

I. October 19, 2026

II. President Elect

III. Holling Smith-Borne

IV. Board Action Required:

None

V. Brief Summary of Activities

During the time since our meeting this past spring, I have worked with Brian Buff on the Chapter Revitalization program hosting a workshop on June 17th.

I have also done research on Executive Committees of non-profit organizations and presented my results at the August board meeting.

I will be attending the California Chapter meeting at Stanford on Nov. 9 and the SEMLA meeting on Oct. 29-31.

I continue to meet regularly with Bruce, the CFOs, Finance Committee, and the MLA Conference Task Force. I joined the weekly meeting with Brian Buff and Bruce Evans at the beginning of Sept.

The task force on the Student/Early Career Board Representative concluded their work at the end of July with the final report submitted to the board at the August board meeting.

VI. Alignment with the MLA 2022-2030 Strategic Plan Objectives

Committee Chair Training:

Goal Area 2: Develop and Retain Membership

Objective 2.1: Cultivate leaders and provide leadership training opportunities for current and future leaders in MLA. Identify pathways and opportunities to provide training for members of under-represented groups.

Objective 2.2: Offer mentorship and networking opportunities for members at all stages of career similar to the programs for new members or early career professionals.

Goal Area 4: Strengthen Communication

Objective 4.3: Develop and/or formalize on-boarding for new members, new committee members, and committee chairs. Incorporate current DEIA efforts into this training.

Respectfully submitted,

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