Minutes of the Business Meeting

Saturday, October 13, 2007, Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Waterfront, Covington, KY

I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by chair Laura Gayle Green.

II. Approval of the 2006 Meeting Minutes
The minutes of the 2006 meeting were printed in the January 2007 issue of Midwest Note-Book (vol. 15 no. 3). A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2006 minutes. The motion was carried.

III. Treasurer’s Report
At the end of the Chapter fiscal year (30 September 2007), our assets totaled $9,646.64 ($4,553.64 in the U.S. Bank checking account, $811.66 in the U.S. Bank savings account, and $4,281.34 in the Associated Bank account). The Chapter’s scholarship funds are held in the Chapter checking account. At the end of the fiscal year, the Retirees’ Fund totaled $1,630.00 and the Leslie Troutman Fund totaled $1,639.00. Laura Gayle Green discussed moving some of our funds in checking to an interest-generating account. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer’s report as amended (change the final date of the report from September 30, 2006 to September 30, 2007). The motion was carried.

IV. Election Results
Keith Cochran was elected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer. He will begin duties immediately. There were a total of 57 valid ballots, which represents 53% of Chapter members. Thanks to Keith and Jon Haupt for their willingness to serve the Chapter by running for this office!

V. Committee Reports

- **Cataloging Committee**: Sue Stancu reported for Mark Scharff. Seven members and three guests attended the meeting. Mark Scharff, the Music Library Association’s representative to ALA’s Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access, gave an update on the current status of RDA. Current issues in cataloging were discussed, including minimal level cataloging, shelf-ready cataloging, and digital recordings at Indiana University. Sue Stancu is Chair-Elect of the Cataloging Committee.

- **Membership Committee**: Sheridan Stormes reported for Mary Huismann. Members discussed changes in the Midwest Chapter, particularly how recent trends and developments in libraries, such as listservs, e-mail, and diminishing travel budgets have impacted and may re-shape and direct future activities and program themes of the Midwest Chapter. Richard LeSueur and Tracey Snyder reported that they were involved in outreach activities over the course of the past year. Anne Shelley, a second-year SLIS student at the University of Iowa, wrote a Conference Report paper for a course in cultural foundations on the 2006 meeting in Milwaukee. A revised version of the paper will be published in the Midwest Note-Book and excerpts will be quoted in the Membership Brochure. Members brainstormed about outreach activities, summarized as follows: to reach public librarians, the Chapter could have a presence at state library association conferences. A task force could be established to develop core lists of scores and recordings for public library collections. Academic librarians could also visit music-related courses in graduate library schools and talk about the benefits of MLA. Academic librarians could also visit graduate library schools and recruit. The membership brochure could be sent via e-mail to MLA members in the Midwest region who are not Chapter members. Sheri closed with the final paragraph from Anne Shelley’s paper.

- **Public Services Committee**: Bob Delvin reported that seven members attended. The committee discussed public performance rights and services to patrons with disabilities. The committee discussed future program topics such as social networking, Kirstin Dougan attended the meeting as a visitor.

- **Publications Committee**: Therese Dickman reported that seven people attended the meeting, five members and two guests. Lynne Weber could not attend, but she is the Chair-Elect. Therese issued a call to publish an oral history document by the 70th annual meeting (in 2011). Amy Pennington recommended creating a wiki about how to conduct an oral history interview. Therese brought transcripts of interviews to edit for publication in the Midwest Note-Book. The committee would like to include a live oral history interview on the program for the 2008 meeting in Kansas City. This program will feature Jack Knapp interviewing Richard LeSueur. Mike Duffy will interview Stephen Wright in a few weeks.

- **TAPS Committee**: Jon Haupt reported for Donna Campbell. Three members and six visitors attended the meeting. Jon was elected Chair of the committee. Discussion topics included the “ask-an-expert” service, “Tips from TAPS,” ethics and digital music archives, and the phenomenon of people retaining tracks on iPods without listening to them. The committee also discussed the question of how many of the “great recordings” are available only on LP, digital delivery of departmental rectal recordings, and gifts issues, particularly disposal. The committee would like to include programs in future meetings on ethics and digital music archives and a “how-to” program on the digital archiving of music.

- **Bylaws Committee**: Beth Christensen reported that she met with Grace Fitzgerald and Laura Gayle Green at the MLA annual meeting in Pittsburgh. There will be an election to amend the bylaws today. The Web version of the bylaws was recently corrected.

VI. Awards
There were no applicants or awards for the Leslie Troutman paraprofessional award this year. The Retirees’ Scholarships for Student Members were awarded to:

- Veronica Alzade, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Eric Harbeson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Anne Shelley, University of Iowa

Eric Harbeson was unable to attend the Saturday sessions, and was awarded half the amount of the other awardees. Congratulations to all!

VII. Old Business
Bob Acker reported on the Chicago MLA meeting (2009). The Local Arrangements Committee is considering whether or not to hold a local arrangements reception. Tours were suggested, including the Chicago Architecture Foundation tour and local library tours.

VIII. New Business
The proposed revisions to the Chapter bylaws passed by voice vote.

IX. Announcements

- Laura Gayle Green announced that the hotel for the Kansas City meeting in 2008 will have free Internet access and free parking, but there will be no bar or restaurant.
- The 2010 meeting will be in Bloomington, Illinois. Jennifer Matthews volunteered to host the 2009 meeting at Notre Dame, Indiana.
- Laura Gayle Green thanked members of the Chapter, particularly Bob Delvin, Greg Fitzgerald, Rebecca Littman, Ruthann McIntyre, and Mike Duffy for a job well done. Laura Gayle passed the corkscrew to Ruthann, who is our new Chapter Chair.

X. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

—Respectfully submitted,  
Michael J. Duffy, Secretary-Treasurer