Minutes of the Midwest Chapter,
Music Library Association
Annual meeting - October 22, 1999

1) The meeting was called to order by the Chapter President, Lynn Gullickson.

2) The Minutes of the 1998 meeting were approved as recorded.

3) Secretary/Treasurer’s Report (R. Delvin)
Bob presented the Chapter’s financial report, stating it was self-explanatory and required little comment. Bob thanked those members who had responded to the membership renewal form posted on MWMLA-L. He also encouraged anyone who had not yet renewed their memberships for the 1999-2000 year, to take advantage of the renewal forms included in the conference packet. He reminded the membership that the membership year runs October 1 - September 30, and that according to the Chapter by-laws, delinquent memberships of more than two consecutive years are removed from the membership roll.

4) Announcements (Gullickson)
• Lynn announced that seventy-three were in attendance at this year’s meeting.
• She acknowledged and thanked the Local Arrangements Committee (R. Acker, P. Baxter, K. Calkins, J. Casey, D. Guion, B. Nelson-Strauss).
• The Program Committee (R. Acker, K. Little, L. Probst, B. Royall) were also acknowledged and thanked for their work.
• The year 2000 annual meeting is to be held in Madison, Wisconsin, September 28-30. The University of Wisconsin-Madison events calendar and the co-incidence of Rosh Hashanah were given as the reasons for the earlier than usual meeting date. Steve Sundell will serve as the Local Arrangements Committee, chair.
• The 2001 meeting will be hosted by the William & Gayle Cook Music Library of Indiana University, October 18-20, 2001.
• Lynn reminded committee chairs that the deadline for committee reports is December 15, 1999 for inclusion in the January Midwest Note-Book. Reports are to be sent to the newsletter editor, Steve Sundell (U. Wisconsin-Madison).

5) National MLA President, Paula Matthews (Bates College) was introduced and brought greetings from the national organization. Paula highlighted activities of other MLA chapters and stated her pleasure in having membership in the Midwest Chapter. Paula also took this opportunity to congratulate Don Roberts on his 30th anniversary as Music Librarian of Northwestern University. Chapter members in attendance responded with a rousing hand of applause!

6) I.A.M.L. (Don Roberts)
Don reported briefly on the Wellington, NZ gathering of I.A.M.L. and announced the "marvelous locations" of upcoming meetings: 2000 (Edinburgh, Scotland), 2001 (Peregreux, France), 2002 (Berkeley, CA).

7) Committee Reports
• By-laws Committee (B. Christensen)
No activity to report.

• Membership Committee (R. LeSueur for J. Knapp)
Richard summarized the discussion of the previous day’s committee meeting and announced that it would be focusing its attention in the coming year on reaching out to public and small libraries.

• Publications Committee (A. Sylvester)
Anna reported that the committee was considering the publication of a written Midwest Chapter history, as well as a possible directory to "early" (i.e., 19th and early 20th century) theses and dissertations by individuals from Midwest Chapter institutions. Other projects might include an updating of Donald Krummel’s, Resources in American Music History.

• Cataloging Committee (W. Sistruck)
Wendy summarized the previous day’s discussions, which included a possible updating of the 1990, directory of automation projects in the Midwest Chapter. There had also been a discussion of LC’s Voyager databases, possible confusion in OPACs arising from form-genre headings, and the creation of in-house music finding aids.
• WWW Committee (R. Littman)
Rebecca reported that the Committee wants to update the Chapter’s web site, and requested chapter photographs and/or historical materials to include on the site.

• Public Services Committee (H. Smith-Borne)
Holling reported that 14 individuals attended the Thursday afternoon meeting. Donna Boettcher presented a preview of her reference-refresh presentation. There was also a discussion of consortial purchasing of electronic reference sources, and methods of providing reference assistance to users who are using online resources from outside the library, as well as making suggestions on how to juggle, multiple functions on public access work-stations. The committee also shared information on the status of IIMP, The Music Index and RILM. The committee decided to informally regularize its Reference Refreshers. The committee also decided to update the language of its 1987 charge.

Finally, the committee brainstormed about ideas for next year’s meeting. Possibilities included 1) a panel discussion on updates on digitization projects, 2) the role of the music librarian in the digital age, 3) a streaming video demonstration by CIC, 4) space configuration in music libraries, with emphasis on accommodating digital technology, and 5) methods for weeding music collections.

• Technology, Archives, Preservation and Sound Recordings (P. Danner)
Reporting on the previous afternoon’s committee meeting, three speakers addressed ongoing and new initiatives. G. Laudati (U.W-Madison) shared the Wisconsin on-line reserves streaming sound initiative in which the music library provides students with the opportunity to access course reserves from any campus computer work stations, and via modem, from off-site locations. Geri discussed copyright issues, technical aspects related to the service, and public relations. Therese Dickman (SIU-Edwardsville) shared information about the 25th anniversary of the National Ragtime and Jazz Archive at SIUE. The ongoing celebration includes an exhibit of select materials, creation of an interactive computer program, and a gala concert planned for the spring of 2000. Therese also reported on her forthcoming pictorial essay, entitled St. Louis music, 1900-2000: a pictorial history of people, places and events. Phyllis Danner also reported on the Sousa Archives for Band Research preservation microfilming project sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The past year witnessed the completion of reformatting of both the ms. in the John P. Sousa and Herbert L. Clarke collections and the photographic collection. Microfilm and paper versions are available for purchase. A print guide to the collection including indexes is forthcoming. A question and answer period followed the three presentations. Danner distributed a survey entitled, “Trends/Blends in Music Librarianship: Preservation is not for Sissies”. Results will be summarized for inclusion in the committee report for the Midwest Note-Book.

Library School Outreach Program (L. Gullickson)
Lynn reported that a year ago, the Chapter received a $500.00 dollar grant from the National MLA organization to visit library schools within the Midwest Chapter, offering the double, Music and Library/Information Science degree. During the past year Lynn visited four institutions offering this degree (University of Illinois, Indiana University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee) speaking with students about the benefits of membership in MLA. As a result of these visits, the Midwest Chapter gained 11 new student members.

8) Election results (L. Gullickson)
Lynn announced that Mary Husmann (U. Wisconsin-Whitewater) had been elected as the new Secretary-Treasurer of the Midwest Chapter, succeeding Bob Delvin (Illinois Wesleyan University), who has completed two terms in this office. Lynn thanked Bob for his past service, the Nominating Committee and the slate of candidates who agreed to stand for election.

9) Old Business

• Library Exchange Program
Lynn Gullickson reported that there had only been two inquiries during the past year about this program. Neither inquiry resulted in an application. Lynn stated that the program would continue to be offered during the coming year.

• Lynn announced that there would again be a time slots set aside at the Louisville meeting for individual Chapter meetings.
10) New Business

• Best of Chapter
Lynn referred the membership to article on "Best of Chapters - Louisville 2000" in the MLA Newsletter, (March-June, 1999), p.27. This session will include 2-4 presentations previously offered at chapter meeting and submitted to a review committee for selection. Submissions come from the Chair of the Chapter or a designated committee. The deadline for the first "Best of..." is November 15, 1999

11) Other Business
Dick Griscom (University of Illinois-Urbana) took the floor to recognize not only Don Roberts for his 30 years of service to Northwestern University, but also Jean Geil for 36 years of service to the University of Illinois, and Jody Falconer for 15 years of service to the University of Iowa. Both Jean and Jody plan to retire at the close of the current academic year.

The Chapter business meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert C. Delvin

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area in anticipation of the annual meeting. The committee is grateful to Lynne for her hard work in the design and production of the brochure, and the immediate goal of the committee will be to perpetuate it with appropriate revisions as both committee and chapter officer membership is changed, as well as to be aware of new targets of distribution, including librarians new to the chapter region as well as appropriate non-member libraries within the area of next fall's chapter meeting.

Session Summaries from the Oak Park Meeting
will appear in the May newsletter