

**Missouri Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Friday, August 4, 2006  
MLA Headquarters, Columbia, MO  
APPROVED MINUTES**

**Call to Order.** At 10:30 a.m. MLA President Wicky Sleight called the meeting to order with the following board members present: Ann Riley, Past-President; Carrie Cline, Secretary; Catherine Craven, Treasurer; Shari Ellison, Member-at-Large; John Furlong, Member-at-Large; John Jasumback, Public Library Division Recorder; Cindy Shearrer, Special Library Division Chair; Diane Hunter, MACRL Chair; and Pat Gregory, ALA Councilor.

Also present were Margaret Booker, Executive Director; Karen Duree, Legislative Committee Chair; Linda Tarantino, Awards Committee Chair; Liz Sypko, Support Staff ParaProfessional SIG Vice-Chair; Sherry McBride-Brown, Outreach SIG Chair; Marilyn McLeod, Conference Local Arrangements Committee Chair; Fran Stumpf, Technical Services SIG Chair; Jamie Schmid, RISSIG Chair; Linda Weatherspoon, MASL (Missouri Association of School Librarians) President; Alicia Ahlvers, Outreach SIG Vice-Chair; David Freeman, YASIG Vice-Chair; and Nancy Ogg, Archivist.

**Approval of Minutes.**

Minutes from the May 26<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting were read and discussed. Nancy Ogg asked that a misspelling be corrected and the following statement be added to the Nominating Committee paragraph... "The issue of finding future funding for the ALA Councilor position was sent to the Treasurer and Budget and Finance Committee for further review." With this correction, the minutes stand approved.

**President's Report.**

Wicky reported that she represented MLA at various meetings around the state. She then requested that the Executive Committee meet with her following the regular board meeting for a Closed Session.

**Report from ALA Councilor Pat Gregory.**

Report is attached. (Appendix A)

**Report from 2006 Conference Arrangements Committee Chair Marilyn McLeod.**

Marilyn presented the preliminary schedule, which can be found on MLA's web site ([www.molib.org](http://www.molib.org)) She requested that all corrections should be emailed to Marilyn by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Because of our joint Post-Conference with the Missouri Association of School Librarians, MASL's conference information will be added to the schedule for any MLA member to attend.

**Report from MLA Executive Director Margaret Booker.**

Margaret recently did a one-hour presentation on association management models for the Chapter Relations Committee at the ALA meeting in New Orleans and was a panelist for the Missouri Society of Association Executives on a communication technology presentation. She enjoyed good feedback from both these events.

**Communications.**

No communications.

**Unfinished Business.**

No unfinished business.

**New Business.**

Janice Schultz of the Mid-Continent Public Library presented a petition to form a Genealogy / Local History Special Interest Group. Report and petition names are attached. (Appendix B-1 through B-5)

Ann Riley made a motion to send this to a vote of the membership at the Annual Business Meeting in October, John Furlong seconded, and the motion passed. The petition will be presented to the General Membership in October.

### **Reports of Divisions, SIGs, and Committees.**

**Special Library Division.** Chair Cindy Shearrer reported that membership has increased, thanks in part to Beth Eckles, Director of the Missouri Department of Corrections libraries. She paid for all of her librarians to join with some extra year-end funds. The Division did a special mailer to all members which produced results.

They did two legal research sessions with the MO Bar for the Kansas City Public Library this summer. Other sessions are planned this fall at the UMC Law Library, St. Louis Public Library, and Lincoln University.

**Children's Services Round Table.** Vice-Chair Carrie Cline announced plans for a Post-Conference in conjunction with the MASL Fall Seminar and reported on CSRT's planned conference programs.

**Reference and Information Services SIG.** Report attached. (Appendix C)

**Young Adult SIG.** David Freeman announced their sessions in the Post-Conference. Report is attached. (Appendix D)

**Awards Committee.** Chair Linda Tarantino reported that her committee met on July 14<sup>th</sup> and selected winners for each award. The Bohley Award will be chosen soon in collaboration with award partner MLNC.

The Library of the Year award was submitted for approval.

After much discussion Ann Riley made a motion to approve the award, with the amendment "Nominees must be Institutional Members." Catherine Craven seconded, and it carried unanimously. It was requested that the Awards Committee research which awards, if any, require membership. Library of the Year Award is attached. (Appendix E)

**Bylaws and Handbook Committee.** Chair Ann Riley proposed some cosmetic changes to the Bylaws. (Appendix F) ) After reviewing these proposed changes from the committee, they stand approved. They will now be presented to the General Membership for final approval in October.

**Intellectual Freedom Committee.** Report is attached. (Appendix G)

**Legislative Committee.** Karen Duree looked at 3 alternate venues to hold the 2007 Legislative Day in February. The committee would like to stay at the Country Club because it is so popular with the attending representatives, and would like to amend the menu to save money. Discussion was held concerning this event and the accounting used to show expenses and revenue. (Appendix H-1 through H-7)

Ann Riley made a motion to revise single-event accounting to reflect the staff salary expense as a footnote to MLA event budgets. Shari Ellison seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Concerning the upcoming Legislative Agenda, there was discussion about MOBIUS and whether or not to remove it from our agenda. The consensus was to keep it on the table for future consideration and not let it disappear forever.

Karen Duree made a motion to approve the agenda, with the addition of the line to restore MOBIUS to the agenda, Pat Gregory seconded, and it passed unanimously. It will now go on to the General Membership for final approval.

**Nominating Committee.** Report is attached. (Appendix I) Nancy Ogg also reported that after discussion in May about the ALA Councilor, the position doesn't actually have to be filled until next year.

**Outreach SIG.** Shari Ellison discussed their planned activities at the upcoming conference to welcome to members, such as Poster Sessions, Table Talks, and a Library Tour. One feature at the Table Talks will focus on Rural Librarianship.

**Report from Catherine Craven, Treasurer.**

Report is attached. (Appendix J-1 through J-7) The board read the proposal for a dues increase, since MLA has had no significant dues increase in at least 12 years. Among the discussion, it was recommended that the Corporate Membership be moved from Individual to Institutional.

The vote was unanimous to accept the proposed dues increases. It will be sent to the General Membership for final approval.

There was discussion about the vagueness of what constitutes a quorum at the General Membership Meeting, including some confusion in the Bylaws. A parliamentarian will be at the Annual Membership Meeting as these items are discussed.

Catherine made a second proposal that the Bylaws be amended that enables the board to raise dues minimally, tied to the Consumer Price Index, without requiring a vote of the General Membership. This action was sent to the Bylaws Committee for further review.

**MASL President Linda Weatherspoon.**

Linda expressed her gratitude for our joint Post-Conference workshops, and promoted the MASL Fall Seminar that will follow. MLA will advertise their conference in the upcoming MOINFO, and all of the registration information can be found on MASL's web site. ([www.maslonline.org](http://www.maslonline.org))

**Announcements.** Due to scheduling conflicts, Margaret suggested that there be no board meeting at the upcoming conference. After discussion, it was decided that it will be held Friday morning at 7 a.m. as a breakfast meeting.

The next meeting will be held in Columbia on Friday morning, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Carrie Cline, Secretary