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## Roundup

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#### MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday, October 18th. The approved minutes from the previous month's meeting may be found [here](#). The agenda from each meeting is posted on the Board of Directors page several days prior to the meeting. Board meetings are open to the public and members are encouraged to attend.

#### Legislative Committee Update

The Legislative Committee will be asked to vote to recommend the 2020 platform in concept during our next online meeting on Wednesday, November 6th at 10am. You can view the platform and comment [here](#).

If the platform vote is successful, Legislative Chair Elect Jami Trenam will bring the platform forward to the MLA Board for adoption in concept at the Board's November meeting which is scheduled for November 15th.

Beginning November 1, 2019, Macmillan Publishers will allow libraries to purchase only one copy of each new eBook title for the first eight weeks after a book's release. If you would like more information or would like to take action, please visit ALA's #eBooksForAll page at [ebooksforall.org](http://ebooksforall.org).

## MLA 2019 Conference Recap

MLA 2019 at the Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake had 482 attendees and 42 exhibitors. Thank you to everyone who worked to make this year's annual conference a success:

- The MLA Board
- Conference Planning Committee
- Sponsors: Minitex, MDE, MALF, Gensler, MSR Design, CRPLSA, Minnesota Multicounty Multitype Library Systems and Capital Area Library Consortium (CALCO)
- Keynote speakers: Dr. Michele A. L. Villagran, CulturalCo, LLC and Minnesota Secretary of State, Steve Simon
- All our presenters
- And our conference volunteers

If you missed a presentation (or had to choose between two or three), check out [Sched](#) for amazing session presentation slides and handouts. The silent auction had over 230 items up for bidding, and raised over \$4300. Start looking around for things to donate to next year's silent auction, consider ideas for presentations, and we look forward to seeing you in Duluth for MLA 2020!

## Advocacy News from ARLD

Local elections will be held on Tuesday, November 5. These include city councils and school boards, influencing local public library and school media center funding. Go to the Secretary of State's [Polling Place Finder](#) to find your polling place and next scheduled election.

Much of the advocacy work on Net Neutrality has moved to the states. This will no doubt come up again in the 2020 Minnesota Legislative session. Find out more from the [National Conference of State Legislatures](#).

In a victory for access to print materials for visually impaired people around the world, President Trump signed the [Marrakesh Treaty Implementation Act](#) into law. Senator Amy Klobuchar was a supporter, and co-sponsor of the bill in the Senate.

## Welcome New Members!

Emily Ahern, Benjamin Ahrendt, Janet Amann, Elizabeth Anderson, Samantha Atkins, Heather Baker, Arianna Baum-Homm, Lori Belongia, Kari Bernard, Hayley Brooks, Mallory Brown, Kari Cameron, Jane Campbell, Jane Carlson, Laura Chandler, Sophia Charbonneau, Georgia Cook, Alyssa

Costopoulos, Justin Delzer, Christina Determan, Theresa Duffy, Amelia Foster, Maryam Gil, Erin Gingrich, Anna Griffin, Tiamat Gustafson, Michele Hagen, Debra Hafer, Mariah Helgeson, Joanna Hunt, Kaitlyn Jack, Kelly Julian, Emmalee Klingberg, Ashley Krohn, Katherine Laak, Jessica Luna, Emily Lundberg, Cassidy Manninen, Shannon McCarthy, Zelene Moore, Louise Nemmers, Jennifer Nevers, Allyson Ososki, William Pryor, Vadim Rubinchik, Lauren Sampedro, Maria Savala, Emily Schneeberger, Sarah Schramek, Hanna Schutte Linngren, Claire Sislo, Alyson Skoglund, Vanessa Slavens, Sarah Stankus, Margaret Sullivan, Madeline Swenson, Nadine Teisberg, Olivia Verdick, Mark Verdin, Susan Welch, Brandon Wellman, Maggie Whitman, Rose Winter, Gaosheng Xiong, Jessica Young

## Thank You Renewing Members!

Ken Behringer, Helen Burke, Angela Duryee, Dan Gausman, Maureen Gormley, Kelly Julian, Lori Kasella, Liz Lynch, Amy Mars, Lisa Motschke, Megan Peterson, Carla Powers, Tyler Pulkkinen, William Richter, Marcia Savela, Nicole Schmiesing, Diana Symons, Reagen Thalacker, Les Tlougan, Jami Trenum, Sarah White, Kristin Woizeschke, Jessi Zimmerman

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