

**Missouri Library Association**  
**Annual Business Meeting**  
Thursday, October 8, 2009  
Holiday Inn Select Executive Center  
Columbia, Missouri  
4:00 p.m.

1) President Ried called the 198<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

She began the meeting by recognizing the Conference Co-Coordinators, June DeWeese and Judy Maseles and thanked them for all of the work they and their committees had done in preparation for the Conference. She also recognized and thanked libraries with large contingencies of staff in attendance. Last, she recognized all those in attendance who were members of the Association and thanked them for their support of the MLA.

2) President Ried then presented her report. She announced that in keeping with the findings of the Membership Forum held last year, an Ad Hoc Task Force has been created. It is chaired by Karen Hicklin, Director of Trails Regional Library and a Past-President of MLA. Chair Hicklin will present a report later in the meeting.

President Ried recognized the President-Elect to present her report.

3) President Elect Sharon McCaslin stated that one of her goals was to meet and get to know librarians across the state. She began doing this as part of her duties this year by attending a number of meetings. She is in the planning process for next year and is seeking volunteers to work on the various standing committees, particularly as chairpersons.

She has two initiatives that she will be working on for the coming year:

- There will be a Board Retreat in St. Louis on January 7-8, 2010. It will be held at the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
- Sometime this spring, she would like to do a "four-corners" tour of the state to continue the goal of meeting with librarians around the state.

President Ried recognized the Conference Co-Coordinators for their report.

4) Co-Coordinators June DeWeese and Judy Maseles presented preliminary numbers for this year's conference: There were 292 participants who pre-registered (attendees, vendors, etc.); there were 70 booths for the Trade Show; 5 persons registered as new members; and 28 persons registered on-site. Updated figures will be provided at a later date.

They then recognized and expressed their thanks to President Ried, President-Elect McCaslin and all of the members of the Conference Arrangements Committee for the work leading up to and during the conference to ensure its success and presented each with a small token of appreciation.

President Ried recognized the Treasurer for his report.

5) Treasurer Tony Garrett presented the 12.31.08 Revenue and Expense Budget v. Annual Budget report and the 8.31.09 Revenue and Expense Budget v. Annual Budget report and indicated that they had been filed as required.

He noted that there had been a drop in revenue due to the drop in membership renewals and encouraged everyone to renew their memberships early this year.

He announced that the Association would have a Financial Review done this year instead of a full Audit and that this would provide a savings for the Association. This was done on the recommendation of the company handling the Association audits and approved by the Executive Board.

Another cost-saving measure that was implemented this past year was to begin distributing *MoInfo* in an electronic only format.

President Ried recognized the ALA Councilor for her report.

6) ALA Councilor Pam Klipsch highlighted some of the items from ALA this past year.

- A letter was sent by ALA expressing concerns with the settlement reached dealing with Google Books. The Courts later rejected the settlement, reopened the case, and directed that terms needed to be renegotiated.

- The USA Patriot Act is coming up for renewal. The Vermont State Library Association is positioning itself to lobby against the renewal if no modifications are being recommended. They are asking that other State Associations also make preparations to lobby against the renewal. She will make a motion at the November MLA Board Meeting to that effect.

- Everyone is being urged to contact their Senators to support the Equitable Paycheck Legislation which is currently in process.

- The slate of nominees for the upcoming ALA Council elections includes four Missouri librarians. If you are a member of ALA, please consider voting for these persons.

President Ried recognized the Chair of the Bylaws and Handbook Committee for her report.

7) Chair Karen Hayden presented a motion with three amendments to the Bylaws for vote by the MLA membership.

President Ried announced that since these amendments came from a standing committee, the motion did not require a second. She further explained that the motion would be considered and voted upon in three parts, using the ballots provided.

Chair Hayden read the first part of the motion to amend Article II, Section 6 of the Bylaws to authorize an official review instead of an audit, but requiring an audit at least every three years.

President Ried recognized Chair Hayden to present an explanation/clarification and then asked for discussion. Hearing none, she called for the vote.

Motion to amend Article II, Finances, Section 6 by authorizing an official review instead of an audit, but requiring an audit at least every three years.

Motion carried: 99 Yes 3 No

President Ried then recognized Chair Hayden to read the next amendment.

Chair Hayden presented the amendment to Article X – Executive Committee, to strike the entire article, thereby eliminating the Executive Committee. Changes would also need to be made to any other portions of the Bylaws to strike references to the Executive Committee.

President Ried asked if there was any discussion. A question came from the floor asking what would happen to the duties of the Executive Committee and whether wording needed to be added to the motion to indicate where those duties would fall. The Parliamentarian indicated that it would not be necessary to include any such wording about the duties as it would be understood that if the Executive Committee was dissolved the duties would fall back to the full Board.

President Ried asked for further discussion and hearing none, called for the vote.

Motion to amend Article X-Executive Committee by striking the article, thereby eliminating the Executive Committee. Changes would also be made in other portions of the bylaws where the Executive Committee is named by striking any such references.  
Motion carried: 53 Yes 50 No

President Ried recognized Chair Hayden to read the last amendment and present any explanation/clarification.

Chair Hayden presented the amendment to Article XI-Committees, to eliminate the Continuing Education and Personnel Committees and to create a Public Relations Committee. She explained that this was to bring the Bylaws more in line with the current structure of the Association.

President Ried asked if there was any discussion and hearing none, called for the vote.

Motion to amend Article XI by eliminating the Continuing Education and Personnel Committees and by creating the Public Relations Committee.  
Motion carried: 99 Yes 5 No

President Ried recognized the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee.

8) Chair Tony Garrett presented a motion from the Committee to implement an Institutional Dues Redistribution.

President Ried indicated that since this was a motion from a standing committee it did not require a second. Voting would be by the provided ballot. She asked if there was any discussion. A question from the floor was asked concerning the financial impact that the change in dues structure might have if implemented. Discussion ensued as to how much the Association would benefit and/or whether this could cause some libraries not to renew their institutional memberships. There are currently 33 institutional members. A question was also raised as to what was meant by Library Budget. Chair Garrett indicated he did not have the information with him and would have to look through the Committee notes for clarification.

President Ried asked if there was further discussion and hearing none, called for the vote.

Motion to amend the Institutional dues as presented.  
Motion carried: 86 Yes 13 No

President Ried, as Interim Chair of the Legislative Committee, presented the Committee Report.

9) Interim Chair Ried presented for adoption the proposed 2010 Legislative Agenda. Since this was a recommendation from a standing committee, it did not require a second. She asked if there was any discussion, and hearing none, called for the vote by the ballot provided.

Motion to accept the 2010 Legislative Agenda as proposed.  
Motion carried: 98 Yes 4 No

President Ried recognized Chair of the MLA Ad-Hoc Taskforce.

10) Chair Karen Hicklin presented her report on the MLA Ad-Hoc Taskforce. She indicated that the group had been formed in August to review and make recommendations concerning the organizational structure, governance, and management of the Missouri Library Association. When completed, the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Taskforce will be presented to the full membership for consideration.

She indicated that the first meeting was held in September and that the group all agreed that there were areas for improvement which could be addressed. They began identifying and discussing some of the issues. They also reviewed the survey of the membership that was done this past year. They will be developing a strategic plan to keep them on task.

Chair Hicklin introduced members of the Ad Hoc Taskforce and the subcommittees to which each had been assigned.  
Governance: Keri Cascio (chair)-St. Charles City/County Library, Kimberlee Ried-National Archives at Kansas City, Susan Wray-Mid-Continent Public Library, Betty Evans-Missouri State University, Jackie Thomas-Popular Bluff Library.  
Management: Jane Theissen (chair)-Fontbonne University, Laura Pirondi-St. Charles City/County Library, Steve Campbell-North Kansas City Library, Barbara Jones-National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Jennifer Milliken-Kirkwood Public Library  
Organization: Diane Hunter (chair)-University of Missouri–Kansas City, John Furlong-Brentwood Public Library, Rob Hallis-University of Central Missouri, Tony Garrett-University of Missouri–St. Louis , Nancee Dahms-Stinson-Springfield-Greene County Library.  
Executive Director Margaret Booker is an Ex Officio member of the Task Force.

The next meeting of the group will be in October – TBA – to work on the strategic plan. They will also be developing a blog on the MLA website in order to keep everyone abreast of their progress. She also announced that the group would be looking at the information gathered at the Breakfast Forum (10/9/09, 7:30-9:00am) and encouraged everyone to attend and contribute their input.

11) President Ried introduced the slate of elected officers for 2010.

- President Sharon McCaslin
- President Elect Susan Wray
- Past-President Kimberlee Ried
- Treasurer Tony Garrett (2010-2011)
- Secretary Sarah Erwin
- Member-at-Large Marty Miller (2009-2010)
- Member-at-Large Carol Smith (2010-2011)
- MACRL Division Chair Brent Husher
- Public Libraries Division Chair April Roy
- Special Libraries Division Chair Kathy Cosgrove
- Trustee and Friends Division Chair vacant
- Youth Services Division Chair Carrie Cline

President Ried recognized various stakeholders, beginning with the State Librarian.

12) State Library Margaret Conroy presented her report to the membership. She mentioned opportunities for libraries to apply for grant monies. The Gates Foundation is providing \$1million to purchase computers and other equipment to build and expand library networks. The LSTA grants from the federal government provide stimulus money to expand broadband access.

There has been a LSTA appropriation which will allow the extension of courier services for public libraries so that Interlibrary Loan services can be expanded.

The State Library budget was somewhat protected from the state budget cuts. There has been a 5% cut, with an anticipated additional 5% cut for operations to come later. Once again, there will be no funding coming from the Sports & Entertainment tax.

She encouraged everyone to become more active and proactive for library advocacy.

President Ried recognized Jodie Borgerding to give an update on the 2009 ReadMore program.

Jodie Borgerding reported that the 2009 ReadMore book was *A Thousand Acres* by Jane Smiley and that there had been three events around the state featuring Ms. Smiley.

She announced that the 2010 ReadMore selection is a group of short stories by Mark Twain which can be found in the compilation entitled *The Mysterious Stranger*. She suggested that those interested in more information may find it on the ReadMore website at <http://www.readmoremissouri.org/>. There is also an application form to fill out if a Library would like to be considered to host a program with living history presenter George Frein, who will travel to ten selected towns.

### 13) Announcements

- The Bohley Silent Auction raised over \$500 for the Bohley Scholarship fund.
- 2010 Conference will be held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake Ozarks, MO from Oct. 6-8, 2010

Melissa Muth asked the question from the floor as to how and why the Ad Hoc Task Force chaired by Karen Hicklin had been formed. President Ried gave a brief explanation about the concerns which had been raised at the 2008 Conference which led to her appointing the Ad Hoc Task Force (see May 1, 2009 MLA Board minutes and V.40,#5 *MoInfo* article <http://molib.org/Sept09MOINFO.pdf>). As the work of the task force progresses, information will be made available on the MLA webpage.

14) President Ried formally adjourned the 2009 MLA Business Meeting at 5:24 p.m.