

Missouri Library Association
Annual Business Meeting
Thursday, October 4, 2007
University Plaza Hotel
Colorado A&B Meeting Rooms
Springfield, Missouri
4-5 pm
Approved Minutes

Call to order:

President Karen Horny called the 107th Annual Business Meeting to order at 4 pm. She asked that the agenda for the meeting be adopted. Kimberlee Ried seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Report from Karen Horny, President:

President Horny apologized for delivery problems of the MOInfo ballots. The ballots were sent bulk mail and some were unable to get the ballots in by the deadline. Next year the ballots will be sent by first class mail instead. The ballots that came in late were tallied and did not change the outcome of the elections. President Horny discussed the importance of the Annual Conference for fulfilling Missouri Library Association objectives. It provides real opportunities to network. It provides opportunities for continuing education. It provides opportunities for professional development.

The other association objective of advocacy is met by the Annual Advocacy day in February. The meetings with legislators to promote the importance of libraries in Missouri, was important and successful this year.

The executive board experimented with video teleconferencing this year and found it worked very well. It helped with participation and travel for the committee members. Hopefully it can be expanded into other areas in the state.

The brochure on MLA was revised this year and will help to promote MLA.

Karen participated in the LSTA 5 year review. It has a potential for joint ventures with other organizations. Hopefully MLA will be allowed to apply for LSTA grants in the future.

The ALA Emerging Leaders program is an excellent program that MLA promotes.

The increase in dues has made MLA stronger financially.

President Horny encouraged members to participate as volunteers in MLA. She thanked the volunteers that filled positions in 2006.

The increase in revenue makes it possible for MLA to investigate electronic payments and other online options.

Report from Karen Hayden, President-Elect:

Karen welcomed the members and talked about the library fulfilling the needs of the community and being prepared to meet the needs of the community in the future.

Karen also talked about how MLA helps us meet the needs of the community. MLA helps us develop career contacts and enhances our skills. She asked that the members consider volunteering for committees and being involved in MLA. She encouraged us to remember how important libraries are and that we are leaders in both libraries and communities.

Report from Mel Davis, Conference Coordinator:

Mel thanked everyone for coming. The trade show seemed to be successful and she was hearing positive responses about the conference. It truly takes a library village to raise a conference. The local arrangement committee was great, and through the year have become good friends. Mel thanked the conference committee and Margaret Booker for all their hard work. She presented gifts for the team after recognizing them.

Report from Ray Hall, Treasurer:

The 2006 Annual audit was a positive one. There were two recommendations by Casey Accountants that have been implemented. There is now a monthly checklist on the financial statements that is approved by the Budget and Finance Committee. The income for the year thus far was \$166,829.02, expenses were \$158,205.18 and the balance is \$8,623.84. Half of the association income is from membership dues. The other half comes from the annual conference. The investment philosophy changes have been good and have resulted in doubling our investments. The 2006 conference has been profitable and the current balance is \$43,528.15. No action was required from his report.

Report from Pat Gregory, ALA Councilor:

Print report Appendix 1:

Pat discussed two ALA resolutions, one on National Security Letters and one on the SKILLS Act. MLA endorsed the National Security Letter. She encouraged MLA to also endorse the SKILLS Act resolution.

Pat mentioned that the American Libraries Direct online newsletter had received an award. Pat also mentioned the grant deadline of December 1, 2007 for Let's Talk About It. Look at the ALA website for details.

Report from Steve Potter, Legislative Committee Chair:

2008 Legislative Agenda Appendix 2:

Steve Potter presented the 2008 Legislative Agenda. The issues include the Athletes & Entertainers tax revenues, summer reading programs, the Missouri Digital Heritage Initiative, alternative tax sources, monitoring funds that affect libraries, and MOBIUS.

Karen Horny asked for a vote on adopting the agenda. There was no opposition and the agenda was adopted.

Report from Katy Smith, Membership Committee Chair and MACRL Division Chair:

Know Me in Missouri Winners were Courtney Mlinar and Lucy Lockley. The trivia contest was won by Team 4.

New Business:

Circulation and Interlibrary Loan Special Interest Group

Petition Appendix 3:

Marion Davis, June Deweese, and Katherine Bohnenkamper presented the petition for the new special interest group. Marion Davis of the steering committee discussed the need for the Circulation ILL SIG. There are already plans for future programs for the Interest Group.

June Deweese stated that all types of libraries have access services so the group will have wide appeal.

The Circulation ILL SIG was approved with no opposition.

2008 Officers Introduction presented by Karen Hicklin, Nominating Committee Chair:

Karen introduced the new officers and thanked everyone that participated. The new officers are:

President Karen Hayden
President-Elect Kimberlee Ried
Past –President Karen Horny
Treasurer Ray Hall
Secretary Joy Dufraim
Member-At-Large John Furlong

Member-At-Large Linda Tarantino
ALA Councilor Pam Klipsch

Stakeholder Reports:

Tracy Byerly, MLNC Executive Director and PEER SIG Chair announced the winner of the 2007 Ronald G. Bohley Scholarship Anna Foote of Johnson County Public Library. The committee was impressed by Anna's views on the importance of library cooperation, community connections, and youth services for library growth. Anna will be attending the University of Missouri-Columbia. The scholarship is funded by the silent auction.

State Librarian Margaret Conroy thanked all the attendees to the focus groups. The State Library has had a very busy year. The LSTA Five Year plan was created and approved. The goals for continuing education were retooled. The feedback was very helpful. The legislation was good this year for the State Library. \$4 million was available for public libraries. \$1.3 was available for funding new programs. The Missouri Digital Heritage, based on Virtual Missouri was expanded for digitization. The State Historical Society has expressed an interest in participating in the program. There are more online resources available through Gale and testing materials are now available online.

Announcements:

The October 2, 2008 Annual Business Meeting will be held at the Millennium Hotel in St. Louis, MO.

Adjournment:

President Karen Horny adjourned the meeting at 5 pm.

Executive Board Approved 11.30.08