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 Szydlowski.

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