I ask the Board to consider a motion to officially record in the January minutes the following corrections to the Sept. 29, 2015 meeting minutes:

a. List of Attendees should include the following corrections:
   i. Attendee Scott Bonner as guest
   ii. Vicky Baker as incoming President Elect
   iii. Melanie Church, Erin Gray, Renee Brumett, Rob Hallis, and Keith Gaertner as attendees.

b. In the list of incoming executive board members, Nancy DS should be corrected to Nancee Dahms-Stinson

c. Motion approved to send letter from Missouri Library Association to the President of the United States requesting that the next Librarian of Congress be a librarian.

d. In statement regarding incoming Treasurer, Mary Beth Revels, as Member at Large, approved as Assistant Treasurer; Eric Petersen now steps from Assistant Treasurer to Treasurer.

e. Motion approved to update Handbook to reflect new Dec. 15 deadline for COI reports.

f. Motion approved to have Amigos publish the agenda for the General Membership meeting agenda to the MLA list-serve one week before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Smith, Recording Secretary
MLA Board Meeting - 9/29/15
Time 6:33 Meeting called to order
Christina asked for introductions -

Scott Bonner, Ferguson Library Director
Eric Petersen - Member At Large
Melanie Church
Seth Hershberger - Member At Large
Vicky Baker - Income President Elect
Regina Greer Cooper - ALA Councilor
Jennifer Peters - COI Council Chair
Anna Strackeljohn - Media
Scott Byerly - Amigos Executive Director
Jodie Borgerding - President Elect MLA
Dan Brower - 2015 Conference Chair
Eryn Grey 2016 Conference Chair
Renee Brumett 2016 Conference Chair
Rob Hallis Intellectual Freedom Round Table
Keith Gartner - Amigos
Christina Pryor - Membership Committee

Minutes presented and approved by all.

Christina - More phone conferences than any other time in the past. It has been a productive summer. Be sure to check out the video produced by MALA on how to talk to your legislator. (12 min brief video) It is on the MLA Website. The goal is for MLA members to build a relationship before they meet their legislators in February.

Tracy - Is this video shared by MPLD?

CP - Yes, it was shared with them.

CP We've been working on a Snap Chat Day - 10/14/15 document a day in your library - take pics and video and post it everywhere (#MOlibraries) - will land all in one location for legislators to access. Internally - Jodie has taken over as President Elect since the past board meeting. She hit the ground running with many initiatives. She and her work is appreciated. Chris Pryor is leaving for Amigos - the board discussed her participation on the Executive Board. The membership will be voting on the By-Laws on Friday on future employees and their connections with vendors and the board. A question about the archives was brought to the board - an angry MLA member contacted about something she had read about herself. It brought a thoughtful discussion. It was determined that a balance was needed - any discussion and votes that the board has - will be submitted as a summary at the next general meeting. The list was closed. It was not taken lightly. There was also another member who wanted to transfer a membership to another person. We evaluated the request - it's not the same as ALA - we want to foster the idea of identity with MLA. The board decided it is not possible. The board did pass a policy that will be going into the hand book.

Helen Rigdon entered the meeting.

Recap of Action Item: A letter was sent to the president of the US recommending that the next Librarian of Congress should actually be a librarian rather than someone from another profession.
CP: Letter was read for the assembly. Regina -Question and clarification-ALA is sending a letter to the president and the congressional committees. Others? are discussing it at the next board meeting. NJ is endorsing it.

CP: Doesn’t see the reason for sending this to both because it is the president who selects. Gerald -You send it to your congress person so that person can approach their congress person.

Regina -Motioned to send the letter
Second -Seth Hershberger
6 members voted in support

CP: Thank you for all your efforts despite the governor who didn’t release funds until June of 2015. The upheaval was hard to handle for everyone but we worked together. Seth was immense help with the budget. Cindy for helping with anything we asked of you -even when you moved out of state. Tiffany -for all you’ve done already. Gerald - we so appreciate you - couldn’t have done this without you. I’m looking forward to seeing you as chair of the legislative chair.

Jodie - I have nothing to add -except all that is in my board report.

Introduced -incoming board members:
Vicky Baker
Jennifer Peters
Nancy DS
Mary Beth Revels

Seth: The financial health of MLA is STRONG. It looks good right now.
Chris P- MAL report 517 individual members, 58 institution members -all for 2016
3-3:45Pm on Wednesday: meet and greet on the garden terrace.

Cindy - MAL experience was amazing. If you can be involved in legislative committee -do that too! My heart is in Missouri -even if I work in KS.

CP- Your work is appreciated.

Dan-780 registrations as of last week -we exceeded our expenses but we also exceeded our income expectations. (+$30K) Trivia and T-Shirt funds will go to the Boehley scholarship. So many people worked so hard on this conference - the group is brilliant and he is grateful. Amigos deserves extra appreciation for so much additional help with this joint conference.

Eryn-

CP- Awards: Reception is here Thursday at 5PM - we hope more people are here to share the experience. It’s

Seth - Chairs need to submit their reports.

Rob - We have been trying to get a speaker set up for the 2016 conference.

Gerald - State Aid and REAL funds need to be addressed every year - our membership needs to be aware of the struggle for these funds. The immediate past chair becomes the nominating committee chair. We are at an exciting time to be participating in MLA. There are good things ahead.
Jennifer - A potential meet up for a new community of interest - see email. (Information Literacy and Teaching).

Anna - Follow the Facebook page!

Jodie - New business 3 items
MBR offered to step up to fill Treasurer
Christina - motion
Chris P - Second
8 votes affirmative

Jodie - Hand Book Change for new COI reports deadline December 15th - new
8 yes, 0 no

Agendas to be published to the membership list serve - Amigos will do this 1 week before the membership meeting.
Jodie Motion
Chris P Motioned
Seth - 2nd
8 in favor

Regina - Missouri Author Award - where will $ come from? MLA Budget or Conference Budget?

CPru - Motion - this board will follow the YSCI model.
These requests will go directly to the awards committee
Chris Pry 2nd
8 agreed.

Jodie Motioned to adjourn
Christina seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Stewart Grant
Member At Large (2014-2015)