



MINNESOTA LIBRARY
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Minnesota Library Association

Board Meeting Agenda

Friday, June 16, 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), Jim Weygand (MLTA Chair), Megan Kocher (Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair), Deborah Bifulk (Member at Large), Sara Ring (MLA/ALA Chapter Councilor), Stacey Hendren (PLD Chair), Rebecca Ganzel (TSS Chair)

Remote: Jodi Grebinoski (ARLD Chair), Jami Trenam (Legislative Committee Chair), Ryan McCormick (President Elect), Kate Anderson (Treasurer)

Absent: Sara Zettervall (Communications Committee Chair)

The meeting was called to order by Boese at 10:01 am.

Approval of Consent Agenda

- Board Meeting Agenda
- May Minutes
- Reports

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

Approval of Financials (Anderson)

1. **Total Assets:** \$195,953
2. **Total Revenue YTD:** \$108,722
3. **Total Cost of Sales YTD:** \$31,338
4. **Monthly Expenses for May:** \$16,256
5. **Showing YTD Net Income/(Loss):** \$10,273 net gain
 - a. The 2017 annual budget projects a net loss of \$9,390 at year end.

Anderson moved to approve the May financials. Hendren seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Engaging our members

2017 Conference Update (Boese, Stone, McCormick)

The conference schedule has been created; the Committee is still working on final details. The Committee is considering bringing back a conference t-shirt, but is working on the logistics of

doing so. They are considering a vendor that works with at-risk teens to do the graphic design, and then screen print at conference itself. Business meetings will be held after lunch. Dine-arounds will be on Wednesday night before the conference; sign-ups will go out beforehand. There will not be a pre-conference.

TSS Notes (Ganzel)

Ganzel reported that the TSS Board meets annually to plan annual meeting at conference. The Section's successes over the past year include: more than one candidate running for chair, a fun table event at conference where visitors could catalog story of their lives, and being represented at the professional associations fair for St. Kate's MLIS program. Current goals include: the board meeting more than once per year (quarterly), creating an internal board orientation manual, recruiting and informing members better, creating member survey, and encouraging more members to submit session proposals for Conference. Ganzel also reported looking into logistics of TSS-sponsored MLA Award to honor Sandy Berman, longtime head cataloger from HCL.

Committee for supporting POC in Libraries (Boese)

Boese reached out to Tasha McLachlan about building committee; Tasha is interested and putting out feelers. Boese hasn't connected with Nhia Lo yet, but she was interested when they had initial conversations. Nothing has been formally started, but the wheels are turning.

Strengthening our organization

MHQ Update (Schoenberg)

Schoenberg reported that she had wrapped up the work following PLD Day and ARLD Day. Speaker agreements have been signed for 2017 Annual Conference.

Membership (Bifulk)

Bifulk reported a positive net gain last month of 2 members. Networking events are scheduled through August. The board discussed ways to reach library staff who are not professional librarians. Stone has reached out to Branch Out to inquire about a potential joint MLA/Branch Out conference. As MLA Annual schedule is released, the board encouraged sending emails to managers identifying sessions that are applicable to their support staff.

Continuing Education Committee (Boese)

Boese reported the committee is moving forward with a Power Hour, a networking opportunity with webinar option, likely occurring this month or October.

Educating & activating a library support network

IFC Update (Kocher)

Kocher reported that the book challenge in New London-Spicer has been resolved. The School Board voted on Monday 4-2 vote to retain *Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, but will notify parents when the title comes up in curriculum. Kocher also reported receiving an email from GRRL requesting help responding to patron who complained about reading lists for teens with LGBTQ characters. Kocher reported a possible conference session where attendees would anonymously submit stories about "being told to knock it off," and is working on logistics, including submitting stories ahead of time as well as live during the session. Jodi Gray could facilitate the conversations. Boese, Kocher, and Gray will connect via phone call.

MN Library Foundation Update (Boese)

Suzanne Hunt went to the first meeting and had good conversation with the Foundation. The Foundation and MLA Board want make sure both groups have the same understanding of the

liaison role. The Foundation is a support group for MLA, as well as libraries statewide. Hunt will come to the July MLA Board meeting.

PLD Day Evaluation Results (Hendren)

Hendren reported good survey response of over half of the attendees (36 out of 61). All respondents reported an “outstanding” or “good” experience overall, with many positive comments. Michele Garnett McKenzie received the most positive response. Hendren reported that she might attend MLA Annual; Amy Mars and Hendren will connect to discuss. Of 61 attendees at PLD Day, 25 were non-members. The board discussed the possibility of offering member rate for conference or meeting attendees if non-members join the association within 30 days of the event. Chairs would send an email to non-member attendees after every conference, meeting, or event. Bifulk, Hendren, Grebinoski, Stratton, Zettervall, and Schoenberg will work on logistics and email wording.

Developing and equipping our leaders

PLD Day Mid-Year Election Results (Hendren)

Gretchen Benson resigned her position as Member-at-Large, due to relocating out of state, Megan Olson was elected Member-at-Large in the mid-year election to fill the vacancy. Megan is a Library Manager for Washington County, a MILE 2017 graduate, and serves on the conference planning committee.

Other

Bob Rohlf’s Memorial

Ring reported that Gretchen Wronka is planning on bringing a resolution to MLA Annual Conference and that Wronka asked Ring to draft a resolution for ALA Annual Conference. Rohlf helped form regional library systems; he was a former MLA president and was active across the state and nationally. The board discussed what MLA does when a person of this stature passes away. Generally, MLA has a photo slideshow and moment of silence during Annual Business Meeting. MLA President read tributes for Bill DeJohn and Chris Olson during one of the Annual Conference lunches. The board discussed if Wronka or someone who knew Rohlf should read a tribute. Ring will put Wronka in touch with Boese. MLA Board will need to approve the drafted ALA resolution via email, since ALA Annual Conference is next Friday.

2019 Conference

Boese and Stone report not yet having a chance to talk to ITEM about a possible joint conference.

ALA Conference

Ring reported that ALA recently passed a resolution on Global Climate Change. Ring is attending Annual Conference.

Adjourn

Hendren moved to adjourn at 11:30. Bifulk seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Next meeting: July 21st, 2017 from 10am to noon at MELSA.