

**Maryland Library Association**  
**Annual Business Meeting**  
**May 8, 2015**  
**Clarion Resort Hotel – Ocean City, Maryland**

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 by John Venditta.

**Minutes for the May 9, 2014 Annual Business Meeting**

Lynn Wheeler moved to approve minutes as they stand. Jim Fish seconded.

**Nominations and Elections Committee Report – Lynn Wheeler**

L. Wheeler reported the results of the 2015-2016 election and provided a handout (yellow).

1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President/President Elect	Kathleen A. Teaze
Treasurer	Patty Sundberg

ACRL MD	
Vice President/President Elect	Claire Holmes
Secretary	Kimberley Miller

CSD	
Vice President/President Elect	Jessica Brown
Secretary	Jessica Crutchley

LDD	
Vice President/President Elect	Bryan Hissong
Secretary	Stephanie Long

PSD	
Vice President/President Elect	J. Alan Simpson
Secretary	Tina Pickens

SSD	
Vice President/President Elect	Teonja Jung
Secretary	Nicole McLain

TSD	
Vice President/President Elect	Margaret Dull

Secretary

Paula Bartlett

### **Treasurer's Report – Daria Parry**

- D. Parry distributed three financial documents: Profit & Loss Budget Performance (green), Balance Sheet (salmon), FY2015 Report to the Membership as of May 1, 2015 (tan).
- D. Parry reported that the organization is fiscally healthy and sustaining. Conference income and division income are up from what was projected. Membership income is down from what was projected. Funds for the author award, legislative reception, and scholarships are stable.
- J. Venditta moved to file the reports for audit.

### **2016 Annual Conference Announcements – Andrea Berstler**

- A. Berstler reported that the 2016 conference will be at the Clarion on May 4-6.
- A. Berstler reported that the assistant conference chair position is currently vacant. She asks that those interested contact her directly.

### **President's Report – John Venditta**

- J. Venditta reports that his primary goal during his tenure was to communicate the value of the association, primarily the value of active participation in the association. He thanks all of the active members for their work during the past year. Specifically, thanks to D. Parry for all of her years of work as treasurer and to A. Berstler for stepping in as conference chair.

### **Vice President Elect's Report – Mary Hastler**

- M. Hastler thanks A. Berstler and the conference committee for putting together a wonderful conference.
- M. Hastler reports that in the upcoming year, MLA will be taking a new look at the Maryland Library Leadership Institute and will be applying to be recertified for the Standards of Excellence.
- M. Hastler encourages MLA members to join committees and become actively involved.
- Upcoming meeting:
  - Leadership Orientation (Executive Board) – MLA Office  
June 17, 2015 (9 am -12 pm)
  - Leadership Orientation (Advisory Council + Executive Board) – MLA Office  
July 15, 2015 (9 am – 12 pm)
  - Program Planning Day - MLA Office  
Date and time TDB

### **Old Business – None**

## **New Business**

- **Proposed Dues Increase**

J. Venditta referred to a letter sent earlier to the membership and distributed during the meeting that explains a proposed dues increase for fiscal year 2016. He proposes a rounded 20% increase across the board, excluding ALA/MLA dual memberships. A call for motion to approve the increase was put forth. Darrel Batson approved and Glennor Shirley and Monica McAbbe seconded. The floor was opened for questions. J. Venditta called for a vote to approve the dues increase and a vote was taken, resulting in 41 “approves” and 22 “opposes”. The motion passed.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 am. A. Berstler approved and seconded by J. Fish.

Respectfully submitted by Katy Sullivan, Secretary