

**Missouri Library Association
Executive Board Meeting**

Friday, September 11, 2009
9:00 to 11:45 a.m.

MLA Headquarters, Room 205
3212-A LeMone Industrial Boulevard
Columbia, MO 65201
With videoconferencing locations
at St. Louis, Kansas City, and Lee's Summit

Draft Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

President Ried called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Attendees introduced themselves at conferencing locations. A quorum of seven voting Board members was announced.

Board members in attendance were: President Kimberlee Ried, SLD Chair Cindi Ernst, Interim Member-At-Large Sarah Howard, MACRL Vice-Chair Brent Husher, Member-At-Large Marty Miller, ALA Councilor Pam Klipsch, PLD Chair Mary Beth Revels, with Past-President Karen Haydn, President-Elect Sharon McCaslin, and Treasurer Tony Garrett arriving later.

Non-board members in attendance were: Executive Director Margaret Booker, Connie Bush, Janet Caruthers, Letitia DenHartog, June DeWeese, Judy Maseles, Carol Smith, Jodie Borgerding, Barbara Brain, Gerald Brooks, Sarah Erwin, Lori Kupsy, Sarah Windau, Katherine Bohnenkamper, Jeana Gockley, Tammy Stewart, Jerry Brown, Naomi Williamson, April Roy, Mary Beveridge, Diane Hunter, Melissa Muth.

Board members not in attendance were Secretary Frances Piesbergen, TFD Chair Joy Dufrain, and YSD Chair Crystal Faris.

In the absence of Secretary Piesbergen, meeting minutes were taken by Executive Director Margaret Booker and President-Elect Sharon McCaslin.

2. Approval of Minutes

7.24.09 Executive Board Meeting Minutes were presented for consideration. Minor spelling and grammatical corrections noted. Interim Member-At-Large Sarah Howard moved to approve, PLD Chair Mary Beth Revels seconded. Approved unanimously: Columbia 2, St. Louis 1, Lee's Summit 1, Kansas City 3.

The ALA Emerging Leader recommendation electronic vote was reviewed.

3. Report from Kimberlee Ried, President

Current difficulties in finding volunteer leadership for the Trustees and Friends Division were discussed, with suggestions for supporting and serving trustees and friends. President Ried requested a current

member count - 44. A written proposal outlining possible changes in status and expectations for trustees and friends was presented and discussed. The Board will return to this discussion at the November 13 Board meeting after the Trustees and Friends Division has had an opportunity to respond to the proposal.

President Ried reviewed the list of MLA leaders who have not yet renewed their 2009 membership and a proposed letter to be sent next week severing membership benefits and thanking them for their service to the organization. Conference Coordinator DeWeese will speak to CAC Chairs Ann Riley and Hunter Kevil.

Interim Member-At-Large Sarah Howard moved that CIT Chair Robin Hastings and Technical Services Chair Natasha Grando be contacted. Member-At-Large Marty Miller seconded. Approved unanimously: Columbia 3, St.Louis 1, Lee's Summit 1, Kansas City 3.

4. Report from Tony Garrett, Interim Treasurer

The July actual income and expenditures were reviewed. President Ried noted that advertising revenues are up.

A template for collecting and recording annual reports was reviewed. President Ried noted that Association policy already dictates that each unit and officer should file an annual report. These reports will be collected by the Executive Director and sent to the Treasurer. The Treasurer and the Budget and Finance Committee will compile, review, and proofread, with a goal of a draft copy being available in November annually.

The Treasurer plans to distribute multiple draft budgets for Budget and Finance Committee review at the conference all-committee meeting on October 8. President Ried encouraged all board members to attend that committee meeting.

5. Report from Pam Klipsch, ALA Councilor

ALA Councilor Pam Klipsch initiated a discussion of a proposed MLA resolution in support of a public option in health care reform, with copies to be sent to Missouri's Senators and Representatives. The growing cost of health care is of vital concern to Missouri's libraries, which run the risk of being no longer able to provide insurance for their employees. Several members suggested that this was an issue which should be addressed by MLA's members as citizens rather than by the organization speaking for all libraries. Federal Legislative Coordinator Gerald Brooks noted that employee insurance is a legitimate and relevant concern for libraries and this issue deserves further consideration. President Ried suggested that the Councilor's September *MO INFO* article should have expanded detail and a link to the ALA resolution, asking the members for feedback.

ALA Councilor Klipsch presented a draft letter to be sent to ALA expressing concern for user access, economic obstacles, privacy, and intellectual freedom concerns which had unfortunately been glossed over in a recent ALA, ACRL, and ARL acceptance of the Google Book Settlement. Concerns over this settlement have also been expressed by the head of the U.S. Copyright Office.

ALA Councilor Klipsch moved that MLA send a letter expressing concern about the Google Book Settlement to ALA in the coming week, seconded by President-Elect McCaslin. Approved unanimously: Columbia, 4, St. Louis 1, Lee's Summit 1, Kansas City 3.

6. Report from Sharon McCaslin, President-Elect

President Elect Sharon McCaslin noted that the dates for the 2010 Board Meetings have been set. The January Board Retreat and first Board Meeting of the year will be held face-to-face, as will the fall Board Meeting, which will be discussing budget issues for 2011. She requested Board input on whether the fall meeting should be held in September (requiring a separate trip to a central location) or on Tuesday evening before the first day of the October conference (requiring an additional hotel room for some and extending conference obligations). It was agreed by consensus to place the board meeting in October as part of the conference.

President-Elect McCaslin brought forward the handbook changes for the Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Legislative Committee which had been tabled at the last Board meeting. President Ried reported that she had presented these recommended changes to the Legislative Committee at their meeting on September 1, but she had not yet completed their revisions to the document.

Since the Legislative Committee had no changes to the Intellectual Freedom Committee proposed changes, it was decided that action could be taken on that proposal:

3.8 Intellectual Freedom Committee

3.8.1 Membership

3. The Chair shall be appointed by the President from members who have served at least one year on the committee. The Chair shall serve as a liaison to the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom. The Chair shall be a member of the Legislative Committee for one year, while serving as chair of this committee.

3.8.2 Duties

1. Monitors legislation and other efforts that affect first amendment rights to libraries, librarians, and their clientele.

2. Encourages libraries to protect those rights by:

(1) Adopting the Freedom to Read Statement, the Library Bill of Rights, and other statements adopted by the American Library Association and endorsed by the Missouri Library Association.

(2) Adopting selection and collection development policies that protect against challenges.

(3) Providing training opportunities with regard to intellectual freedom issues.

3. Supports and implements the MLA Statement on Intellectual Freedom (see Section 6.1)

4. Assists and supports MLA members in intellectual freedom concerns, as requested.

President Elect McCaslin moved that the Intellectual Freedom Committee section be revised as proposed. Seconded by PLD Chair Mary Beth Revels. Approved unanimously: Columbia 5, St. Louis 1, Lee's Summit 1, Kansas City 3.

President Ried will complete the changes to the description of the Legislative Committee, distribute it among the Legislative Committee for approval, and submit the resulting document to the Board for final approval electronically before the Annual Meeting.

7. Reports from Committees, Divisions, and Special Interest Groups:

Bylaws and Handbook Committee, Chair Karen Hadyn

Chair Hayden presented the Young Adult Special Interest Group bylaws, recommended for approval by the Committee.

The Bylaws and Handbook Committee (Karen Hayden, Chair) moved that the YASIG bylaws be approved as distributed. Approved unanimously: Columbia 5, St. Louis 1, Lee's Summit 1, Kansas City 3.

2009 Conference, Chair June DeWeese

After discussion with TouchPoll it was determined that there had not been time to set this up in the budget for the conference. The Coordinators declined the offer, but recommend that next year's conference coordinators consider this online evaluation service at an earlier date. The golf tournament is still in need of participants, with only two signed up so far. A push for last minute registration has been started, with a reminder e-mail to go out immediately after this meeting, reminding the membership that early registration prices are only good if post-marked before midnight on September 11. The conference coordinators have worked with SISLT to encourage library science students to attend, with 27 signed up so far.

Legislative Committee, Interim Chair Kimberlee Ried

On the Legislative Committee's recommendation, Interim Chair Ried presented a draft contract for MLA's lobbyist, based on the previous contract.

The Legislative Committee (Kimberlee Ried, Interim Chair) moved that the proposed contract be offered to Randy Scherr and that a firm contract be negotiated, authorizing President Ried to make any adjustments necessary, short of major increases in the base fee. Passed unanimously: Columbia 5, St. Louis 1, Lee's Summit 1, Kansas City 3.

Interim Chair Ried presented the 2010 Legislative Agenda, noting that the Legislative Committee had added MLA's support for "alternate funding sources" (i.e. sales tax) and added examples of local control decisions. This Agenda will be completed when the State Librarian is available to insert the current amount sought for state aid. The Board recommended that the word "policy" be inserted, noting that local library boards should make only policy decisions for libraries.

The Legislative Committee (Kimberlee Ried, Interim Chair) moved that the 2010 Legislative Agenda be approved for presentation to the membership at the Annual Meeting on October 8. Passed unanimously: Columbia 5, St. Louis 1, Lee's Summit 1, Kansas City 3.

8. Unfinished Business

The proposed partnership with Drexel University was discussed. Tony Garrett, Past Chair of PEER SIG, reported that the SIG had investigated the issue, saw little cost involved, and recommended that MLA partner with Drexel online. Several members suggested that some return for our effort, beyond the fairly common discounting of tuition, should be required. Others indicated that this partnering might damage the more important relationship we are working on with SISLT. By consensus, it was agreed that

President Kimberlee Ried should use this proposal from Drexel as an impetus for discussion with SISLT about how that relationship might be strengthened.

9. New Business

Carol Smith, Cynthia Dudenhoffer, and Jodie Borgerding presented a proposal to create a Task Force on Emerging Technologies. In conjunction with Brandy Sanchez, they propose to offer a discovery program for interested librarians and library staff to learn how to use new technologies. Prizes will be given to those who complete the various components. For a nominal fee, institutions and organizations in the state might sponsor the program by financing the minimal costs. The initial experiment will be offered in the spring of 2010, with feedback to indicate what additional steps might be taken.

President-Elect Sharon McCaslin moved that the MLA Task Force on Emerging Technologies be created as outlined, seconded by Sarah Howard. Approved unanimously: Columbia 5, St. Louis 1, Lee's Summit 1, Kansas City 3.

10. Announcements

Treasurer Tony Garrett noted that MLA member vote proposals should have been received by now and members are encouraged to vote. The details of proposed dues changes and bylaws changes are in the packet. President Ried added that details will be up on the MLA homepage before the conference.

The MLA Annual Business Meeting will be Thursday, October 8, at 4:00 p.m. at the conference in Columbia.

The next Board Meeting will be November 13, via videoconference, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

11. Adjournment at 11:45 a.m.