

MUSIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Online Meeting, April 30, 2013

Tuesday, April 30, 2013, 2:08-3:27pm EDT

Present: Linda Blair, Stephanie Bonjack, Pamela Bristah (recording), Paul Cary, Michael Colby (presiding), Michael Duffy, Paula Hickner, Steve Landstreet, Jerry McBride, Rick McRae, Mark Scharff

The meeting was called to order by President Colby at 2:08pm.

1. Agenda

It was moved by Paula Hickner and seconded by Steve Landstreet that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Web Committee update

Cary reported that he has created YourMembership.com administrative accounts for Web Committee members. MLA will need to redo its web permissions to align with YourMembership.com permission categories. Committee members have started to go through YourMembership.com training videos. Web Manager Verletta Kern would like to feature more images and video on the MLA site; the committee will consider moving the site's home page and the MLA blog to YourMembership.com so they can be updated easily and often. The committee will also review a membership rewards feature of YourMembership.com, and will make recommendations to the Board.

As part of creating a gallery of images for use on the MLA site, Kern drafted a photo and video release form. **It was moved by Jerry McBride and seconded by Steve Landstreet to adopt the photo/video release form for the website.** The Board recommended the MLA business office be responsible to track the forms, and that the form be made available to chapters in case they would like to adopt it. The form would be used for specific sessions and images. The motion passed unanimously. Cary will notify Kern.

3. Archives and Special Collections Committee

The Archives Roundtable requested that it be replaced with a committee for archives and special collections. The MLA Archivist could be involved with the committee, but the committee would not be involved with the MLA Archives; it would focus on music archives and special collections. Colby presented a draft charge:

The Music Archives and Special Collections Committee identifies the problems and interests of music librarians responsible for archives and special collections, educates the membership on best practices for archival processing and description of music materials, and provides a forum for information exchange and discussion among music archivists and librarians.

The Board expressed support for the proposed committee, observing that it could be a good group to present a pre-conference workshop.

It was moved by Steve Landstreet and seconded by Rick McRae to establish the Archives and Special Collections Committee, amending the charge to replace "problems" with "concerns." The motion passed unanimously. Colby will notify the proposed committee chair, Matthew Snyder, and will announce the new committee to the membership.

4. Updates on 2014 Atlanta meeting

The Grand Hyatt Atlanta has requested that MLA consider moving to a different set of dates so they could book another meeting the week of February 23, 2014. HelmsBriscoe is currently negotiating with the hotel for concessions; Laura Gayle Green will update Colby as soon as they have a result, and Colby will update the Board.

The Educational Outreach Program Subcommittee is negotiating with ALA to have ALA co-host MLA webinar content, and will present a proposal to the Board in the near future. ALA would be responsible for advertising and technical issues, and MLA would be responsible for presenters and content. This would involve a contract with ALA; the Board would vote on the terms of the contract. Scharff asked if hosting webinar content for outside groups is a new venture for ALA; Colby will ask the EOP.

5. MLA Blog

It was moved by Michael Duffy and seconded by Mark Scharff to move into executive session. The motion passed unanimously. The Board moved into executive session to discuss goals for the MLA blog.

It was moved by Mark Scharff and seconded by Steve Landstreet to move out of executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Membership Requirement for Program Submissions

MLA's current policy is that only current, individual members may propose program sessions for the annual conference. The Board discussed changing the policy, in order to encourage groups and individuals not traditionally associated with MLA to engage with the association. Other organizations, such as ALA and ACRL, have an open submission process, and MLA members present educational workshops at state library associations to which they do not belong. In any case, speaker fees would continue to be available only for invited presenters.

Board consensus was to gather information on the policies of associations similar to MLA, such as ARLIS. The Board will review the list of MLA's liaisons to decide which organizations to ask; Colby will request those MLA liaisons to gather information about presenter/membership policies. Scharff will determine whether the Board needs to vote to change the current policy, as it is contained only in the Convention Manual, and there is no indication that it was set by the Board.

7. Other

Colby will ask the Convention Managers for an update on site selection for the 2016 meeting.

8. Adjournment

It was moved by Stephanie Bonjack and seconded by Rick McRae to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:27pm.

Appendix I: New Policies Adopted by the Board

- 1. To establish an Archives and Special Collections Committee (3)**