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IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED: Approval of the Rest API for YM

V. BRIEF SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

A. MLA Business Office from 28 January 2021 to 10 May 2021: Highlights

- 2021 Conference
 - The Business Office completed registration processing for the 2021 meeting, including creating or running various reports for student and new members, email list (rented by exhibitors), and others. Clarified the difference between the email list rented and the print attendee list that was not part of the virtual meeting.
- YM API
 - In April 2021 YM announced that it will end the existing API by 3/31/2021 and replace it with a version of the Rest API. JLZ contacted YM and learned that YM wants us to move from the existing API by 12/31/2021. Also, the Rest API will cost \$1495 per year, and JLZ worked with YM to reduce the costs, so that it fits into the recently paid annual YM subscription without paying anything more to YM. (There is a small credit.)
 - Implementing the Rest API requires the free YM Community upgrade of the site, and once that is approved, it will take one or two weeks to install. At that point YM can schedule the installation the Rest API. It is not available until then.
 - The Rest API will need programming to make it work, since it is not the same as the existing API. API transfers are at the core of crucial to the Business Office, for member information (current addresses, transactions, preferred mailing choices, etc.) and especially financial data.
 - At this point, work on the Rest API needs to be planned so that its implementation does not affect the membership renewal at the beginning of the new fiscal year.
- Claims and Covid
 - Claims have increased soon after the closures because of the pandemic. The claims main come from institutions handled by subscription agencies. In responding to claims, the Business Office verifies addresses so that materials reach their destinations successfully.
- *Notes* Mailings are on schedule, with the June issue en route in early May. This should assure on-time deliveries.

B. MLA Monographic Series (Co-Publications): Highlights

- 2021 Titles
 - Carlie (BM12) released in March 2021
 - Archer-Capuzzo (IB) is planned for release in July 2021
 - Payette (IB) is also copyedited and will be scheduled for production next
 - Hartsock/Lisius (TR) will soon be copyedited after Payette is in production.

A-R Editions appreciates the opportunity to work with MLA. Please let me know if you have any questions about this report or other matters

Respectfully submitted,

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