

**Maryland Library Association**  
**Steering Committee**  
**Wednesday, June 19, 2019**  
**10:00 am**  
**MLA Office**

**In attendance:** Margaret Carty, Joe Thompson, Denise Davis, Tiffany Sutherland, Morgan Miller, Patty Sundberg, Andrea Berstler, Carl Olsen

**Excused absences:** Mary Anne Bowman, David Dahl

J. Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:10 am

T. Sutherland took minutes in lieu of M. Bowman's absence

**Changes to the Agenda** **J. Thompson**

- M. Carty would like to add a discussion of the annual MLA/DLA conference, and results of a Maryland Higher Education Commission meeting under New Business

**Minutes of the April 17, 2019 Meeting** **J. Thompson**

- A. Berstler motioned to approve the minutes, D. Davis approved  
No further discussion. All in favor. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report** **P. Sundberg**

- As of May 30th (reports), no bills from conference had been paid. They had been paid as of the time of the meeting
- Long-term Reserves: \$120,720.92, increase of \$33,000 from last year
- Since last month, annual conference, line 3000, up \$9,664
- Additional information from annual conference income: \$1,149 in book sales income (increase of \$500 over last year); \$3,100 in registration income (increase of \$23,119 over last year); \$5,100 in silent auction income; \$132 in MLA store income (increase of \$8.90 over last year); Vendor fees increased \$1,800 over last year
- The Leadership Committee brought in \$17,000 since last month; \$11,000 related to MLLI, \$6,000 from Director's University. Compared to last year this is a \$69,530 increase.
- Membership dues (\$6,500), an increase of \$2,412 over last year
- RAIG brought in \$125 this month. Their total programming is up \$6,220 from last year.
- Total income is up \$33,332 from last month and \$97,395.30 from the same time last year
- Expenses: Conference (4030 line), book sale has only paid \$1,041.45 of \$2504.45; Office expenses are \$674.36 less than last year
- Line 4200 - library leadership training expense up from last year
- Page 4, bottom line, total expenses up \$30,458 from last year
- Net income is up over \$81,000 from last year
- D. Davis suggested an increase to reserve funds to ensure against future market fluctuations
- Many, many thanks to P. Sundberg for her hard work over the years.
- A. Berstler motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, T. Sutherland approved  
No further discussion. All in favor. Report approved.
- Budget for FY20 approved by the MLA Executive Board, vote was unanimous. An additional email will be sent to the Advisory Board to inform.

**Unfinished Business**

None

## **New Business**

- M. Carty - 2020 annual MLA/DLA conference: Margaret met with Nay (2020 Conference Director) and Kate about vendor challenges (business meeting Friday morning with short break to visit the vendors). In the interest of keeping the vendors happy, they bring in a lot of conference income, MLA will meet with DLA about DLA taking over the Wednesday speaker and reinstating Friday seated lunch/speaker (no Friday morning speaker). Discussion about quality of banquet meals (everyone was happy with the quality of the boxed lunches). MHEC meeting: Margaret was invited to a celebration of the anniversary of the GI Bill at the World Trade Center. Others in attendance Presidents of various universities, and various Secretaries of departments of the Governor. There was a presentation about the use of the GI Bill. Wor-Wic Community College had 350 people on the GI Bill. Trish would like to meet with Margaret to discuss the possibility/qualification/value/job description of having an apprentice (GI Bill recipients) in the MLA office (Association Management). This would provide the opportunity to realign work assignments, free up the task lists of current office staff, and allow Margaret to participate in more outreach.
- Governor's Read Across Maryland program, Delegate Barnes, Governor's Chief of Staff Wilkerson, and Chief of PR attending MAPLA to discuss

## **President's Report**

### **J. Thompson**

- Acknowledgment and thanks to M. Miller and C. Olsen for attending this meeting during cycle turnover
- Met with M. Carty last week in regards to her annual evaluation
- June 7th, attended Legislative Panel (last meeting until September)
- Visited the ALA office in DC, recorded an interview about library advocacy. Videos will be used as promotional material. Similar tasks will be done at the conference. Joe talked about the importance of getting elected officials into our libraries to see what a modern library looks like (update the vision from their childhood).
- Represented MLA in a webinar that the ALA Chapter Relations office organized.
- June 12, attended meeting of the Board of the Maryland State Library (final meeting as MLA President), they're working on securing office space Downtown (Baltimore)
- Update from an ALA email, ALA is working on building an association of key library advocates (from Alabama, Florida, and New York)

## **President Elect**

### **A. Berstler**

- A couple of /division positions left to fill, namely Fundraising Chair
- Highlighted the need for the upcoming Board to discuss the Maker Interest Group
- Working on forming the Strategic Plan Committee
- Working on manual for library trustees with a group of 6-7 members, MAPLA/MLA project
- Friday, June 21 attending ALA Chapter Leader forum
- In the coming year, planning to continue course set by previous leadership, look at sustainability, would like to continue MLA new member meet ups

## **Executive Director's Report**

### **M. Carty**

- During ALA's annual conference, Margaret will attend the meeting Thursday with International Council of Library Association Executives (ICLAE) to discuss issues facing state associations and soliciting advice. This group has an active listserv. Participation this year is important because of the reorganization happening within ALA's Washington office, now consolidated as the Public Policy and Advocacy Office. Positions have been moved from Chicago to DC. There is some opposition at ICLAE on what ALA is proposing in relation to its relationship with state chapters and local conferences. We want to see ALA

continue to involve local chapters when Midwinter or Annual take place in their area. MASL member Emmanuel Faulkner (Baltimore City School Librarian) is on ALA's Steering Committee on Organizational Effectiveness (SCOE), which is charged with developing a new structure for ALA.

- ALA will get involved with local library issues only when requested. There is a strong sensitivity to aligning their help with the position of the local chapter/position. Discussion ensued related to ALA and MLA's roles in library issues/challenges/topics. Clarification about MLA's role in library issues (local and state-level distinction)

### **Past President's Report**

**D. Davis**

- In the initial stages of forming Nominations Committee
- As a member of the EDI task force, reaching out to HBCU to work with MLA student members in relation to learning the history of African American Librarians (Libraries role during desegregation, lack of MLS programs at HBCU (results in fewer African American Librarians)
- Discussion of automated libraries in Minnesota in relation to advocacy, points that libraries are not book warehouses, Librarians and the services they offer make libraries, the value of trained Librarians. Automated libraries work in opposition to this message. Library workers should be sure our services are being offered equitably to all our constituents and not leaving anyone behind.

### **Conference Director**

**T. Sutherland**

- Discussion of the success of 2019's conference. Lots of credit given to the Conference Committee for planning and different workshops and quality of speakers

Distributed list of vendors who have previously been at MLA/DLA conference and will be at ALA annual conference (with notes about whether or not they participates in 2019's conference)

T. Sutherland motioned to adjourn. D. Davis seconded. No further discussion. Meeting adjourned.