer of "The Signal" on WYPR.
- Friday Speaker will be Librarian in Black, Sarah Houghton
- Linda Pastan has been selected to receive the Maryland Author Award for her poetry and she will be speaking on Thursday at the Award luncheon
- February 16 is the deadline for any poster session ideas. Poster sessions will have a dedicated room and time scheduled this year. A message about submissions has been posted on Marylib.
- Committee is developing program tracks for the Conference
- Committee is also working on activities for Wednesday after the keynote speaker
- Marylib was sent a message asking for any Silent Auction items
- 2014 Brochure will be available with the next two weeks

Strategic Planning Focus Group

Julie Zamostny, Dolores Maminski and Debby Bennett led the group in a brainstorming session about the 2015-2017 Strategic Plan for MLA. The group was asked to review the current Strategic Plan and discuss likes and dislikes and any new ideas for the Strategic Plan. The Focus Group will take all of the information collected and give it to the taskforce members. A draft plan will be composed for the March Executive Board meeting. The final plan will be approved at the May Business meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 by Carrie Plymire.