
Minnesota Library Association:

Annual Meeting 2017

October 5, 2017



Welcome

Agenda

State of Association

Treasurer's Report

Draft Legislative Platform

Plans for 2017

Board Election Results

Memorials, Resolutions,
Questions

——Adjourn

State of the Association

Engaging our members

- Monthly meet-ups with subunits and committees
- New member welcome
- Continuing Education Committee

Strengthening our organization

- Membership is over 600
 - Strong turnout at ARLD, PLD, CYP and other events
 - ITEM partnership to promote ESSA
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State of the Association

Educating & activating a library support network

- Reinvigorated MLF partnership
- Legislator contacts
- Library Legislative Day, LegWork

Developing and equipping our leaders

- MILE 2017
 - Who are MILE Alum?
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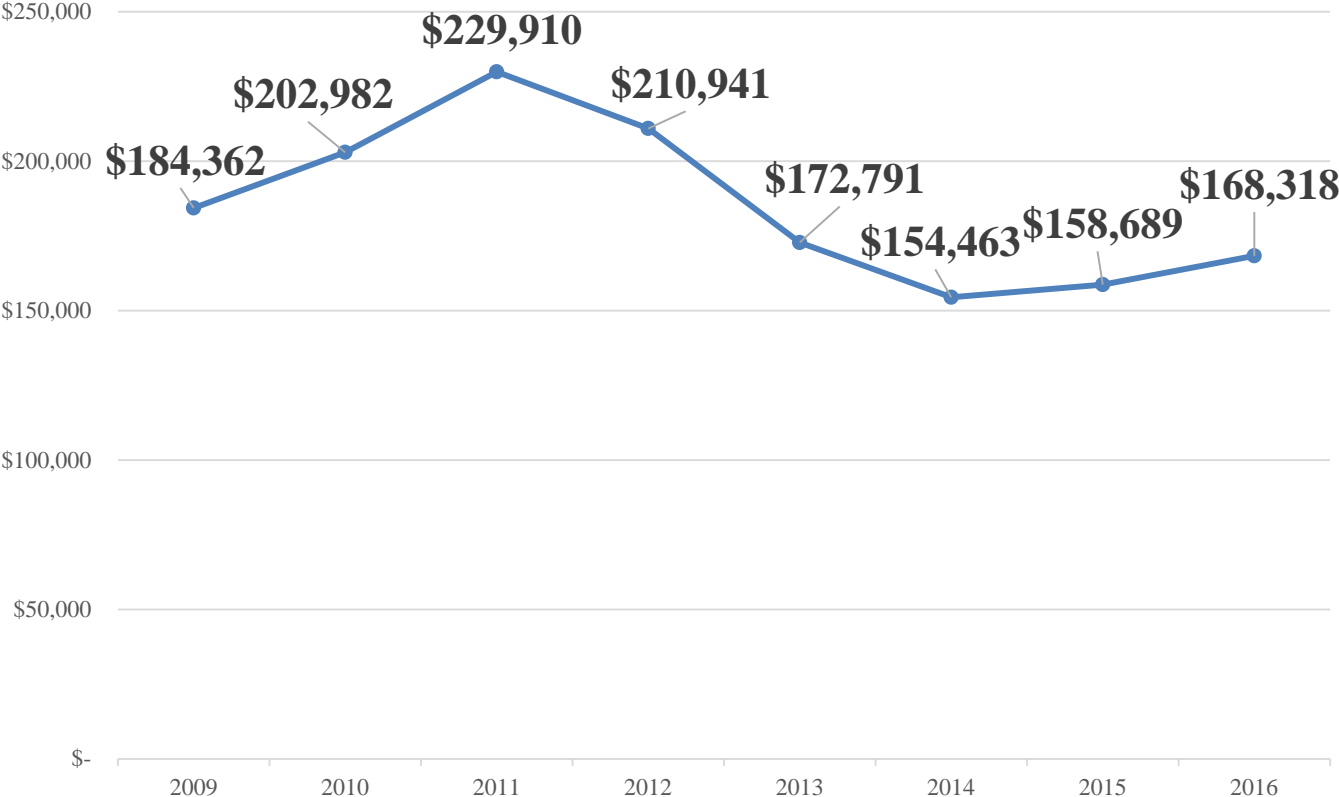
Where do we need focus?

- **Support:** Better support for librarians and library staff of color
 - **Advocacy:** More voices speaking on legislative and local advocacy issues
 - **Education:** Year-long continuing education at all levels
 - Strategic Planning
 - Website redesign
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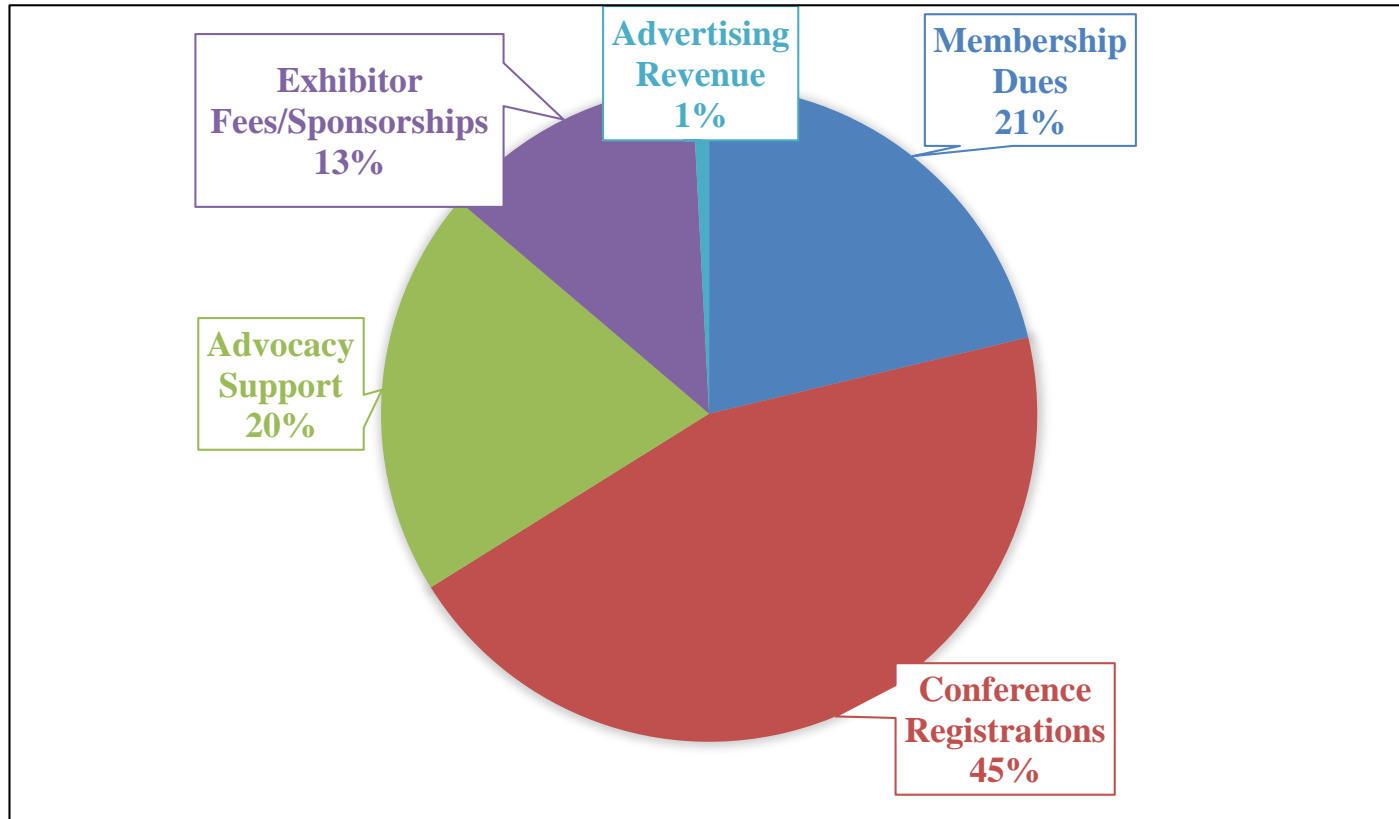
Treasurer's Report

Kate Anderson, Treasurer

MLA Net Assets by Year



2016 Revenue Sources



Draft Legislative Platform

Ann Walker Smalley,
Legislative Chair-Elect



2018 MLA/ ITEM LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

1. Basic funding for libraries

- Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS): increased funding from \$13.57 million to \$16.57 million annually with a corresponding formula change to provide stable funding for all regional public library systems across the state.
- Multicounty Multitype Library Support: increased funding from \$1.3 million to \$2 million annually to support communication, resource sharing, sta development, and collaborative programming connecting all types of Minnesota libraries.

2. Bonding

- MLA and ITEM support the appropriation of \$10 million over the 2017-18 biennium for construction and remodeling of public library buildings through the State's currently authorized matching program (M.S. 134.45)

3. School Librarians Grant Pool

- MLA and ITEM support funding a grant pool to enable school districts to increase access to licensed library media specialist in districts which face a shortage of licensed media staff. (HF 2698)

2018 MLA/ ITEM LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Statements of Support

The following efforts enhance library service to all Minnesota students and residents. As representatives of libraries of all types, MLA/ITEM support funding in the following areas:

- Continued funding for Minitex, the Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM), the Minnesota Digital Library (MDL), and MNLINK, the statewide interlibrary loan and delivery system.
- Funding for EBooks MN to provide increased content and access to ebooks for libraries and school media centers.
- Funding after school and community programs that recognize the essential role libraries play to foster early literacy, provide out-of-school learning opportunities, and contribute to workforce development and college and career readiness.
- Annual funding for broadband for public libraries (RLTA) at \$2.3 million per year.
- Increased annual funding for K-12 Broadband Equity Aid from \$3.75 million per year to \$9.75 million per year.
- Requests for increases in Local Government Aid and County Program Aid because these funding sources support government operations at the city and county level. An increase in the revenue base for cities and counties may result in additional funding support for library services at the local level.

Plans for 2018

Ryan McCormick,
President-Elect

**BECAUSE
LIBRARIES MAKE
LEADERS.**

Board Election Results

Carla Lydon,
Nomination Committee Chair

President-Elect

Treasurer

Member At Large

Legislative Chair-Elect

Intellectual Freedom Chair-Elect

President-Elect: Kirsten Clark

Treasurer: Jonathan Carlson

Member At Large: Tasha Nins (McLachlan)

Legislative Chair-Elect: Ann Hokanson

Intellectual Freedom Chair-Elect: Ria
Newhouse

In Memoriam

Robert 'Bob' Rohlf, 1928 - 2017



Resolutions and Questions

**Thank you for all
your work in 2017.**

**See you in
St. Cloud in 2018!**
