Missouri Library Association
119th Annual Business Meeting
11/19/2021 - 1:30 p.m.
Minutes

Location: Virtual

Attendance
1. Cindy Thompson
2. Otter Bowman
3. Brent Sweany
4. Diana Platt
5. Shannon Midyett
6. Linda Elkow
7. Keith Gaertner
8. Stephanie Hallam
9. Cody Croan
10. Cindy Dudenhoffer
11. Mary Beth Revels
12. Kate Coleman
13. Erin Niederberger
14. Joe Kohlburn
15. Tony Benningfield
16. Rachel Brekhus
17. Amy Held
18. Deb Loguda Summers
19. Grace Jackson-Brown
20. Anita Dodd
21. Christina Pryor
22. Anmarie Gibson
23. Elizabeth Plotner
24. Brandy Sanchez
25. Cindy Dudenhoffer
26. Ida Fogle
27. Kimberly Moeller
28. Alyssa Berry
29. Jenny Bosseler
30. Zana Sueme
31. Gerald Brooks
32. Tiffany Mautino
33. Davina Harris
34. Lindsey Eick
35. Diane Disbro
36. Karen Graham
1) President Cindy Thompson called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

2) President Cindy Thompson presented the minutes of the October 3, 2019, MLA Annual Membership Meeting. With a quorum not present, no vote was taken.

3) President Thompson introduced the 2022 MLA Executive Board:

- President, Claudia Cook
- President-Elect, Otter Bowman
- ALA Councilor, Margaret Conroy
- Treasurer and Member-at-Large, Brent Sweany
- Assistant Treasurer and Member-at-Large, Jason Phinney
- Secretary and Member-at-Large, Rachelle Brandel
- Membership Committee Chair and Member-at-Large, Kim Moeller
- Members-at-Large, Amy Held
- Member-at-Large, Diana Platt
- Past-President, Cindy Thompson

4) President’s Report

President Cindy Thompson applauded the membership for navigating another challenging year for libraries and librarians. She expressed her gratitude to MLA for trusting her to serve as President and lead MLA over the past year.

5) President-Elect’s Report

President-Elect Claudia Cook encouraged members to become involved with MLA over the next year as the association recommitted to its Strategic Plan and to the stated goals for 2022 as listed below:

1. Making institutional memberships more attractive, adding value to the membership level.
2. Increasing general membership
3. Providing more continuing education opportunities to librarians in rural library settings by partnering with the State Library to bring back the Library Institute in different regions in the State.
4. Reconfigure the MLA website on a different platform.
5. Explore the possibility of future hybrid conferences.

6) Conference Coordinator’s Report

President Cindy Thompson read the written report of the 2021 Conference Coordinators.

7) Treasurer’s Report

Brent Sweany, Treasurer-Elect, presented the Treasurer’s Report. The financial report as presented will be submitted for audit.

8) ALA Councilor Report

President Cindy Thompson read the written report of Margaret Conroy, ALA Chapter Councilor.

9) Legislative Committee Report

On behalf of the Legislative Committee, Cody Croan presented the 2022 MLA Legislative Agenda.

10) Bylaws and Handbook Committee

Stephanie Hallam announced that there were no Bylaw changes to come before the membership this year.

11) Nominating Committee Report

Past-President Cindy Dudenhoffer announced the winners of the 2022 MLA elections:

   President-Elect Otter Bowman
   Member-at-Large Kim Moeller
   Member-at-Large Jason Phinney
   Member-at-Large Rachelle Brandel
   ALA Chapter Councilor: Margaret Conroy
12) Intellectual Freedom Committee Report

Joe Kohlburn stated that the Intellectual Freedom Committee had submitted a formal statement in response to recent book challenges in libraries around the state to the MLA Board for approval. Tiffany Mautino shared that the IFC planned to host virtual and in-person workshops around the state in 2022. She encouraged members to access the IFC Training Material on the MLA website for use in training sessions at their local libraries. The Intellectual Freedom Committee can be reached at intellectualfreedom@molib.org with further questions or comments.

5) President Cindy Thompson adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.