



**MINNESOTA LIBRARY**  
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**Minnesota Library Association**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

Friday, May 19, 2017

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Present:** Sarah Hawkins (Secretary), Tammy Schoenberg (Executive Director), Margaret Stone (Past President), Amy Boese (President), Ryan McCormick (President Elect), Jim Weygand (MLTA Chair), Kate Anderson (Treasurer), Megan Kocher (Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair), Deborah Bifulk (Member at Large), Emily Hanson (DORT Chair), Jill Smith (PLD Chair-Elect)

**Remote:** Jodi Grebinoski (ARLD Chair), Jami Trenam (Legislative Committee Chair)

**Absent:** Stacey Hendren (PLD Chair), Sara Ring (MLA/ALA Chapter Councilor), Sara Zettervall (Communications Committee Chair)

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Board Meeting Agenda
- April Minutes
- Reports

Trenam moved to approve the consent agenda. Bifulk seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**Approval of Financials (Anderson)**

1. **Total Assets:** \$204,630
2. **Total Revenue YTD:** \$96,962
3. **Total Cost of Sales YTD:** \$10,360
4. **Monthly Expenses for April:** \$13,340
5. **Showing YTD Net Income/(Loss):** \$35,740 net gain
  - a. The 2017 annual budget projects a net loss of \$9,390 at year end.

Anderson moved to accept the April financials. Smith seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

## **Engaging our members**

### **2017 Conference Update (Boese, Stone, McCormick)**

The conference planning committee recently met. Keynote speakers are mostly in place. Green Card Voices will be exhibiting; two young authors from Green Card Voices will be on panel as well. The business meeting will be on Thursday afternoon, with a social event and annual awards immediately following.

### **2019 Conference (Schoenberg)**

Schoenberg reports that it is time to start thinking about a contract for 2019. She inquires about a joint conference with ITEM; ITEM's conference is usually a week before MLA. Also, ITEM conference is usually Friday and Saturday so maybe a 1-day overlap is preferable. Boese and Stone will look into it.

### **DORT Update (Hanson)**

Hanson reports that DORT is gaining momentum and working on making bigger impact. For the past 3 years at MLA Annual, DORT has done a reader's advisory session. This year, chose not to do that, but will still create a handout of diverse titles for distribution. At conference this year, DORT will be focused on action with two sessions on social justice including a racial justice facilitator and people's experiences of bringing diversity to their library and subsequent successes and hurdles. DORT will be sending out survey from MLA, stripping identity from results, so issues can be discussed in a safe space. In the next newsletter, DORT will be requesting members to volunteer at conference. DORT is also discussing a blood drive with Mayo Clinic, during conference at the hotels.

Hanson is looking into DORT networking opportunity to volunteer as a group outside the library. DORT will host networking event in July.

Looking to the future, DORT is considering its leadership structure, as well as offering pre-conference session or standalone conference.

### **TSS Notes (Ganzel)**

Tabled for future meeting.

### **Committee for supporting POC in Libraries (Boese)**

Out of discussions with Tasha McLachlan and Nhia Lo, Boese is forming a committee. Boese believes DORT should have representation, and Hanson is interested.

## **Strengthening our organization**

### **MHQ Update (Schoenberg)**

Schoenberg has been primarily focused on conference planning. Directors and officers liability insurance due; Schoenberg has been looking at quote and will send to the presidential trio for approval.

### **Membership (Bifulk)**

May's networking event was a Google Hangout for Small & Rural Libraries. Bifulk ended up hosting in place of SRLRT Chair; no one joined. Bifulk is looking for regional contacts to serve as MLA liaisons.

### **Sponsorship Policy (Stone)**

McCormick moved to approve the Sponsorship Policy presented by Stone. Kocher seconded. All were in favor and the motion.

### **Website changes (Schoenberg, Stone)**

Schoenberg's goal is to implement the easy changes recommended by the website committee by next month's meeting and will bring a discussion of larger recommended changes to the MLA Board.

### **Educating & activating a library support network**

#### **IFC Update (Kocher)**

Kocher reports there is a challenge against *Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian* in the New London-Spicer School District, which is part of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. District policy is that if parents object to part of the curriculum, the school assigns another book and the child goes into the hall. The parents are complaining that its punishment for child and arguing for the book's removal. A policy and process is in place, and the district is following it. Though it is not directly related to the library, Kocher will reach out and offer support to the media specialist.

The board discussed resources available to those facing challenges. It might be beneficial for MLA to present on the topic at the ITEM conference. The IFC can also write letters to the editor; "intellectual freedom" title might have some impact.

#### **ARLD Day Recap (Grebinoski)**

ARLD went well, with great sessions; surveys have not yet been reviewed. There were over 100 attendees, which was a little less than last year. IRT had a preconference with 30 people attending. They keynote speech about academic library re-design was recorded and will be on the MLA website soon. Amy Mars won the Innovative Award.

#### **MN Library Foundation Update (Hunt)**

Tabled for future meeting.

#### **Library Support Network (Trenam)**

The legislature's deadline is Monday. The Legacy conference committee wrapped up Legacy Omnibus Bill. Libraries will receive \$2.5 million a year for the next two years. The House failed to pass Bonding bill that included \$2 million for library construction. Increase in appropriations and formula change for RLBSS was not present in either House or Senate's E-12 bills. The House, Senate, and Governor are all far apart on their targets. For libraries to be included, they will need to be end up closer to Dayton's target.

#### **Developing and equipping our leaders**

##### **Other**

No report.

#### **Adjourn**

Weygand moved to adjourn at 11:03. Anderson seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Next meeting: June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 10am to noon at MELSA.