

Maryland Library Association
Annual Business Meeting
May 6, 2022
Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay
Cambridge, Maryland
8:00 am - 9:00 am EST

Call to Order

Mary Anne Bowman

- Mary Anne Bowman calls the meeting to order at 8:16am
- Thanks Megan Sutherland, Kelsey Hughes, and the conference team for a great conference
- Thanks Kate, Josh, and Sarah from the MLA office
- Thanks Eric Bodvin and Kristin Bodvin for all their help on the conference as well
- Thanks Ryan O'Grady for serving as interim director

Minutes of the 2021 Annual meeting

Conni Strittmatter

- Anita Crawford moves to approve the minutes
- Andrea Berstler seconds
- All in favor, minutes approved

Treasurer's Report

Carl Olson

Balance Sheet

- Bank Balances ended at \$257,239.76, almost 100% higher from this time last year. This reflects the expanded scale of operations. Included in that is a reconciliation discrepancy of \$430.
- Accounts receivable stands at \$3,695, reflecting activity picking up again
- Long term reserves ended April at \$139,101.19
- Total Current Assets came in at \$400,035.95
- Long term liabilities are negligible at .33
- Retained earnings came in at \$252,120.31
- Net Income stands at \$147,916.35 over \$43,736.44 from last year, an increase of 238.2%
- Total Liabilities and Equity are at \$400,035.95, an increase of 48.75%
- Mike motions to approve the treasurer's report for audit. Mary Hastler seconds. All in favor, motion passes

Nominations and Elections Committee Report

Andrea Berstler

- MLA Vice President/President: Michelle Hamiel
- MLA Secretary: Conni Strittmatter
- ACRL-MD Pres/Pres Elect: Biranna Hughes
- ACRL-MD Secretary: Alex Dodd
- CSD Pre/Pres Elect: Katelyn McLimans
- CSD Secretary: Karen Earp
- LDD Pres/Pres Elect: Rachel Miller

- LDD Secretary: Kalyn Shields
- PSD Pres/Pres Elect: Melissa Lauber
- PSD Secretary: Tina Pickens
- SSD Pres/Pres Elect: Teonja Jung
- SSD Secretary: Gabriel Jones

2022 Annual Conference Committee Report

Megan Sutherland

- A total of 510 attendees exceeded our expectations
- Please fill out the conference survey, which will be in your email. It will help us improve next year
- Thanks to Kelsey Hughes, the Conference Co-Chair
- Thanks to all the conference committee for the amazing services and social events
- Thanks to Jennifer Jones and Amy Miller Meyers for the Sched app and website
- Thanks to BCMLA for the meet and greet and tour of Harriet Tubman museum
- Thanks to the MLA staff. Kate Monagan has been the consistency throughout the years
- Thanks to Ryan O’Grady and Josh Stone for leading MLA during this time

2023 Annual Conference Committee Announcements

Kelsey Hughes

- This conference has been educationally rejuvenating
- If you want to be a part of the 2023 conference committee, email Kelsey Hughes to get involved. There are plenty of ways to get involved at a variety of commitment levels
- Anita Crawford will be the co-chair for 2023

President’s Report

Mary Anne Bowman

- This year has been great, but hard
- Goals of Mary Anne’s presidency were:
 - to hire and on-board a new Executive Director
 - formalize the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Panel, Ashley Teagle will be the first official chair
 - finalize the membership of the Black Caucus of the Maryland Library Association in MLA
 - move forward with a new strategic plan, which did not happen this year
 - advocate for funding and support
- Thanks to the Executive Board and Steering Committee
- Please get involved and run for office in the future

Passing of the Gavel

- As Mary Anne passed the gavel, she announced Nay’s “Mover and Shaker” award from Library Journal

Vice President Elect’s Report

Nay Keppler

- Thanks to Mary Anne, Ryan O’Grady, and Josh Stone for taking charge of the organization in a time of crisis

- Nay's goals for her presidency:
 - Update strategic plan
 - Plan & implement year-long centennial celebration
 - Update membership dues structure
 - Continue to plan activities and trainings
 - Advocate for funding and support
 - Plan & implement marketing and outreach initiatives for members recruitment and retention to diversify membership, particularly from students, support staff, and BIPOC library staff

New Business

Bylaws Vote

- Thanks to the bylaws team: Nay Keppler, Kari Kelly, Kris Buker, Mike Kiel, Joe Thompson, and Laura Bandoch
- Changes included
 - Adding new advisory panel
 - Defining new MLA unit
 - Information clarity and organization
 - Grounds for removal
 - Executive director details
- Errors fixed prior to vote:
 - Article IV, Section 6, Part b – changed “standing committee” to “ad hoc committee”
 - Article VII, Section 3, Part b – changed “unit elected officer” to “advisory committee”
- Irene Padilla motions to approve
- Laura Bandoch seconds
- All in favor, bylaws approved

Black Caucus of the Maryland Library Association

- The BCMLA is now official

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Panel

- The EDI Panel is now official

MLA Centennial

- 2023 is the centennial for the creation of MLA. We will celebrate starting November 2022

Awards:

Debby Bennett

- Distinguished Service Award – Senator Sarah Elfreth and Delegate Eric Ebersole (2 winners)
- Honorary Membership - Wesley Wilson
- Outstanding Member - Michelle Hamiel & Morgan Miller (2 winners)
- Outstanding Volunteer - Carolyn Guy, Andrea & Michael Pugh, and Wanda Sherriff (3 winners)
- William Wilson Maryland Author Award - Aafa Michael Weaver
- Outstanding Paraprofessional - Connie Trent
- President's Customer Service Award - Rachel Myers and staff of AACPL's Discoveries: The Library at the Mall
- The Margaret Carty Emerging Leader Award - Anita Crawford

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:05