MLA Diversity Committee
MLA Annual Meeting Orlando, FL
Meeting Agenda
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I. Call to order
   A. In attendance
      1. Joy Doan, Chair
      2. Patrick Sifuentes
      3. Greg MacAyeal
      4. Mark Puente
      5. Randye Jones
      6. Lisa Shiota
      7. Sara Nodine, ex-officio (Publicity & Outreach)
      8. Malorie Sajewski, ex-officio (Membership Committee)
      9. Jessica Abbazio, visitor (MLSG)
     10. Lindsay Hanson, visitor (Diversity Scholarship Development Subcommittee)

II. Announcements
   A. From Lindsay Hanson on Diversity Scholarship
      1. There is a May 1, 2017 deadline for budgeting the first scholarship of $50K (2017-2018). In future years, the plan is to have two Diversity Scholars per year.
   B. From Joy Doan regarding scheduling conflict
      1. It is understood that the Diversity Committee meeting conflicted with committee member presentations, as well as the session on LGBTQ inclusion. In future, I will more closely review the program schedule, in order to better ensure that all members can attend the Diversity Committee and sessions that support our committee’s charge.
   C. From Randye Jones
      1. There is a concern that accessibility concerns aren’t being met at conference hotel venues. A request is being made to ensure that the conference registration form, as well as the Convention Manager help to ensure the accessibility needs of our membership are met.
         a) Joy to follow-up with Wendy.
            (1) Completed Saturday, February 25.

III. MLA Annual Meeting 2018 Session Proposal (Time Certain 4:40)
   A. The committee members present showed interest and are on-board for submitting townhall and panel proposal for the 2018 Annual Meeting in Portland, OR.
      1. Joy will draft proposal (March 2017) from notes gathered at business meeting and submit to committee for review and additional points before submission to MLA programming committee.
IV. MLA Newsletter, Diversity Column (Time Certain 5:00)
   A. Discussion with MLA Newsletter Editor, Michelle Hahn
      1. Present committee members agreed that having a standing column in the
         the MLA Newsletter is a good idea.
         a) The committee has agreed to commit to three columns per year at
            present.
            (1) There are no word limits for the columns.
            (2) Co-authors are allowed.
            (3) Other writing ideas include q&a interviews, spot-lighting
                specific members (e.g., ARL Fellows, Diversity Scholars).
            (4) The topics are open to a plethora of ideas, including
                thought pieces, membership spotlights, past experiences
                and/or projects.
            (5) Patrick and Joy have volunteered to write columns during
                the next year.
         b) The committee has agreed to reach-out to a greater membership
            pool to generate content.
   V. Diversity Committee Membership (Time Certain 5:20)
      A. There are three (3) members rotating off the committee: Mark Puente, Treshani
         Perera and Greg MacAyeal. We thank them for their service to the Diversity
         Committee.
      B. During the “Get Involved” session, four persons discussed interest in becoming
         involved with the Diversity Committee. I've (Joy) asked that letters of interests be
         submitted by March 4, 2017. Submitted letters will be sent forth to the committee
         for review. Selected persons names will then be submitted to the MLA board.
         1. Joy submitted received letter of interest to the committee for review March
   VI. MLA Annual meeting inclusive name badges (Time Certain 5:25)
      A. The proposal to include personal pronoun selection, as well as photography
         permission indication will be moved forward as a recommendation/action item for
         the Board via the next quarterly report of the Diversity Committee.
   VII. Adjournment