In Attendance: Teonja Jung (President), Gabriel Jones (Secretary), Amy Moser, Nicole McLain, Maria Jacob, Robin Soma-Dudley, Lou Sicca.

- **Executive Board Meeting-Teonja**
  - Treasurer’s Report
    - Membership proposal
    - Subgroup created a document with recommendations to make membership accessible and equitable
    - The proposal contains multiple parts
    - Fee structure adjustment
    - Incorporate organizational level membership and dual membership
    - Incentivize membership
    - The board discussed the next step. Decided to send out proposal to board members and discuss a plan for implementation at the next meeting
- **IFP Statement against Censorship**
  - Bylaws
  - Untie from the business meeting and a piece about online voting
  - Added the Caucus
- **MLA Awards**
  - Change the outstanding Paraprofessional award
  - Make part of the award a free one-year membership
  - Change from member to member or non-member
  - Prioritizing organizing all MLA award qualifications, descriptions, and name
- **ALA Councilor Report**
- **Support of ALA Statement**
- **Health and Safety Precautions for Conference**
  - Proof of vaccination will be required, or a negative test three days before
  - Masks required in our space
  - Theater seating to allow for social distancing
- **Strategic Plan**
  - Renew until June 2022, instead of a three-year Strategic Plan
  - Have a set of strategic goals with pillars for priorities
  - Josh will work on the proposal
- **Fair pricing for eBooks challenge**
  - Publishers have filed a lawsuit
  - They’re working with the Attorney General
Conference Committee Meeting-Chelsea

- Conference registration updates
  a. Decided not to release yet due to Covid surge, and some libraries choosing to pull back in participation in training
  b. All set for when it feels good to launch it, going to wait and see how the timing works
- Covid-19 Protocols
  a. Must show proof of vaccination or negative test, not both
  b. At this time masks strongly recommended, unless you’re actively eating or drinking
  c. This information will be made visible and public for all registrants, so it’s very clear when signing up what the requirements are
  d. There are no plans to pivot to virtual, unless Hyatt pulls the plug or county/state government
  e. We can’t control what happens outside the hotel space we have rented.
  f. Rooms will be set up theater style to maximize capacity
- MLA Technology Committee (Maddie Hines & Eric Bodvin)
  a. Maddie sent an email out to Library Directors putting out a call for AV equipment. Need microphones, mic stands, speakers, cable, projectors
  b. If you have suggestions for folks who could be contacted, please let Maddie know Maddie.Hines@montgomerycountymd.gov
  c. Maddie will bring a list of those she hasn’t heard from the next meeting
  d. We have had some Academic libraries help in the past-give Maddie the contact info
  e. Getting this equipment lended helps us save thousands of dollars
- Social Committee (Lisa Allgeier & Jenee Johnson)
  a. Moving forward with the silent auction, emailed out to the listserv to get folks thinking about basket ideas
  b. Adding the 50/50 raffle, cash only. Do not need to present to win, ticket will include their contact info
  c. MLA play game night Wednesday evening, same night 50/50 begins
  d. Thursday am yoga instructor-we have someone locked in and DLA can sponsor
  e. Scavenger hunt
  f. Pets on Wheels in the vendor hall for two hours
  g. Pub quiz and Karaoke Thursday night, need a tech facilitator for Karaoke
  h. Photo/selfie backdrop
  i. Discord will be running through the conference, open in early April
  j. BCMLA looking at adding a tour of the Harriet Tubman railroad museum on Friday afternoon, has a self-guided car tour option
  k. More hands for the social committee events are always welcome! They meet the second Wednesday of the month
- Website
  a. Preview the site here: https://www.wix.com/feedback-ng/feedback/03c02ac6-46b3-44e6-8dad-e8ed1adb7558.
  b. It’s still in draft mode until registration is released
  c. It will replace the current site when it’s ready
  d. Still need to proofread, and add speakers and sessions
  e. Rachael Moorshead welcomes any suggestions of places to go especially for kids-rmoorshead@bcpl.net
• Poster Sessions (Bria Sinnott)
  a. Will use a general description for poster sessions in the brochure, and then put the specific details on the website when it’s confirmed
  b. Call for submissions will likely go out this week and be open for a month
  c. Catherine @ DLA can share the poster information out with their members: Catherine.wimberley@newcastlede.gov
  d. Great opportunity for sharing ideas that don’t quite warrant a full program but still are good for sharing

• Book Sales (June Brittingham)
  a. Need help with the book sale table
  b. Still looking for independent book sellers who could do the sale for us
  c. Purchasing some local books/tour booklets for the sale table as well
  d. Will look into a bookstore who could do this themselves
  e. If not, just consider selling books for the author we bring in during the specific event
  f. Book buzz will have galley giveaways
  g. Could also include books for the silent auction

• Local book stores to consider
  a. Old Fox in Annapolis
  b. Unicorn bookshop (Jo Powers will contact them)
  c. Mystery Loves Company in Oxford
  d. Greedy Reads (Baltimore)

Standalone-Amy

• Amy will reach out to Mary Ellen again regarding March/June program.
  • If it doesn’t work out, we may postpone programming for the rest of the fiscal year

Facebook-Gabriel

• December Stats:
  a. 7 page views
  b. Average reach per post: 51
  c. Average engagement per post: 9

• Top Posts:
  Enoch Pratt Free Library

• Insight Facts
  a. Audience: 85% women, and 14% men
  b. Most of our audience is from Baltimore and Towson

Next Meeting-Teonja

• April 7th meeting will be at Busch Annapolis Library at 1:30pm

FYI

• Teonja, Amy, Robin, Moneik and Gabriel will be attending MLA, and will be willing to help facilitate a meeting.
Submitted by,
Gabriel Jones