

MLA Technical Services Section - Meeting September 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 am by Chairperson Meredith Crosby.

In attendance were Meredith Crosby, Danielle Savin, Heather Edmonds and Jill Blair. Absent were Lois Bacon and Nick Szydowski.

A motion was placed by Heather Edmonds to approve the previous meeting minutes. It was seconded by Danielle Savin. Minutes voted on and approved.

MLA Eboard Notes

- Meeting was held on August 9th.
- Membership numbers are as follows:
 - 949 MLA members
 - 669 active
 - 443 overdue for renewal
 - 253 lapsed

Focus is to have the members that are overdue renew their membership.

- A representative from the MLA will attend the Small Library Program held in western MA on September 20th.
- An idea to generate additional revenue was explored - Better World Books, a company that recycles discarded books, would partner with participating libraries and share proceeds with MLA.
- Any future TSS conference programs posted on the MLA website will be password protected for members only.

Vice Chair

- The theme for the conference this year is Expedition Library: Let's go!
- Program proposal forms are due September 27. Please give completed form to Danielle by September 20th. The conference committee will meet in October to approve the proposals. Planning/Speaker forms are due in mid-October.

- Intellectual Freedom may be considered for a pre-conference day topic. Otherwise, if there are enough program speakers, the pre-conference day may turn into a third day of conferences.
- Program ideas from several committees include:
 - So you want to be a library director?
 - Teen Program put on by Youth Services Committee
 - Technology Playground
 - Race to the top – fostering childhood learning
 - Intergenerational program

2014 Conference Program Ideas - TSS

Collection Development – Meredith

Panel of experts – mix of large and small libraries – asked specific questions

Accidental Archivist – Heather

Speakers with different perspectives – libraries that have/have not received grants

Mobile Apps – Danielle

Possible panel discussion – Apps created by librarians – how to download and use apps

Digitized Collection – Nick

Further communication between committee members will continue through email.
The next meeting is TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Blair
Secretary