MLA-CC Newsletter

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
OF THE
MUSIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

News from the Board

VIRTUAL MEETING 2020

The MLA-CC met on October 23, 2020 for a virtual conference. The event was hosted by Matthew Vest (UCLA) with an institutional Zoom account. Rachel Smiley (AMDA) served as Program Chair and Moderator for the day.

MLA-CC ELECTIONS

Rachel Smiley is the new Chair-Elect and will serve a 4-year term progressing from Chair-Elect to Chair for two years and then Post-Chair (2020-2024).

Blair Whittington is the new Secretary/Treasurer and will serve a 2-year term (2020-2022).
Updates from Members

Rachel Smiley is moving to a different part of LA - from Porter Ranch to Pasadena!

Lindsay Hansen Brown has retired from her modeling job on Styled by Emma and is now fostering a new set of kitties!

PLANET MONEY

The membership voted and passed the decision to contribute $1,000 to the MLA FUND along with individual donations to help offset the cost of breaking the hotel agreement for the 2021 National conference.

MLA/TLA 2021

Registration is now open for the joint conference of the Music Library and Theatre Library Associations, to be held virtually in March. All programming events will occur March 1-5 with additional meetings later in the month. Please see the conference website for more information.

http://conferences.blog.musiclibraryassoc.org/

Mentorship opportunities are available - both as mentee and mentor. If interested, please complete the survey here: https://memphis.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6fh273ng4T70B3E

ALLYSHIP IN MLA

Early in February, our organization heard of the racist mistreatment of our colleague, Ellen Ogihara. Following her resignation, which touched all of us, MLA is taking action to support Ellen and speak out against the ignorance and hate we continue to encounter in the library industry. Excerpted here is a portion of Abbey Thompson's call to action shared on the MLA-listserv for us to stand together.

In cases like this, the word “ally” is no longer a noun, it is a VERB. “Ally” is not something you are, it is something you do. To denounce racism is a small start towards healing, but it must be followed up by anti-racist actions. [...] Because it’s not just about Ellen herself, it’s about all the other Ellens who aren’t able to come forward, and the future Ellens who will also suffer this kind of workplace abuse at libraries around the country and the world.

If you have a segment you’d like to see in the newsletter, please email mlacaliforniachapter@gmail.com for more information.