## MLA Board Meeting

**Date:** October 19, 2020  
**Called to Order at 1:02 pm by President Cindy Dudenhoffer**

### Attendees:
- Cindy Thompson  
- Cindy Dudenhoffer  
- Steve Campbell  
- Meredith McCarthy  
- Margaret Conroy  
- Anna Strackeljahn  
- Kristin Evans  
- Katie Hill  
- Shannon Midyett  
- Otter Bowman  
- Claudia Cook  
- Amy Held  
- Diana Platt  
- Brent Sweaney  
- Keith Gaertner  
- Pamela Withrow  
- Robin Westphal  
- Sandy Schiefer  
- Dan Brower

### Approval of MLA Consent Agenda

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### Approve 2021 Board Appointments

| Discussion Highlights | President-Elect Cindy Thompson presented the 2021 Board appointments for approval as follows:  
Assistant Treasurer - Brent Sweaney  
Membership Committee Co-Chairs - Amy Held and Diana Platt  
Secretary – Shannon Midyett |
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### Approve 2021 MLA Meeting Dates
Discussion Highlights

President-Elect Cindy Thompson presented a slate of proposed board meetings for 2021 for approval:

- January 8, 2021; 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- April 16, 2021; 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- July 16, 2021; 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- September 28, 2021; 6:00-8:00 p.m. (in person at Conference)
- November 19, 2021; 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Conclusions

Motion: Cindy Thompson moved to approve the 2021 MLA Board meeting dates as presented; seconded by Margaret Conroy. The motion passed unanimously.

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Approve 2021 MLA Legislative Priorities

Discussion Highlights

Dan Brower, Legislative Chair, presented MLA legislative priorities for 2021. He stated that the legislative committee discussed the need for MLA to focus on libraries’ Covid response as an indispensable service to Missourians, and the importance of reinstating full REAL Appropriations to allow libraries to continue to add and expand digital service and connectivity/broadband within their communities.

Conclusions

Motion: Dan Brower moved to approve the 2021 MLA Legislative Priorities as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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Discussion of 2021 MLA Conference & Strategic Initiatives

Discussion Items

Cindy Thompson shared that at the Board Retreat it was decided to move forward with planning for a 2021 in-person conference and to explore options for offering a hybrid virtual component, as well. The Board will revisit the conference at its January meeting to determine if a change in format for the 2021 conference is needed.

Cindy Dudenhoffer stated that both St. Charles City-County Library and St. Louis County Library districts have pledged support to the 2021 MLA Conference. Asia Gross will serve as the 2021 Conference Committee Chair. The Conference Committee is still in search of a co-chair.

Cindy Dudenhoffer provided an update on Strategic Plan Goal 4: Infrastructure. She explained challenges and hurdles encountered by the Board in 2020 has heightened the awareness for strengthening MLA infrastructure to accomplish document storage, archive, and retrieval.

Cindy Thompson shared information with the Board on providing a retreat for MLA Committee and Community of Interest leaders in early 2021 to assist those volunteers with discovering the tools and resources available to them to accomplish their MLA duties and responsibilities.
Cindy Dudenhoffer and Cindy Thompson explained that 2021 will be a year that focuses on reconnecting.

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Cindy Thompson moved to adjourn; seconded by Margaret Conroy.

Meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.