

Maryland Library Association
Steering Committee Meeting
February 19, 2020, MLA Office

Attendance

Andrea Berstler (President), Mary Anne Bowman (Secretary), Margaret Carty (MLA), David Dahl (ALA Councilor), Carl Olson (Treasurer), Joseph Thompson (Past President), Naomi Keppler (Conference Chair), Morgan Miller (Vice President)

Call to Order: 10:10 a.m.

Changes to the Agenda: None

Minutes: M.A. Bowman

N. Keppler made a motion to accept the minutes with the suggested changes and D. Dahl seconded. All in favor. No abstentions. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: C. Olson

- The Balance Sheet Comparison, Profit & Loss Comparison and Budget vs. Actual statements through February 4, 2020 were distributed.
- Balance Sheet:
 - Total bank accounts is \$76,304.53.
 - Long Term Reserves amount is \$127,049.67. This is up \$13,890.07 over last year.
 - Total current assets is: \$203,354.20. This is \$58,769.64 more than last year.
 - Total liabilities is \$-0.71.
 - Net Income is \$23,377.21 which is \$17,212.75 more than last year.
 - Total liabilities & equity is \$203,294.20 which is \$58,769.64 more than last year.
- Budget vs. Actuals and Profit & Loss Comparison
 - Annual conference income is \$76,975.00
 - Fundraising Income is \$9,617.00
 - Membership Dues is \$43,220.00
 - Total program income is \$12,237.50
 - Conference expenses are \$8,647.24
 - Program expenses are \$1,438.96
 - Total expenses are \$207,413.88
 - Net Income is \$23,377.21 which is \$17,212.75 more than last year.

M. Miller motioned to accept the financial document to submit for audit. M.A. Bowman seconded the motion. All in favor. No abstentions. Approved.

Unfinished Business:

- Poe House Dedication – The event went wonderfully. The tent was full and all the mugs were given out. This was a great networking event that received national news coverage. Andrea spoke for MLA.

- Maryland Legislative Day was February 5, 2020. There was a proclamation on the Senate floor. Senator King sponsored the resolution. The reception went really well. There was a Tech Expo and the Short Story machine for people to see. Thanks to George Edwards (He will be receiving the MLA Distinguished Service Award) for sponsoring the room. There were 136 people that signed in and 18 elected officials in attendance.

New Business:

- Election Report – The nominees have not been notified yet, so the election report will have to wait.
- Work Plan/Unit Report Timing - Sara Brown from the Intellectual Freedom Panel requested that we change the report timing so that the Unit Report is not due until after the Annual Work Plan is completed. The Annual Work Plan is currently due October 1st. The reason is that it is difficult to complete the “Unit Goal” column when the Annual Work Plan has not yet been completed. The Board discussed it and would rather add the statement, “Not required for September report” to the Unit Report form. This way there is still time for groups to meet and prepare the Annual Work Plan after the beginning of the fiscal year and they can report on their activities on the September report.

President’s Report: A. Berstler

- Busy working with Carrie Willson and the Legislative Panel on the SB524 (HB1000) Building Lifelong Library Learners Act and other bills impacting libraries. Spoke at the hearing on 2/12 with Education, Health and Environmental Affairs for SB524 and SB466. Tonya Kennon, Director of Howard County Library, spoke about trusting libraries to make decisions. Andrea spoke about the importance of the SLRC funding. The capital funding bill is currently at 7.3 million which is better than what it started as.
- Working on MLA strategic planning. There is a conference call scheduled for 2/20/2020 at 2:00.
- Attended Midwinter – the new ALA Executive Director was there but it had not yet been announced. Lots of good discussions. The Chapter Relations meeting was good. The MLA booth placement was outstanding. Thanks to all those that worked the booth especially Sara for working all day on Saturday. Local reception was also very nice.
- Plans to attend National Library Legislative Day in May and the PLA Conference in late February.

Vice President’s report:M. Miller

- Lots of synergy with Andrea. Attended the Chapter Leaders Forum which helped with seeing the big picture.
- Plans to meet with Margaret to discuss Leadership Day and orientation for the upcoming year.

Executive Director: M. Carty

- Attended MAPLA, ALA Midwinter, Legislative Day.
- Conference is getting there. There are still some reports that need to be submitted. One program has pulled out of the conference (Gamifying culture change).

ALA Councilor's Report: D. Dahl

- ALA is having financial problems. Revenue streams are declining and the IT budget was overspent by 2 million. The message to Council is that ALA has a strong balance sheet.
- Resolutions at Midwinter were:
 - Opposing charging prisoners to read.
 - Task force to align vendor policy with ALA privacy policy.
 - Ensuring Intellectual Freedom and the Right to Peacefully Assemble at ALA Conference and Meetings
- Future of Midwinter – 2021 Indianapolis will be the last one. 2022 in San Antonio will be a new conference. Andrea said that vendors are concerned that it will not be worth attending. Joe said that the vendors will most likely be related to publishing.
- A lot of Chapters are making statements about SCOE (Steering Committee on Organizational Effectiveness) recommendation. MLA will not be making a statement.

Past President – J. Thompson

- Attended the Poe House Dedication.
- Attended Midwinter – thanks to everyone that volunteered to work the booth especially Sara for working all day Saturday.
- Attended Library Legislative Day.
- Attended the ALA Congressional Fly In with Mary Hastler and Michael Blackwell. Primarily advocated for federal funding.
- Maryland Day is April 25 and we will again have a booth shared with CML and UMD.
- May step back from the Chapter Relations Committee.
- Is now the Chair of the ALA Council Committee on Legislation which advises ALA on policy and what to focus on in the upcoming year.

Conference Director: N. Keppler

- Brochure and registration are out.
- Final checklist is due.
- Moved the games and Karaoke to be away from Pub Quiz.
- There are 22 posters for the poster session
- NASA will be there.

M. Miller made the motion to adjourn. D. Dahl seconded the motion. All in favor. No abstentions. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Anne Bowman on March 5, 2020.