

Missouri Library Association 2014 Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, October 9, 2014
Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia, Missouri

President Gerald Brooks called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

There were no corrections to the 2013 Annual Business Meeting Minutes. They stand approved as posted.

President's Report

President Brooks introduced the 2013 Executive Committee members, and thanked them for a collaborative and enjoyable year. Calling them his "Dream Team", President Brooks noted what an honor it was to serve as MLA President and how the Board worked to address the newest challenge to libraries in Missouri – budget cuts and REAL money withheld by the governor. Reminding members of the importance of advocacy for libraries, he urged the group to continue building an awareness of the value of libraries.

Under his tenure, MLA has accomplished the following:

- Continuing focus on increased membership both institutional and individual
- Finalized paperwork (Memorandum of Agreement) for joint KLA/MLA Conference in 2015
- Collaborating with Secretary of State Kander to address budget issues that affect libraries
- Expanding the MLA Handbook
- Delineating the responsibilities of the Board's Members at Large
- Signed Management Services Agreement with Amigos for 2015

Special thanks to Christina Prucha (President-Elect) and Carol Smith (Past President), to Amigos Management (Tracy Byerly, Keith Gaertner, and Linda Elkow) and our Conference Coordinators (Lauren Williams and Angela Scott).

President-Elect's Report

Christina Prucha thanked everyone (Board, Committees, CIs, Conference Coordinators, and Amigos) for their continued work. She offered special thanks to Gerald for being a wonderful mentor and predecessor.

Christina noted that everyone contributes, which makes us a great organization. Ms. Prucha encouraged members to contact her to volunteer for next year and/or with ideas to help grow MLA.

Conference Coordinators' Report

Lauren Williams and Angela Scott noted that the Conference runs on the power of volunteers and profusely thanked their Conference Committee volunteers.

2014 conference by the numbers:

- 364 people registered
- 88 sessions offered
- 8 miles walked by Angela on Wednesday without leaving the hotel
- 1700 pounds of pasta packaged by volunteers at the Food Bank on Wednesday
- 5 celebrity authors
- 56+ volunteers
- 23 members of the Conference Arrangements Committee

Treasurer's Report

Sharla Lair reported that MLA is healthy with \$218,632.83 in assets. Both institutional and individual memberships surpassed 2014 projections. These numbers must continue to grow.

We are currently supporting:

- An Emerging Leader
- An ACRL Council member
- An ALA Councilor
- An attendee at National Library Legislative Day in Washington DC

We are in a position to expand the budget in support of activities and events for CIs and committees. CIs should think about programming for next year. Budget requests will go out shortly after the conference.

ALA Councilor's Report

Regina Cooper attended both ALA and ALA Midwinter meetings and was elected to serve on the Planning and Budget Assembly for ALA. The annual Missouri report has been turned in to ALA.

An issue just arose around Adobe collecting private information. ALA is gathering information to determine its response. Regina will keep the members informed.

Membership Committee

Gerald thanked Sharon McCaslin for her service as Membership Chair and noted her work in increasing membership. Sharon has stepped down to provide more time for her role on the MOBIUS Board. Chris Pryor has agreed to take the helm and provided the report. The Committee is planning a spring and a fall Membership Drive and Chris asked members to encourage others to join. New brochures are available that can be used in recruitment.

Legislative Committee

Jim Schmidt provided a recap of the current Missouri budget situation:

- Governor Nixon is currently withholding the REAL allocation to see how veto overrides turn out
- Most vetoes were not overridden
- The Committee is hoping for release of the REAL funds by the end of the year
- Jim will send out a letter to the membership on actions they can take

Two legislative measures of importance to libraries passed this year.

- Senate Bill 491 – revision of the Criminal Code -- continues to allow prosecution for non-return of library materials
- House Bill 1085 updated privacy protection for digital and third party vendors

Legislative Advocacy Day in Jefferson City is February 10, 2015

The 2015 Legislative Agenda was reviewed.

Jim made a motion to approve the 2015 Legislative Agenda; the motion was seconded by Steve Potter and approved by the members. The Agenda will be posted on the MLA website.

Handbook and Bylaws Committee

Alice Ruleman presented the changes to the bylaws that address Article V. Nominations and Elections. Since the information was not disseminated in time for a vote at this meeting, ballots will be distributed at a later time.

Nominating Committee

Carol Smith announced the 2015 members of the Board:

- President – Christina Prucha
- Newly elected President-Elect: Sharla Lair
- Continuing Members at Large:
 - Seth Hershberger
 - Cindy Stewart-Grant
 - Jodie Borgerding
- Newly elected Members at Large:
 - Katy Smith
 - Eric Petersen
 - Chris Pryor
- Continuing ALA Councilor: Regina Cooper

New Business

None

Announcements

Dan Brower, Missouri Conference Coordinator, and Kelly Fann, Kansas Conference Coordinator provided an update on the 2015 Joint KLA/MLA Conference.

- Date: September 30 – October 2, 2015.
- Place: Kansas City Convention Center, Kansas City, MO
- Conference Committee has 23 members
 - 10 Missouri reps
 - 10 Kansas reps
 - 1 special libraries rep
 - 1 regional rep
 - 1 Iowa rep
- The Memorandum of Agreement has been signed by both parties – we are go for launch!
- Opening reception will be held at the Kansas City Public Library
- Virtual Conference sessions will be broadcast and recorded for those not able to attend
- The Ambassadors Committee will pair mentors up with first time attendees
- Theme: Libraries Without Borders

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Theissen
Secretary and Member at Large