

Maryland Library Association
Executive Board/Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2016 10 AM – 12 PM

Attendance:

Andrea Berstler (Conference), Mary Anne Bowman (Bylaws), Natalie Burclaff (ACRL MD), Margaret Carty (MLA), Maria Epperley (PSD), Lucy Holman (ALA Council), Carl Olson (GIIG), David Dahl (PDP), Mary Hastler (President), Monica McAbee (IFAP), Tracy Miller (MAPIG), Dennis Nangle (DLDS/SMUG), Tina Pickens (OSIG), Stuart Ragland (Technology), Lou Sica (SSD), Katy Sullivan (Secretary), Patty Sundberg (Treasurer), Tiffany Sutherland (TIG), Kathleen Teaze (VP), John Venditta (Past President)

Excused Absences:

Mary Baykan, Natalie Edington (Legislative Panel), Joanna Gadsby (Marketing & Membership), Elizabeth Howe (Archivist), Sydney McCoy (LDD), Carrie Plymire (Nominations)

Call to order at 10:00 AM

Changes to Agenda

- Moved Access Point Program presentation to first order of business.

Maryland Access Point Program (Aging and Disability Resources Center) – Eram Abbasi

- Provides support for older adults, 18+ with disabilities, veterans (with disabilities or older), caregivers.
- MAP can help with:
 - getting information
 - planning and developing action steps
 - getting connected to resources
- MAP cannot help with:
 - resolving crisis situations
 - setting up same-day services
 - case management
- Why refer someone to MAP?
 - person has unmet long term needs
 - family caregiver needs support
 - person needs help paying energy or food bills
 - aging in place
 - management of chronic diseases
 - person isolated and wants socialization
- Contact:
 - www.marylandaccesspoint.info
 - 1-844-MAP-LINK (toll free)

- In person at one of 20 physical locations

Minutes Approved – M. Hastler

- A. Berstler moved to approve minutes (with noted changes) from the 1.20.16 meeting and J. Venditta seconded the motion. Minutes were approved with noted changes.

Treasurer's Report - P. Sundberg

- Three reports were distributed: Divisions and Programs (blue), Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual (white), and the Balance Sheet (green).
- P. Sundberg distributed the division budgets and is waiting to hear back from division representatives.
- A. Berstler reports that the Conference Committee has had to remind divisions to keep conference speaker costs down.

New Business – M. Carty

- Nomination of Carla Hayden for Librarian of Congress: MLA approved a letter of support from the chapter to be sent to the POTUS.

CSD Resignation and Appointment – M. Hastler

- VP/president elect of the Children Services Division stepped down. The division secretary was appointed to fill the position.

Code of Conduct – M. Carty

- ALA has adopted a code of conduct, and many state chapter are adopting something similar. The code provides for an inclusive environment and a harassment-free experience within the association. M. Carty put forward that MLA adopt the code for all MLA activities and events. L. Holman motioned to adopt the code, and J. Venditta seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Policy Reviews – M. Carty

- M. Carty reapplying for the Standards of Excellence and asks that board members review all policies that impact their units, and get back to her with any changes within ten days. M. Carty will email the board the collective requested changes, which will be voted on in June.

New Member Round Table, ALA – M. Hastler & M. Carty

- The mission of the ALA New Member Round Table is to help new members (ten years and less) become actively involved in ALA. ALA approached MLA about appointing a virtual liaison to the Round Table. No financial support is available for this role. MLA will put out a call for a volunteer.
- L. Holman stated that Chapter Councilors are concerned that there is a disconnect between chapters and national, and that there is not enough chapter representation on the ALA Executive Board. She referred everyone to the ALA Advocacy Implementation Plan, which ALA wants chapters to support. She proposes that MLA

respond by stating that though the organization supports this document in principle, that there are concerns the role of state and local organizations are not represented in the document. A. Berstler suggested that we adopt it with the caveat that chapters must be given designated responsibilities within the plan. P. Sundberg seconded the motion.

- M. Carty asked that MLA members support the five MLA members running for ALA offices. L. Wheeler asked that we consider the strong contributions made to the Maryland library community of other Maryland librarians (who are not members of MLA), as well.

Unfinished Business - none

Vice President's Report – K. Teaze

- Working on putting together upcoming MLA officer appointments. Attended Radical Readers event.

Past President's Report – J. Venditta

- Attended MACO summer program. Promoting literacy advocacy event, Light of Literacy.

ALA Councilor's Report – L. Holman

- No additional report.

Conference Director's Report - A. Berstler

- Early bird registration has been extended. Working on putting together a conference-wide scavenger hunt.

Executive Director's Report - M. Carty

- Attended Citizens for Maryland Libraries board meeting.

A. Berstler motioned to adjourn. C. Olson seconded the motion. Adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by K. Sullivan on April, 15 2016.