



MINNESOTA LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION

Minnesota Library Association
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 29, 2016 5:00pm

Duluth Entertainment Convention Center; Duluth, MN

Prior to the Annual Meeting there was a MLA Radio Show reading from Brian Kraft and Ally Addison.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Margaret Stone at 5:11PM. A quorum was present with 99 members in attendance.

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** - President Margaret Stone introduced those MLA Board Members on stage with her: President Elect Amy Boese; Past President Maggie Snow; Treasurer Kate Anderson; Secretary Laura Morlock; Legislative Committee Chair Elect Jami Trenam, as well as Parliamentarian Don Kelsey.
- I. **Adoption of Agenda.** Motion by Jim Trojanowski, seconded by Stacey Hendren, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- II. **Approval of 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes.** Motion by Kim Edson to approve minutes. Seconded by Megan Kocher. Motioned carried unanimously.
- III. **Reports**
 - A. **State of the Association Report.** President Margaret Stone reviewed the MLA four core from the strategic plan from 2013: strengthening our organization; developing and equipping our leaders; educating & activating a library support network; and engaging our members. We need to rework the plan. MLA is celebrating the 125th association celebration since 1881. We have met our goals via event: ARLD, CYP, Rural RT, RASS, Tomes on Tap; over half our members attend our MLA events. Excited for a new committee focused on Continuing Education. Libraries Transform Minnesota promotes our library advocacy; thank you to Sara Ring for making this happen. RFI process confirmed that Capitol Hill & Associates will be whom we'll continue with for our Lobbyist. Membership: 717 in 2015 to 666 in 2016; the spike in membership was due to

duplicates which have now been corrected. Help promote advocacy for MLA to your colleagues.

- B. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Kate Anderson. Assets were at \$158,689 in 2015; increase from 2014 by \$4000. We did spend some reserves down. Revenue sources in 2015 came from five main pieces: conference registration 47%; membership dues 19%; advocacy support 17%; exhibitor fees/sponsorships 13%; and Foundation/state grants 4%. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the revenue streams.

IV. Action Items

- A. **Draft Legislative Platform** - Legislative Committee Chair Elect Jami Trenam shared the 2017 Legislative Platform process and the proposed platform concepts with its four points: Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS) and Multitype funding; Legacy; Regional Library Telecommunications Aid (RLTA) and Technology Equity Aid (TEA); and Bonding. She also talked about what the policy statements includes. Everyone is welcome to call in to attend Legislative meetings via the MLA website.
 - i. RLBSS and RLTA is looking to increase funding per recommendations from CRPSLA. Per Legacy: MLA and ITEM supports ACHF. TEA is for the school systems per recommendations from NEMTN. Policy statements are items we are looking to piggyback on like funding for ELM, afterschool programs, etc. Motion by Ken Behringer to approve platform. Seconded by Barbara Misselt. Motioned carried unanimously.

V. New Business

- A. **Plans for 2017** – President Elect Amy Boese shared thoughts on her MLA presidential plans. She is looking forward to exchange ideas and feel strongly that this is something that makes us stronger all year long. We will continue to work on the website and make it more accessible. Did convene the Education Committee this year. Had a survey. Will form a Library Advocacy Committee. To talk more about how we indicate our use but how we drum up support and have someone help us tell our stories. Be better at marketing. Finally, have a conversation about race in libraries. She shared Sarah Park Dahlen's infograph for diversity in children's literature 2015. We have to talk about how to incorporate this into our daily lives and in our work. There are lots of areas where we can improve on this as well in staff hiring, programming, building our collections, etc.
- B. **Board Election Results** – Nominations Committee Chair Phil Dudas shared the 2017 Board election results, thanked members of the committee: Carla Lydon; Kristen Mastel; Jill Smith; and LeAnn Suchy. He also thanked everyone who ran for office. For those who didn't get elected please consider running again in the future. The newly elected Board members are:
 - i. President Elect–Ryan McCormick
 - ii. Secretary–Sarah Hawkins

- iii. Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair Elect–Ann Hatinen
- iv. Legislative Chair Elect–Ann Walker Smalley
- v. Academic & Research Libraries Division –Jodi Carlson Grebinowski
- vi. Public Library Division –Stacey Hendren
- vii. Trustees & Advocates Division –Jim Weygand

C. **Memorials and Resolutions** – There was a moment of silence to honor those who have passed away, including Geraldine (Gerry) King, MLA President 1973-74. MLA is continually grateful for the lives and roles each member has played.

VI. **Questions and Comments** – n/a

VII. **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at pm per a motion by Rachel Gray, seconded by Kathleen James. Next year's meeting will take place in Rochester on October 5th and 6th, 2017. Motioned carried unanimously.