Maryland Library Association Steering Committee Minutes
August 15, 2023

□ Changes to the Agenda
  o Voted to move ALA Councilor’s report up in the agenda in the interest of time
  o Voted to table Divisions and Interest Groups in the interest of time.

□ July Executive Board Meeting
  o Conni sent out a draft of the July 19th EB meeting on 8/21

□ Treasurer’s report
  o Balance sheet comparison looks good – nothing unordinary to report.
  o Total income for July $4,731. Expenses for July $5,170.21.
  o Joe motioned to approve the budget for audit, Nay seconded, budget voted approved for audit.

□ Affiliate membership update
  o 15 Affiliate members as of right now, most of which are public libraries.
  o Considering ways to engage individuals under the affiliate memberships.
    ▪ A welcome letter from the President, webinar or video on making the most of your membership, etc.
    ▪ Working to move the website to direct more people to the user-friendly MLA Connect until a new AMS is obtained for the website.

□ Centennial
  o Registration opened for bowling event. 8 people registered so far.
  o Carnival event has a caterer with good pricing – finalizing logistics then will open registration.
  o MLA will have a welcome table (not a games booth)
  o 6 systems registered for booths, but sponsorships are looking good.

□ Special election closed on the 20th. Teonja Jung won the election.

□ ALA/State of Libraries
  o We haven’t received feedback from anyone in the state asking for us to pull away from MLA, so MLA does not plan to make a pre-emptive statement at this time.

□ Educational grants:
  o Tiff made a motion to approve PDO’s suggestions for awards and Joe seconded. Nay abstained. The vote passed.

□ Legislative Panel/LAIG
  o Looking into ways that the Legislative Panel can more towards disseminating information and providing training.
• Currently still no LAIG lead.

□ ALA Councilor’s Report
  o Joe connected with David Dahl about the turnover.
  o Joe/MLA will be at LibLearnX, bringing more information about how to get more involved in MLA.

□ President’s Report
  o Focusing on advocacy training and division re-adjustments and engaging affiliate members.
  o Will put together a workgroup for programs to engage affiliate members, and will add engaging new affiliate members to next Executive Board meeting.

□ Executive Director’s Report
  o Working on Manager’s Summit and Academy.
  o Looking into exploring Affiliate Memberships for Community Colleges.
  o Attending MACO.
  o Will sit on Advocacy Advisory Panel for Florida State University’s iSchool

□ Past President’s Report
  o Regular meetings with President and Executive Director.
  o Working with Dr. Kelly Clark to re-energize LGBTQ+ Interest Group
  o Finishing work with Library Journal for their Manager Training
  o Accepted into NNLM’s Driving Change Through Learning: Racial Equity Pilot Program, to begin in September

□ Conference Director’s Report:
  o Set a date of 9/5 for program proposals e-mail, due end of October.
  o Focusing on fresh and new presentations, with the understanding it’s okay to turn down folks in favor of bringing in fresh voices and ideas.