



Music Library Association, Atlantic Chapter

Minutes of the Fall Chapter Meeting
Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia, PA
Saturday, October 18, 2014

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began at 11:30 AM with Chair Richard Griscom presiding.

New members introduced themselves:

Jessica Abbazio, Musicology student at University of Maryland, GA at Michelle Smith Performing Arts Library, University of Maryland
Stephen Mantz, University of Pennsylvania
Francesca Giannetti, Rutgers University
Bob Grossman, Philadelphia Orchestra Library
Jonathan Saucedo, Rutgers University
Abbey Thompson, Princeton University
Daniel DeKok, Rowan University (first meeting as a degreed librarian)
Jim Cowen, University of the Arts

Secretary-Treasurer's Report (Steve Henry)

Minutes of the Fall 2013 meeting at Princeton University were approved.
The current balance is \$3,816.04. The treasurer's report was approved.

Chair's Report (Dick Griscom)

A. 2014 Travel Grant

Abbey Thompson received the 2014 travel grant to attend the MLA annual meeting in Atlanta.

B. Best of Chapters

ATMLA nominated Joe Clark's paper, "Transforming Collections and Rethinking Acquisition Budgets: Information Needs and Preferences of Performing Arts Students," for the MLA Best of Chapters program and it was accepted by the Best of Chapters committee. Joe will present his paper at the annual MLA meeting in Denver in 2015.

C. Curtis Institute Program

Everyone who submitted a proposal for the Curtis Meeting was asked to present

D. Succession Plan for New Secretary/Treasurer

Current Secretary/Treasurer Steve Henry has suggested making some

changes in how the chapter transitions from one Secretary/Treasurer to another. The main issue is that changing banks with each treasurer is tedious. The Board will review these changes in the coming year.

E. Succession Plan for Web Manager

Current Web manager Linda Dempf has requested that she step down from the role. She was commended for many years of excellent service. The Board will nominate someone to take her place. The Board also suggests that the Chapter move to national MLA's new platform for Web hosting, rather than doing it through member institutions.

F. Radisson Room Booking

We needed to book 25 rooms to avoid a \$1200 attrition charge. We only booked 12. The Radisson agreed to waive the charge due to a good relationship with the Curtis Institute. We need to be mindful of this kind of thing in the future. It is recommended that meeting organizers try to avoid committing to a block of rooms. If a block is needed, get a good estimate from the members regarding how many plan to book rooms. It was suggested that meeting location is an issue—a large city like Philadelphia is more likely to have people stay with friends etc. Princeton is more likely to attract more people to hotels. Air B&B was suggested as an alternative to doing a block of rooms (members would be on their own to find rooms). It was also mentioned that around one-third of ATMLA members live in the Philadelphia area.

Report from MLA Board (Lisa Shiota)

- A. The MLA Board report will be online.
- B. Applicants for the Kevin Freeman Travel Grant can now apply through an online form.
- C. The Board is looking into a new award for paraprofessionals.
- D. Strategic Plan. Planning for 2015 has begun. The Board is moving away from assigning committees to do the strategic planning work.
- E. Advocacy. There is a need for a Web page hosted by MLA that explains the value of the profession.
- F. Hot Topics at MLA. Steve Landstreet was concerned that hot topics is being squeezed out of the program at the national meeting due to schedule fullness. Winston Barham asked whether "Ask the President" might be a good substitute. Darwin Scott suggested it would be interesting to have a Twitter feed for hot topics discussions.

Committee Reports

A. Membership

Members were reminded to be advocates for ATMLA with staff—encourage paraprofessionals and students to join and attend. Steve Landstreet pointed out that there is a gap between people who come to meetings and people who follow atmla-l. Members also mentioned a

number of other library meetings that often conflict with ATMLA meetings—MARAC, Capital Area AMS chapter.

Future Meetings

Steve Gerber invited the chapter to meet in fall, 2015 at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. The 2016 meeting will be a joint meeting with SEMLA in late October somewhere (TBD) in North Carolina. The joint meeting will likely be a two-nighter. Dick Griscom and Renee McBride have been in contact about the meeting.

Old Business

A. Amendments Proposed by the Executive Board

The Board proposed three amendments as follows:

- a. Amendment 1 (to constitution; allows electronic voting for amendments)
Discussion: Steve Landstreet asked if provisions would be made to prevent the submission of multiple ballots by a single voter. The answer is that we will use Survey Monkey to prevent multiple submissions.
A motion to call the question was made and seconded.
Voting ensued.
The motion carried.
- b. Amendment 2 (to by-laws; allows electronic voting for elections)
Discussion: none.
A motion to call the question was made and seconded.
Voting ensued
The motion carried
- c. Amendment 3 (to by-laws; sets term limits)
Discussion: Amanda Maple asked whether this was to keep people from serving too long. Dick answered that it was about giving new members a chance to get involved and also to better align ATMLA's practices with national MLA.
A motion to call the question was made and seconded
Voting ensued
The motion carried

New Business

A. MLA Outreach Initiative (from Jason Imbesi, chair of MLA Membership Committee)

Outreach initiative report was given

B. Chapter Meeting in Denver

The group decided to hold an informal chapter dinner, and not a meeting, in Denver, similar to what we did the previous year in Atlanta.

Announcements

David King announced that in the first year of the joint MLA-ALA Editions webinar program, we held three webinars with 558 total people attending, generating \$15,599 in royalties for MLA.

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Passing of the Gavel

Dick Griscom passed a crab and a crab cracker to incoming Chair, David King. David thanked Dick for his leadership and guidance and for helping with David's own transition.

The meeting adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Henry
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