

**Missouri Library Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 7, 2014**

**President Gerald Brooks called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.**

**Welcome and Roll Call:** The following Board members and associated parties attended (in no particular order):

Christina Prucha, Jane Theissen, Gerald Brooks, Sharla Lair, Cindy Dudenhoffer, Jodie Borgerding, Seth Hershberger, Cindy Stewart-Grant, Jim Schmidt, Dan Brower, Alice Ruleman, Rob Hallis, Carol Smith, Lauren Williams, Angela Scott, Keith Gaertner, Barbara Reading (State Librarian), Tracy Byerly, Randy Sheer, Eric Petersen, Chris Pryor, Katy Smith, Jenifer Parson, Anna Strackeljahn, David King (Conference keynote speaker).

**Minutes from July 25, 2014:** Jodie moved to approve the minutes and Cindy D. seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Reports from Executive Board**

**President: Gerald Brooks**

- Gerald thanked his “dream team” – the MLA Board – for a job well done. Our current political challenges (withholding of the REAL funding) remind us that our attendance at Library Advocacy events is, and continues to be, VERY important.

**President-Elect: Christina Prucha**

- No report

**Treasurer: Sharla Lair**

- Financially, MLA is looking good. Individual memberships increased since our last meeting and the conference looks profitable.
- The income statement and balance sheets for July, August and September are attached to the board packet. Sharla moved that the Board accept them, Christina seconded and all approved.

**Member-at-Large: Seth Hershberger**

- Due to a scheduling conflict, John Chrastka of Everylibrary is unable to meet with us at this meeting. He will attend the November Board meeting.

**Reports from Committees**

**2014 Conference: Lauren Williams & Angela Scott**

- We are ready to go!!

**2015 Conference: Dan Brower**

- Memorandum of Agreement has been signed by both parties.
- Theme: Libraries Without Borders
- Currently, MOREnet will be unable to provide equipment – if budget money is released this will change.

**Legislative: Jim Schmidt, Chair**

- Committee still in need of members

**Membership: Chris Pryor, Chair**

- Discussed possible activities to increase membership

**Nominating: Carol Smith, Chair**

- Announced new Board members:
  - President Elect – Sharla Lair
  - Members at Large: Katy Smith, Eric Petersen, Chris Pryor
- A chair for the Nominating Committee is needed for next year

**PEER Community of Interest**

- Anna Strackeljahn requested that the Board set a firm amount for the Bohley Scholarship. This will be discussed at the November Board Meeting.
- Anna also asked the Board to move the deadline for application for the Bohley Scholarship to July 1 to coincide with other MLA Awards. Jodie made the motion, Sharla seconded and the motion was approved by the Board.
- Please stop by the Bohley Scholarship Auction table during the conference!

**Other Reports****Archivist: Stacy Hisle-Chaudri**

- Stacy again reminded everyone to forward archive materials to her. We do not have the capability to store digital items at this time.

**Webmaster: Rachel Brekhuis**

- Rachel is looking into the possibility of using WordPress to update the MLA website.

**Management Service (Amigos): Keith Gaertner**

- Amigos is in the process of hiring a new staff member – Management & Membership Services Assistant
- 2015 Management Services agreement has been signed.

**Unfinished Business - none****New Business - none****Comments from Guests**

Barbara Reading (State Librarian):

- Things are going well at the state library
- She does not have a pipeline to the Governor's office
- They are working on the Summer Reading program for next year
- LSTA funds are available to award for 2015
- They are planning for the possible release of the REAL funds
- The budget for the State Library is due to the SOS office
- One position has been filled at Wolfner Library; interviews are underway for the second.

**Announcements - none**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Theissen

Secretary and Member at Large