

Missouri Library Association Board Meeting

Videoconference: Columbia at DBRL, Kansas City at UMKC and Mid-Continent,
Warrensburg at UCMO, Springfield at the Library Center, St. Louis at MLNC
Friday, January 14, 2011

1. Welcome and Roll Call

President Hicklin called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Attending in Columbia: Glenda Hunt, Sandy Schiefer, Brandy Sanchez

Attending in Kansas City at UMKC: Brent Husher and Cindy Thompson

Attending in Kansas City at Mid-Continent: Steve Potter and Susan Burton

Attending in Warrensburg: Karen Hicklin, Carol Smith, Marian Davis

Attending in Springfield: Nancee Dahms-Stinson, Neosha Mackey, Joshua Lambert

Attending in St. Louis: Tracy Byerly, Pam Klipsch, Candice Oliver, Sarah Wood, Tom Pearson, Jodie Borgerding, Christina Pryor, Lori Kupsy, Joy Dufraim, Shelley Akins, Laura Pirondi, Keith Gaertner, Kris Helbling

2. Minutes

Hicklin called for discussion and/or corrections to the November 19, 2010 Executive Board meeting minutes. Davis called for two spelling and grammatical corrections. Sanchez moved to accept the minutes as amended. Hunt seconded and the vote was unanimous.

3. New Business

Hicklin solicited for MOREnet and Vendor representatives to serve on the 2013 Conference Site Selection Committee. Hearing no suggestions, Hicklin will appoint representatives.

Hicklin solicited for volunteers to assist the Bylaws & Handbook Committee in revising those sections related directly to the Board. Hearing no suggestions, Hicklin will appoint representatives.

Hicklin solicited for a volunteer to serve as MLA's representative on the State Library's Statewide Continuing Education Committee. Anna Strackeljahn, Vice-Chair of PEER SIG, will be approached about volunteering for this position.

Mackey reported MLA's current net profit as \$43,482.72. She also shared that MLA's certificates of deposit (CDs) will be coming due soon and these funds will be transferred into the organizations checking account until a decision is made about what to do with them.

Mackey moved to ratify the Remote Deposit Agreement. McCaslin seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mackey moved to approve the Financial Report. Dahms-Stinson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mackey moved to approve the Letter of Engagement from the organization's auditor. Dahms-Stinson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Dahms-Stinson moved that \$100 be added to the MLA budget to develop and create the Show Me Youth Services award. Discussion followed involving Hicklin, McCaslin, and Dahms-Stinson to assign this expense item to the conference budget. Dahms-Stinson then amended the motion so that funds up to \$100 be allotted to the conference budget to allow for the development and creation the Show Me Youth Services award. Mackey seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Husher submitted themes for this year's conference to be considered by the Board:

- Missouri Libraries: Envisioning Tomorrow
- Missouri Libraries: The Glass that is Half Full
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- Learning, Laughing, and Libraries
- Missouri Libraries: Keeping Things in Perspective

Discussion was opened and Mackey, Oliver, Sanchez and Husher voiced support for the theme, "Missouri Libraries: Envisioning Tomorrow." Klipsch suggested the theme, "Missouri Libraries: Transforming Tomorrow" in keeping with ALA's current campaign. Smith moved that the theme "Missouri Libraries: Envisioning Tomorrow" be adopted. Hunt seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Jane Theiseen, Chair of the Bylaws and Handbook Committee, asked the Board to considered subscribing to web-conferencing software. Since Theiseen was not present, Hicklin introduced this topic for discussion on her behalf. Smith, Sanchez, and Klipsch discussed software used at academic and public libraries such as Adobe Connect, Skype, and OPAL. Hicklin suggested that this topic be more refined and presented again for the April 15, 2011 Board meeting.

McCaslin, Chair of the Nomination Committee, asked for the support of the Board in pursuing presidential candidates from an academic library. There has traditionally been an unwritten agreement that in order to ensure fair representation, candidates for the office of President-Elect would be selected on a rotating basis so that one year we would have a public librarian, one year a special librarian, then an academic librarian, and so on. The Board expressed support for pursuing a pool of candidates with a background in academic librarianship.

McCaslin asked the Board for clarification on the number of candidates for this year's vacant offices. It was agreed that a minimum of two-candidates be sought for each open office.

McCalin moved that the Nomination Committee provide oversight and delegation of election responsibilities including the organization and counting of ballots. Mackey seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Christina Pryor, Public Relations Committee Chair, asked the board if the committee should host regional association meetings similar to those held in Spring 2010. After discussion, it was decided that such meetings could be held in conjunction with the *Librarians Who Lunch* groups around the state. Kris Helbling offered to publicize these functions in MOInfo as they are scheduled.

Mackey, Dahms-Stinson, and Gaertner met to discuss the finances related to the Building Block Picture Award Committee. According to the 2011 budget, \$3000 has been allotted for this award. However, expenses for 2011 were estimated at \$975. It was suggested that the separate line item be removed from the budget, though no motion was made.

Hicklin suggested that division and SIG chairs be responsible for subscribing and unsubscribing new listserv members. There has been no management of this service for the last year. Smith suggested adding a module to the online member registration form that would allow people to join the appropriate listservs. Smith also proposed that in the meantime new member contact information be shared with the Membership Committee so that they may be added to the general listserv (MLA-L). Furthermore, Smith and Davis suggested that listserv registration be regularly promoted in MOInfo.

4. Executive Board Reports

Treasurer Neosha Mackey: Advised that we explore funds in with to invest MLA revenue before the next board meeting scheduled for April 15, 2011. McCaslin suggested that this responsibilities be turned over to the Budget and Finance Committee. Byerly also supplemented Mackey's report by providing an update on member registration. As of January 5, MLA had received 120 new member registrations and 20 institutional member registrations.

ALA Councilor Pam Klipsch: Her report from 2011 ALA Midwinter Meeting would be distributed via the MLA general listserv.

5. Division and Committee Reports

MACRL Chair Jodie Borgerding: MACRL will be hosting a Happy Hour at the upcoming ACRL conference; details to be distributed via the MLA general listserv.

Conference Coordinator Brent Husher: Conference Planning Committee has introduced centralized acceptance of proposals which will be routed to SIG's, division leaders, and co-chairs of the table talks.

Legislative Committee Chair Steve Potter: There are many new legislators in the Missouri House and Senate. He urged members to attend Library Advocacy Day planned for February 8, as well as the regular legislative updates provided by the Missouri State Library. The Legislative Committee Wiki can be found at: <http://sites.google.com/site/moliblc/home>.

Membership Committee Chair Laura Pironi: The Membership Committee will be contacting SIG and Division chairs who have not renewed and plans to recruit more institutional renewals in February.

Webmistress Carol Smith: The MLA website is up-to-date with new officer contact information. Please feel free to contact her with any corrections at csmith@libserv.ucmo.edu

5. SIG Reports

Gene-SIG Chair Tom Pearson: In an effort to improve communication with Genealogy and Local History Special Interest Group members, a new blog has been created: <http://mla-gene-ci.blogspot.com/>.

PEER-SIG Chair Candice Oliver: The Professionalism, Education, Employment and Recruitment Special Interest Group is still looking for a recorder.

YASIG Chair Sara Wood: The Young Adult Special Interest Group is looking for a new recorder after the resignation of Chris Durr.

Hearing no unfinished business or guest comments, Borgerding moved that the meeting be adjourned. McCaslin seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.