

Maryland Library Association
Steering Committee Meeting
February 15, 2017, MLA Office

Attendance:

Mary Anne Bowman (Secretary), Margaret Carty (MLA), Denise Davis (VP/President Elect), Mary Hastler (Past President), Lucy Holman (ALA Councilor), Julie Ranelli (Conference), Patty Sundberg (Treasurer), Kathleen Teaze (President)

Call to Order – 11:12 AM by K. Teaze

Changes to the Agenda - None

Previous Minutes:

- No minutes for December 2016.

Treasurer's Report: P. Sundberg

- Fiscal sheets were distributed: Balance Sheet (green), Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual (blue), Commonwealth Financial Network Portfolio statement (white).
- Balance Sheet: \$41,268.12 in long term reserves which is up \$1000. Overall, we are up \$5334.84.
- Profit & Loss: Conference income is ahead of last year by about \$20,000. Fundraising is up largely due to the Nettie Taylor scholarship fund. Program expenses are doing okay and are in line with what we expect.
- L. Holman motioned to accept the financial documents to submit for auditing. M. Hastler seconded the motion. Votes were all in favor.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business:

- IFAP requested that MLA endorse the ALA statement, *ALA opposes new administration policies that contradict core values*, January 30, 2017. <http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2017/01/ala-opposes-new-administration-policies-contradict-core-values> . L. Holman made a motion to recommend supporting IFAP's request to endorse ALA's statement and to bring it to the Executive Board in March. P. Sundberg seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Gaithersburg Book Festival, May 20, 2017. MLA received a request from Joe Thompson to be a part of the Gaithersburg Book Festival. MLA felt that this was a local event rather than a statewide event. M. Hastler made a motion to refer the request back to the Montgomery County Library. L. Holman seconded the motion. All in favor.

President's Report: K. Teaze

- Attended the Maryland Library Legislative Day.
- Apologized that someone was left off the MLA ballot due to paperwork not received by the Office. Nominations were read by John Venditta, but were not in the minutes. In the future, the completed ballot should be proofed by the Chair of Nominations prior to being published.

Past President's Report: M. Hastler

- Attended the Maryland Library Legislative Day.

President Elect: D. Davis

- Attended the Maryland Library Legislative Day.
- Working on the Strategic Plan.
- Working with the team to relocate DLDS under the Education Code.

ALA councilor's Report: L. Holman

- University of Maryland Executive Director reached out to lobbyists to make sure they were aware that Higher Ed supports DLDS moving out from under K-12.
- Attended ALA Midwinter.
 - A memorial was presented to Council for Nettie Taylor.
 - Lots of discussion about the first ALA statement issued by Julie Todaro after the election. Reissued the statement after the town hall at Midwinter.
 - Passed the resolution on gun violence.
 - Passed resolution for access to information.
 - Discussion about requiring a MLIS for the new Executive Director of ALA which was not passed by 1 vote.
 - ALA Annual in 2018 will be in New Orleans and all programs will be in the convention center. Committee meetings will be allowed in the hotels. There will be a centralized program proposal which will then get distributed to the divisions for vetting. There is a limited number of slots for programs since they will all be in the convention center.

Conference Director: J. Ranelli

- Everything is on track.
- Registration is open. Early bird ends March 17, 2017.
- Website – www.mladlacon.com
- Marketing slides will be posted to social media.
- Costs are still a concern because we have to pay for all of the technical requirements in the meeting rooms.
- There are less meal options because of the expense.
- There was a program cancellation which M. Carty handled.

Executive Director's Report: M. Carty

- MLLI – Today was the deadline for applications. There was a request to observe the Institute which was declined by Maureen Sullivan. M. Sullivan offered to meet with the person instead.
- Election closes on February 17th.
- WWI display finally on track. Application coming soon. The display is available April through October.

P. Sundberg made a motion of adjournment at 12:04 p.m. Seconded by J. Ranelli.

Respectfully submitted by M.A. Bowman on March 6, 2017.