

Maryland Library Association
Executive Board/Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2016 10 AM – 12 PM

Attendance: Andrea Berstler (Conference), Mary Anne Bowman (Bylaws), Natalie Burclaff (ACRL MD), Margaret Carty (MLA), Jim DeArme (SMUG), Natalie Edington (Legislative Panel), Maria Epperley (PSD), Mary Hastler (President), Elizabeth Howe (Archivist), James Kelly (MLLI), Monica McAbee (IFAP), Tracy Miller (MAPIG), Carl Olson (GIIG), Tina Pickens (OSIG), Carrie Plymire (Nominations), Stuart Ragland (Technology), Julie Ranelli (Conference), Lou Sica (SSD), Katy Sullivan (Secretary), Patty Sundberg (Treasurer), Tiffany Sutherland (TIG), John Venditta (Past President)

Excused Absences: Mary Baykan, David Dahl (PDP), Joanna Gadsby (Marketing & Membership), Lucy Holman (ALA Council), Sydney McCoy (LDD), Kathleen Teaze (VP),

Call to order at 10:05 AM

Changes to Agenda

- Add updates to two bills - N. Edington

Minutes Approved – M. Hastler

- P. Sundberg moved to approve minutes from the 11.18.15 meeting and L. Sica seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as they stood.

Treasurer's Report - P. Sundberg

- Three reports were distributed: Divisions and Programs (blue), Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual (white), and the Balance Sheet (green).
- Reports that the organization is starting to bring in vendor fees and sponsorships.
- Fundraising income is down from last year.
- Income from membership dues are up 12% (mostly due to increased dues costs).

New Business – M. Carty

- Reports on the ALA Midwinter Cheryl Wheeler concert fundraiser. There were 40-45 attendees (mostly non librarians). Received good feedback from those who attended.

Unfinished Business

- N. Edington reports that Wednesday, Feb 3rd is Legislative Day.
- N. Edington reports that there are two bills before the Maryland General Assembly that should be supported: Senate Bill 337 / House Bill 144 – would accelerate the scheduled increases of per capita funding distribution to libraries, and Senate Bill 338 / House Bill 138 – would establish a task force to study the placement of Library Services within the Education Article of the MD Code.
- M. Carty reports that the Author Award Committee selected Dan Fesperman as the 2016 Maryland Author Award winner.

- N. Edington reported that the MD Nonprofits Legislative Preview focused on quality of life in MD, including problems of transportation, income disparity, police accountability, etc.

Vice President's Report – K. Teaze not in attendance

Past President's Report – J. Venditta

- Nothing to report.

ALA Councilor's Report – L. Holman not in attendance

Conference Director's Report - A. Berstler

- Conference program is ready to be uploaded to the website.
- NASA will be participating in the conference – conducting a program and providing the hyperwall.
- Keynote speaker - Mike Tougias, author of *The Finest Hour: The True Story of the U. S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue*.
- Reports that this year's conference committee has finished submitting everything before the deadline.
- Registration opens soon.

Executive Director's Report - M. Carty

- Reports that at ALA Midwinter the biggest issue of concern was the ENGAGE advocacy software. Washington office is not happy with it because it doesn't track phone calls. They are looking into new software programs. If anyone has been using ENGAGE and has comments, send them to N. Edington.
- Will be going to Ocean City to do the final conference check.
- Over 50 people are signed up for the MLA cruise. One person is looking for a roommate.

P. Sundberg reports that division and interest group chairs will be receiving an email from her about what their group has so far spent, brought in as income, and will need for next year.

L. Sica motioned to adjourn. N. Burclaff seconded the motion. Adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted by K. Sullivan on February 20, 2016.

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