



MLA Executive Board

Minutes

Friday, December 10, 2021, 10am – 12pm

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Attending: Joanne Lamothe (President), Nora Blake (Past President), Noelle Boc (Secretary), Bernadette Rivard (Treasurer), Rebecca Beckley (Association Manager), Jennifer Harris (Legislative), Krista McLeod (NELA), Pam McCuen (Jordan Miller), Sarah Sullivan (LAMS), Meena Jain (Program Planners), Robert Hayes (Program Planners), Eileen Dyer (Legislative), James Lonergan (MBLC), Andrea Fiorillo (IF/SRC), Michelle Filleul (Conference), Sharon Shaloo (Mass Center for the Book), Felicia O'Keefe (YSS), Stephanie Barnaby, Emelia Thibeault (Personnel & Management), Esme Green (Conference/ALA Councilor), Sarah Sogigian (MLS), Anna McGrath (Paralibrarians)

Call to order at 10:07am

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2021 meeting made by Bernadette Rivard and seconded by Nora Blake. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report—Bernadette Rivard

\$3824 income, \$5464 in expenses this month. Investments did go down a little bit. Stock market is still doing well overall. Our expenses are minimal right now, so we are in good shape. We did transfer funds into our checking account in advance of any issues, but we are doing well.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Esme Green and seconded by Krista McLeod. All in favor.

FY23 budget review and discussion—Bernadette Rivard.

Thank you for submitting your budgets. We have to borrow a bit over \$9000 to balance the budget for FY2023. Obviously, little can be known in these times for the next year. Conference will be about a zero budget. Budget can get revised after the conference, depending on the income.

Motion to approve the budget for FY2023 made by Krista McLeod and seconded by Nora Blake. All in favor.

Conference Update--Michelle Filleul and Esme Green

77 proposals were gone through and got whittled it down to 40ish. 2 keynote speakers: Kendrick Davis about workplace morale and Legislative Committee is hosting John Chrastka from EveryLibrary as the other keynote. Registration fees for conference are comparable to 2019. Meals are included again.

Motion to approve the fees for the 2022 conference made by Jennifer Harris and seconded by Noelle Boc. All in favor.

ALA Statement on Censorship discussion and vote: Motion to adopt the ALA statement on censorship made by Jennifer Harris and seconded by Andrea Fiorillo. All in favor.

EveryLibrary collaboration update –Joanne Lamothe

We had another sidebar meeting with John Chrastka after the last session and we are going to move forward

with them to pursue some collaborations. EveryLibrary did a good job of presenting some opportunities we are missing out on and we will work with them to help further our goals and mission.

Updates

- MBLC –James Lonergan—Legislative agenda is up on the website. Top priorities are state aid with a \$1 million increase. E-audiobook hearing updates are in the report.
- MLS --none
- NELA –Krista McLeod--They are going to be doing a regional salary survey; would love our Personnel and Education Committee to maybe participate in it. (MBLC can give data). The idea might be to give the data to the states so that they can perhaps support minimum salary proposals.
- MSLA --report coming later
- Other Sections and Committees:
 - Legislative—Jennifer Harris--Great showing of testimony for the E-audiobooks; the language being used is limited and opens things up to copyright issues, and so there's work still to be done to change the language. Other states' wording for their legislation opened theirs up to lawsuits over copyright. Senator Lester is interested in working with the language. Legislative Breakfasts are being planned and if you want to hold one, the planning timeline is getting short.
 - Program Planners-Meena Jain--Student scholarship program on hold for next fiscal year. People are emailing the section about how to get started in programming. Best practices documents are in progress.
 - Mentorship program--MLA is interested in creating something with several sections to create a program for this. MLS and MBLC are great resources.

New Business

- Nominating Committee—Nora Blake
Searching for candidates for Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Vice President. Send names to Nora if you have suggestions or would like to run yourself.
- Welcome letter: Looking to send a welcome letter to new members and perhaps reach out immediately to recruit into committees and sections.

Old Business --None

Adjournment at 10:58am

*Next meeting: Friday, February 11, 2022 at 10:00am

Respectfully submitted,

Noelle Boc
MLA Secretary