

Maryland Library Association
Executive Board/Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2019 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Attendance

Andrea Berstler (President), Margaret Carty (Executive Director), Tamar Sarnoff(MSL), David Dahl (ALA Councilor), Meg Faller (RAIG), Melissa Gotsch (LAIG), Bryan Hissong (LLTC), Elizabeth Howe (Archives), Kelsey Hughes (TIG), Lisa Kenyon (MD Author Award), Naomi Keppler (LDD/Conference), Kimberly Miller (ACRL-MD), Morgan Miller(Vice President), Amy Moser (SSD), Ryan O'Grady (Technology), Carl Olson (Treasurer/GIIG), Sabine Simonson(OSIG), Conni Strittmatter (FoLIG), Pam Taylor(PSD), Joseph Thompson (Past President)

Online

Laura Boonchaisri (Marketing), Denise Davis (Nominations), Carly Reighard (MIG) Martha Zimmerman (PDP)

Excused absences

Kristen Bodvin (CSD), Mary Anne Bowman (Secretary), Natalie Edington (Legislative), Annette Haldeman (Crab), Bob Kuntz (website), Carrie Raines (Marketing), Janet Salazar (Fundraising), Lisa Swain (MAPIG), Tiffany Sutherland (Membership),

Call to order --A. Berstler

- 10:05 a.m.

Minutes

Small change to attendance to include L. Kenyon. N. Keppler moved to accept, J. Thompson seconded, all in favor, approved.

Treasurer's Report – C. Olson

- Balance sheet
 - Total bank account is \$22,830.48
 - Long term reserves are \$122,832.76
 - Total assets are \$145,663.24
 - Total liabilities are \$.71
- Profit & Loss budget vs. actual
 - Total income is 29.3% of budget
 - Total expenses at 37.8% of budget
 - In a good place overall
- A. Moser made a motion to approve the October financial reports and file for audit. Motion passed.

990 Report Review

- Margaret sent 990 report out, as IRS requires board to look at

- Some names were misspelled, will be corrected. Morgan Miller made a motion to accept the 990 report with edits and David Dahl seconded. All in favor. Approved.

Unfinished Business

- Poe House Literary Landmark
 - Joe reported on project status; Pat Hofmann, CML is leading the project in partnership with Maryland Humanities and MLA
 - Language for plaque has been finalized by Poe House and United for Libraries
 - Commemorative Event will take place on Sunday Jan 19, 2020, 1-3pm
 - Open event, across street from Poe House, fun opportunity to celebrate Poe
- ALA Midwinter
 - Remember to use MLA code to save \$50
 - MLA will host a booth and will be looking for volunteers to staff it

Announcement

- MLA has hired a 25 hour employee, Sarah Biddinger.

New Business

- Slate of nominees for MLA 2020-2021 election submitted by Nominations & Elections Committee (Denise Davis, Chair, Natalie Edington, Julie Ranelli)
- Association nominees:
 - Nominees for MLA Vice President/ President Elect: Mary Anne Bowman, St. Mary's County Public Library; Michelle Hamiel, Prince George's County Memorial Library System
 - Nominees for MLA Secretary: Kristen Bodvin, Carroll County Public Library; Conni Strittmatter, Baltimore County Public Library
- Nominee for ALA Councilor: David Dahl, University of Maryland
 - Nominating current councilor is in MLA's best interest
 - Continuity is key as ALA is reorganizing
 - Councilor position is a three year term
 - First vote on SCOE recommendations will take place at ALA Annual 2020
- Nominees for Divisional Officers:
 - Academic & Research Libraries MD: Vice President/ President Elect: Sean Hogan, University of Baltimore; Secretary: Bria Sinnott, University of Baltimore
 - Children's Services Division: Vice President/ President Elect: Jill Hutchinson, St. Mary's County Public Library; Secretary: Katelyn McLimans, Cecil County Public Library
 - Leadership Development Division: Vice President/ President Elect: Krista Regester, Baltimore County Public Library; Secretary: Rhiannon Harlow, Baltimore County Public Library

- Public Services Division: Vice President/ President Elect: Lisa Swain, Baltimore County Public Library; Secretary: Melissa Lauber, Charles County Public Library
- Support Staff Division: Vice President/ President Elect: Teonja Jung, Baltimore County Public Library; Secretary: Jane Brown, Baltimore County Public Library
- List of nominees was accepted by the board; the Nomination Committee with run with this roster, and put out a call for open nominees

President's Report—A. Berstler

- Request for dissolution of the fundraising committee
 - Fundraising committee has been in flux; Janet Salazar is the single active person on the committee right now
 - Silent auction is now tied to the conference committee
 - Fundraising committee is on hiatus without much to do
 - MLA fundraising is not for development, but project based
 - Fundraising can be done by special ad hoc committees as specific needs arise
 - Motion by Joe to dissolve Fundraising Committee, seconded by Nay, motion passed.
- Watching the eBook issues with MacMillan; many library systems have information posted about this on their websites. Andrea will put out a call to see what responses libraries are getting.

Vice President/President Elect—M. Miller

- CML Annual Conference was wonderful, well represented by MLA, congrats to Ryan
- Morgan will be attending winter MACO with Margaret and Mary Hastler
 - She'll be representing several roles, as we have relationships to build with new legislators
- Ebooks/ MacMillan issue: Legislative panel is working on the legislative angle; the Judiciary committee is looking into the MacMillan announcement as possible anti-competitive behavior in the library market.
- Morgan is part of the SLRC oversight commission; there's a need to reconnect with directors of university libraries, need for MLA to connect with academic libraries too; we want to leverage some connections, get university libraries active in MLA

Executive Director—M. Carty

- Also attended CML
- Attended Serving Those Who Serve, offered by state library, fantastic program
- Attending December MACO, will talk to hotel about issues from last year, hopes to improve food service for the conference

- Steering committee meeting in December
- MLA office will be closed for the holidays, from December 24 through January 1, 2020,

ALA Councilor's Report—D. Dahl

- As of October steering meeting, ALA Councilor (David Dahl) now sits on the Legislative Panel, will attend monthly meetings
- ALA announcement: in addition to National Library Legislative Day, fly-ins are scheduled for February 10-11; ALA selects advocates, among MD advocates are Joe Thompson, Mary Hastler and Michael Blackwell.
- ALA Executive Board has selected a new Executive Director; announcement will come out in early 2020
- SCOE Committee recommendations document has been shared, describes changes to ALA governing structure

Past President—J. Thompson

- Glad to have been part of CML Annual Conference
- Attended the UMD's Conference on Inclusion and Diversity in library science
- Presented MLA info at LATI, promoted joint membership in MLA and ALA

Conference Director's Report—N. Keppler

- Committee has secured a Thursday night keynote speaker: NPR's Stephen Thompson of Pop Culture Happy Hour podcast
- Committee is confirming programs, starting to input programs to create conference brochure
- Working on ideas for vendor/ attendee engagement in vendor hall area

Reports from Units

FoLig

- Great meetings so far this year; next meeting is December 2, discussing leadership

GIIG

- Planning a conference program with Lara Flynt

RAIG

- Has had a few meetings, programs ready for conference
- Promoting RAIG through Instagram posts

PDP

- Revised mission statement, approved 4 programs through march
- Working on an online policy for webinars to receive CEUs

LDD

- Recent joint meeting with LAIG, Michelle Hamiel represented task force for EDI , talked about inclusivity
- Leading with Anxiety program in March

LAIG

- Upcoming Brown Bag program to prepare for Library Legislative day; January 22 at BCPL Hereford

IFP

- Working on crab article
- March standalone program on library challenges

Outreach services interest group

- No conference programs, instead will be speaking at an event for volunteer coordinators

SSD

- Hoping to plan programs for spring, good conference programs planned

Tech committee

- Working on marketing technology petting zoo for the state conference

ACRL

- Working on increasing/ engaging membership, hot topics membership discussion, revising bylaws

Teen Interest Group

- First meeting is December 4
- Kelsey attended YALSA training, learned to facilitate connective learning conversations; available to present at library systems about teens, teen development

Library leadership training committee, MLLI

- 2019 MLLI graduates did a fantastic job, congratulate them
- Currently planning 2020 trainings

MD author award chair

- Group has a short list of possible winners; first selected winner not reachable, planning to reach out to backups

- Hoping for a first time author

PSD

- Joint meeting with LDD, meeting again in December
- Hosting Thrifty Crafter program in January

State Library

- Tech connect program is at capacity
- Early learning daily activity calendars have been distributed, very pleased with how they turned out
- Revisions to trustees manual underway, coming out soon
- Planned move new building in January

Training – Archives

- Presented by Elizabeth Howe, MLA Archives Chair
- Has been chair for 6-7 years
- MLA was founded in 1923; archives are kept at University of Maryland in the Hornbake Library
- MLA pays \$500 per year to house archives and receive organizational assistance from students
- Bulk of material is from 1970 on
- Joanie Floyd is the curator of MD historical collections
- Information about archives is on MLA website
- Divisions should send material annually for inclusion in the archives

Evaluation

Adjourn

12.00pm