Minutes of the Midwest Chapter,
Music Library Association
Annual meeting – September 29, 2000

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Chapter Chair, Laura Probst.
2. The minutes of the 1999 meeting were approved as recorded.
3. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report (M. Huismann)
   Mary presented the Chapter’s financial report, noting that it covered only October 1, 1999 through August 31, 2000 because of the Chapter meeting being held before the end of the fiscal year.

4. Announcements (L. Probst)
   - A voice vote on changes to the Chapter by-laws was conducted and carried.
   - Laurie acknowledged and thanked the Local Arrangements Committee (S. Sundell, chair, A. Harrell, G. Laudati, S. Murray, A. Nelson, B. Robbins).
   - The Program Committee (L. Gullickson, chair, K. Calkins, M. Huismann, S. Sundell) was recognized and thanked for their work.
   - Laurie thanked several sponsors for their various contributions to our meeting: Theodore Front Musical Literature, Inc. (Christine Clark), A-R Editions, Inc. (Patrick Wall), Madison Music Company, School of Music, University of Wisconsin—Madison, General Library System, University of Wisconsin—Madison, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Wisconsin—Madison.
   - Laurie recognized those attending their first Chapter meeting.
   - The Retiree Fund scholarship was presented to Bruce Hall, a student at the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee in the MM/MLIS program. Bruce was nominated by R. Littman. There will be a slightly different process for awarding next year’s scholarship. An application form that the student can submit directly will be printed in the January newsletter. Nomination by a Chapter member will not be necessary. Two awards will hopefully be given for the 2001 meeting.
   - Chapter retirees include: Tom Heck (Ohio State University), William Hulsker (Wayne State University), and B. Kathleen Shamp (Cleveland Public Library). Contributions to the Retiree Fund will be gladly accepted.
   - A tribute to Nathan Eakin (Washington University) was given by B. Short. Nathan was a longtime member of the Midwest Chapter, as well as a lifelong church musician. Nathan also started and maintained the Gaylord Music Library Necrology file. He will surely be missed.
   - The Chapter received a grant from the national MLA for the Library School Outreach Program. L. Gullickson (Northwestern University) visited Kent State, and the University of Michigan, and L. Probst plans to visit the University of Missouri at Columbia and the University of Kentucky. This program has been valuable in increasing student attendance at Chapter meetings. It is hoped that the Chapter would continue support of this program when the national grant ends.
   - Two Chapter members participated in the Librarian Exchange program this year. J. Hafner (Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library) and D. Widmer (Vandercook College of Music) gave a brief description of their experiences.
   - Jim Cassaro sent regrets for not being able to attend the meeting.
   - National MLA President Paula Matthews thanked the Midwest members for hosting the national Louisville meeting and also the current meeting. She also recognized and thanked several Chapter members who serve the national organization (D. Roberts, L. Hartig, R. Papakhian, B. Christensen, L. Troutman, B. Short, L. Gullickson, A. Goudy, B. Boettcher, L. Green, K. Abromeit, and S. Wright). She commented briefly on the new management company and issued an invitation for all to attend the upcoming Toronto “mega-meeting” of music organizations. An exhibit will represent MLA.
   - D. Roberts (Northwestern University) gave an update on plans for national meeting in New York. It is important to stay at the conference hotel (Grand Hyatt). There will be only two plenary sessions instead of the usual three sessions, and several receptions and other activities are planned.
5. Committee reports

A. Bylaws Committee (B. Christensen)
   The Committee worked on the revisions voted on at the beginning of the business meeting. She thanked committee members B. Boettcher (Bowling Green State University) and L. Gullickson (Northwestern University) for their contributions.

B. Cataloging Committee (W. Sistrunk)
   Twelve people attended the Committee meeting, which featured a discussion of in-house music collection finding aids, and access issues for digitized collections. A round robin allowed attendees to share news from their institutions. The new chair of the committee is Patty Falk (Bowling Green State University).

C. Membership Committee (J. Knapp)
   There are two new members on the committee, Jennifer Bollerman (Lawrence University) and Beth Royall (Allen County Public Library). The Committee discussed updating the brochure that is sent to prospective members and library school students.

D. Public Services Committee (H. Smith-Borne)
   Nine people attended the Committee meeting. They worked on updating the language of the Committee’s charge. A discussion on space configuration and methods for weeding collections followed. Possible future programming ideas include non-traditional reference service, helping differently-abled patrons, and an open discussion of online products.

E. Publications Committee (R. Inman)
   The Committee is looking at updating the Directory of Automation Projects and is reviewing the original questionnaire. There was no update on the Midwest Chapter History project.

F. Technology, Archives, Preservation, and Sound Committee (R. Jones)
   The Committee discussed its future, and the direction the Committee should take.

6. Election results (M. Huismann, L. Probst)
   Mary announced that Rick Jones (University of Notre Dame) had been elected as the new Vice Chair/Chair Elect. She also thanked the Nominations Committee (R. Inman, L. Mack) and the slate of candidates who agreed to run for election.

   Laurie announced that Jennifer Bollerman (Lawrence University) would be the new Newsletter editor, succeeding Steve Sundell (University of Wisconsin—Madison).

7. Old business

   There was no old business (as most topics had been previously covered in the announcements).

8. New business

A. Future meeting sites — The next meeting will be held October 18-20, 2001 at Indiana University (Bloomington, IN). Following that, possible sites include Ohio (Oberlin), Bloomington (IL), and St. Louis.

B. Other new business — Chapter Chair term length and term limits: Time prevented much discussion so it will be on the agenda for the Chapter meeting to be held during the national meeting in New York.

C. L. Probst thanked the Executive Committee members for their service, especially L. Gullickson (Northwestern University) and S. Sundell (University of Wisconsin—Madison), who are leaving the committee.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary L. Huismann