Minutes of the Midwest Chapter, MLA
Annual Business Meeting
October 18, 1997
Minneapolis, Minnesota

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by chapter chair, Stephen Wright.

The minutes of the 1996 annual meeting as recorded in the January 1997 issue of the Midwest Note-Book were approved.

Treasurer's Report
Submitted by Robert Delvin

The annual financial report was distributed prior to the start of the business meeting (checking account balance as of 1 October 1996, $1,731.68; total income $2,027.82; total disbursements, $812.81; checking account balance as of 30 September 1997, $2,946.61; savings account balance as of 30 September 1997, $754.54; total chapter assets as of 30 September 1997, $3,701.15). The report was approved.

There followed a discussion regarding the proportion of chapter funds deposited between checking and savings accounts. Ralph Papakian asked what the history and rationale for this was. The current treasurer was unable to answer this. Rick Jones recalled that during the early 1980s a decision was made to transfer a sum of money from the chapter checking account to a savings account. No further historical clarification was available. The question was raised, "what is the minimum balance necessary for free checking at FirstStar Bank, Madison?" The treasurer did not have that information at his immediate disposal. (Note: Upon verification, the Secretary-Treasurer has determined that the minimum balance for free checking with FirstStar Bank is $400.00.) Ralph Papakian moved that $100.00 be transferred from the chapter checking account to the savings account. The motion was seconded. Grace Fitzgerald offered a friendly amendment to the effect that after the current meeting expenses were paid, only the minimum balance stipulated by FirstStar Bank be retained in the chapter checking account, with surplus funds being transferred to savings. When the vote was called both the original and amended motion were defeated. After further discussion, Richard Griscom moved that the chapter secretary-treasurer be authorized, after consultation with other members of the chapter executive committee, to transfer funds between checking and savings accounts as seemed expedient to meet chapter expenses. This motion was seconded and approved by the membership present.

Announcements
* Stephen Wright publicly thanked the program and local arrangements committees for their efforts in putting together this year's meeting.
* Steve announced that the MLA Executive Board awarded the Midwest Chapter $600.00 towards funding the Internet Workshop on October 17, 1997.
* Steve also announced that Marty Rubin of Audio Buff, Inc. had contributed generously towards the opening reception.
* Steve extended greetings to the chapter from Don Roberts of Northwestern University.
* Steve announced that during the past year, Midwest Chapter, Library Exchange Program grants had been awarded to Robert Acker of DePaul University, and Donald Widmer of VanderCook College of Music. Bob Acker and Bob Delvin (for Don Widmer) reported briefly on their exchange program activities. Steve announced that plans were in effect to offer the exchange program again during 1997/98 pending available funds.
* Richard Griscom called for article submissions to MLA Notes. He also highlighted several forthcoming articles.

Committee Reports

1. Bylaws Committee (Beth Christensen) No report.

2. Cataloging Committee (Grace Fitzgerald)

Grace reported that 12 members had attended the meeting on October 16. Topics of discussion included core cataloguing records, authority cross-references, the cataloguing of electronic resources. She also announced that the Cataloging Committee will co-sponsor a plenary session with the Public Services Committee at next year's meeting in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

3. Membership Committee (Lynne Weber)

Lynne reported that 8 members had attended the meeting on October 16. Topics of discussion included organizational identity (who are we and where should we be going?) She announced that lapsed members (members who have not paid annual dues for two consecutive years) would be receiving a complimentary issue of the Midwest Notebook, along with a letter of encouragement to renew their active status. There was also discussion of how the chapter might reach out to public and orchestra librarians.

4. Publications Committee (Laura Gayle Green)

Laura Gayle announced the availability the 2nd edition of A Directory of Music Collections in the Midwestern United States, 1996.
5. Technology, Archives, Preservation, and Sound Committee (Phyllis Danner)
Phyllis reported that the committee was eager to receive and address questions regarding preservation issues. The committee also discussed the possibility of granting awards to outstanding examples of library preservation.

Allie Goudy announced that the new MLA, Midwest Chapter Officers' Handbook was nearing completion.

Election Results
Stephen Wright announced that Robert Delvin had been elected for a second term as chapter secretary-treasurer. He thanked the Martin Jenkins for his willingness to be slated and the Nominating Committee for their efforts.

Old/New business
There was none to report.

Announcement of future chapter meeting sites
1998 Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo
1999 DePaul University, Chicago
2000 University of Cincinnati, Ohio
2001 University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls

Stephen Wright thanked the chapter for his term as chair and presented the "official" Midwest Chapter corkscrew to the chair-elect, Lynn Gullickson.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

Handouts
* Meeting Agenda
* Treasurer's Report

* MLA Ad Hoc Chapter Committee, "Survey of Chapter Chairs" with explanatory letter by Roberta Chodacki, Chair, Ad Hoc MLA Chapter Committee.
* Draft copy of MLA, Midwest Chapter Officers' Handbook, 199720

Respectfully submitted,
Robert C. Delvin,
Secretary-Treasurer

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Administrative Structure

Technology, Archives, Preservation, and Sound Committee
Three year terms; members can be reappointed; Chair serves one year as Chair-Elect, two years as Chair, one year as Past Chair.

Phyllis Danner (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Past Chair, November 1998 to October 1999
Therese Zoski Dickman (Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville) To October 2001
Martin Jenkins (Wright State University) To October 1999
Karen Little (University of Louisville) To October 1999
Charles Reynolds (University of Michigan) To October 1999
Suzanne Mudge (Indiana University) To October 1999
Mark Scharff (Washington University) To October 1999
Wendy Sistrunk (University of Missouri-Kansas City) To October 1999
Anna Sylvester (University of Missouri-Kansas City) To October 1999
Eunice Schroeder (Lawrence University) To October 2001
Don Widmer (Vandercook College of Music) To October 2001