

- I. **Welcome and Introductions.** The meeting was called to order by President Kirsten Clark at 4:48 pm. A quorum was present with 78 members in attendance.
- II. **Adopt Agenda.** Clark asked for any additions, hearing none the agenda was adopted, subject to emergency changes as determined by the Chair. The MLA Code of Conduct was shown for attendees to read.
- III. **Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes.** The Annual Meeting Minutes are reviewed by the Minutes Review Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at the November 2018 board meeting. Clark asked if there was any objection to continuing this practice and then asked for volunteers to join the committee, review the 2019 Minutes, and present them to the MLA Board of Directors at the October 2019 meeting. Clark appointed Sarah Hawkins and Jill Smith.
- IV. **Reports**
 - A. **State of the Association Report** – Clark presented an update on the work from the last year.
 - I. Strategic Plan approved and moving forward with Quarterly check-ins with Board
 - II. Website Redesign Planning
 - III. Changes in Management HQ
 - IV. Continuing Education Committee approved
 - V. New Membership Category
 - B. **Treasurers' Report** – Treasurer Jonathan Carlson shared the report from FY 2018. In 2018, MLA had a net income of \$30,145.34 despite budgeting for a \$105 net gain, due mostly to food costs savings at the 2017 Annual Conference. This puts our operating revenue at appropriate levels per MLA policy, which states that we need a 9 month operating reserve. The net income was moved to strategic reserves. Income: 47% came from conference and event registrations, followed by Membership dues at 20%. Advocacy support was 18%; that money from ITEM, Multitypes, and Regional Libraries is a pass through to pay for our Lobbyist (Capitol Hill Associates). Carlson thanked our Exhibitors and Sponsors, who contributed 13% of our 2018 income. Expenditures: 31% went to Conference and other programming; 31% went to the Management HQ contract; 27% went to the lobbyist; and 3% went towards banking fees, the majority of which pays for credit card transaction fees for membership renewals and event registrations. We are mostly on track for our 2019 budget, which projects a net gain of \$1,435. However, this is hard to project, as most of our revenue and expenses occur around the MLA Conference. As of the end of August, the Management HQ accountant showed a net gain of \$107,544.77. This represents the membership dues and conference registrations ahead of the payment of conference expenses. Showing a graph of membership dues revenue YTD and historical data, we've almost caught up to our projected budget. The Budget Committee will soon start putting together the 2020 budget.
 - C. **Legislative Committee Report** – Legislative Committee Chair-Elect Jami Trenam shared the process for developing the 2020 Legislative Platform with input from Membership. Because 2020 is not a budget year, we will continue to monitor active bills left from 2019 in case a supplemental budget bill arises. Proposed platform planks for 2020: bonding (capital investment) with potential to look into policy changes around maximum allocations, RLBSS (Regional Library Basic System Support) with potential

changes around allowable uses of RLTA, and School Librarians Grant Pool. Platform language will continue to be refined as the session unfolds. Other policy issues MLA supports: funding for Minitex and begin to build a case for increases to ELM/eLibrary MN in 2021; Maintenance of Effort (MOE) statute changes, currently frozen at 90% of 2011 levels; broadband access; and net neutrality. The desire is to focus on requests that benefit all library types, and to shift the conversation from how dollars benefit libraries, to Minnesota communities and residents. The process and next steps: August, review progress/frame ideas at Legislative Forum; September/October, share concepts at MLA and ITEM business meetings; October, MLA Legislative Committee recommends the platform; November, MLA Board votes and adopts the Platform in concept. Library Legislative Day is scheduled for March 31, 2020.

Question from a member was to clarify who the Legislative Trio is. Trenam answered that the Past Chair is Ann Walker Smalley, Current Chair is Ann Hokanson, and Chair-Elect is Jami Trenam.

V. New Business

- A. **Plans for 2020** – President-Elect Patti Bross shared MLA’s 2020 plans to continue moving forward with the Strategic Plan, redesign the MLA website, update the MLA bylaws, expand advocacy efforts outside of library staff members, and expand and engage MLA Membership.
- B. **Board Election Results** – Nominations Committee Chair Carla Lydon thanked members of the committee for putting together a great ticket: Amanda Mills and Mollie Stanford. Lydon acknowledged and thanked those who agreed to run. Lydon shared the 2020 Board election results: Stacey Hendren, President Elect; Sarah Ethier, Treasurer; Richmond Kinney, Intellectual Freedom Chair-Elect; Sarah Hawkins, Legislative Chair-Elect; and Katie Sundstrom, Member at Large.
- C. **Bylaw Amendments** – President-Elect Patti Bross presented the proposed amendments to the MLA Bylaws.
 - I. Bylaws Change 1: Feedback related to our strategic plan development provided strong support to establish a standing Continuing Education Committee, and to formalize previous work done by other groups and individuals. This change would add the Continuing Education Committee to Article 9 (Committees). Bross moved to amend Article 9.15.2., by adding “7. The Continuing Education Committee.” Clark called a vote by standing, the motion carried unanimously.
 - II. Bylaws Change 2: The Committee proposes several conforming amendments to Articles 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 that will add the category of Friend and Supporter Member, describe such members, and prescribe their dues and rights. Bross moved to add the membership category of “Friend and Supporter Members” in 1.1.1; strike out the membership category “Friend/MALF/Layperson” in 1.1.2; add section “1.1.6: Friend and Supporter Member: Any person having an interest in libraries or the activities of the Association;” insert in Appendix A, Dues Structure, “Friend and Supporter Member \$10.00;” in section 1.3.1., strike out “Any member” and insert “Active and Life members” in the section that states who may join Subunits.

Question from a member was to clarify the changes and how this impacts the existing Friends and MALF members. McCormick and Clark explained the rationale that this would allow us to expand our membership and encourage the public to participate in advocacy. McCormick and Clark also described the minimal impact the change would have on existing members of the Friends/MALF/Layperson category; there isn’t currently a MALF (Minnesota Association of Library Friends) member on the Board of Directors, it is a MLTA member on the Board of Directors, members wishing to vote may choose another category of membership.

Clark called a vote by standing, the motion carried unanimously and the amendments will be made.

- D. **Memorials and Resolutions** – Clark read memorials to honor those who have passed away. MLA is continually grateful for the lives and roles each member has played. A moment of silence was observed. Those recognized: Nancy B. Olson and Joan Larson
Bross then read the resolution honoring Joan Larson. Bross moved to adopt the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. **Questions and Comments** – There were none.

VII. **Adjourn** – Hearing no new topics Clark adjourned the meeting at 5:32 pm. Next year's meeting will take place in Duluth on October 1, 2020.