I. Call to Order – Melody Kellogg
President Kellogg called the meeting to order at 11:00.

II. Roll Call – Tassey Beeson
Tassey Beeson called roll, Member present are as follows:
Melody Kellogg, Kay Boies, Linda Pye, Tassey Beeson, Tim Miller, Misty Long, Lynda Reynolds, Susan McVey, Charles Brooks,
Minutes of February 17, 2017 Meeting – Tassey Beeson
Tim Miller made the motion, to accept the February 17th minutes. Linda Pye seconded. Motion carried.

III. Treasurers’ reports
President Kellogg stated that we do not need to approve or accept the treasurer’s report. They are simply reports.
   a. OKSL – Kelsey Gourd.
      She reported that OKSL is in good standing, they have a balance of $304.26 with no outstanding invoices.
   b. OLA – Misty Long
      The report was sent electronically.

A. Executive Director – Kay Boies
Sent electronically. The Sequoyah votes are in and will be released on March 31st 2017. The conference preparations are going well, she is please at where we are.

B. Presidents Report – Melody Kellogg
She reported that everyone seems to be very happy about the new Sequoyah branding. She will send out a call to action concerning President Trump’s budget cuts for IMLS. The Sequoyah branding is going very well. They are still looking at a June date for the new logo.

C. MPLA Representative – Tim Miller
Tim reported that he had met with the new Administrator. There will be a joint conference this year. It will be held in Lake Tahoe Nevada on October 16-18. They are working on proposals, and they are due May 31st.
D. Federal Regulations – Susan McVey

A public hearing was held on proposed changes to the State Aid to Public Libraries on Thursday February 23rd, 2017. Melody Kellogg attended for OLA. No public comments or written comments were submitted. The ODL Board voted to approve the proposed rules on February 24th, 2017. The rules and supporting documentation were submitted to the Governor and the legislature the following week.

ODL was invited to make a presentation to the Oklahoma House of Representatives Education Appropriations Subcommittee on February 27, 2017. ODL submitted testimony to the U.S. House of Representatives on the impact of LSTA funding on March 8, 2017.

ODL was asked to provide budget reduction scenarios to the House Education Appropriations Subcommittee of 10%, 15%, and 20% on March 10th. The independent evaluation of Oklahoma’s five-year LSTA plan was received on March 15. It is due on March 30 to the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The evaluation was very complimentary to ODL staff and the use of federal funds in Oklahoma. The next five year plan is due to IMLS in June. She anticipates presenting the concepts for the next five year plan to the OLA Executive Board for feedback in May.

President Trump’s proposed budget to Congress would eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the source of the approximately $2 million ODL receives each year. Other proposed agencies to be eliminated include the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The executive budget document is the start of the budget negotiations not the end. Congressman Tom Cole is the chair of the appropriations subcommittee that funds IMLS so Oklahoma librarians will have the opportunity to provide information on the proposed loss of federal funds to their communities and customers.

The RFP for the next statewide database license has been submitted to the Purchasing division and will be issued to vendors shortly. There is a hash tag - #saveIMLS to share your stories that tell how ODL, IMLS have helped your library.

May 1st and 2nd are Virtual Library Legislative day, you can email or fax to your Legislators.

Lifeline Broadband Universal Service. This would enable low income to have broadband service.

Sandy Tharp is working on a pilot program to reach out to rural tribal libraries. There is a current bill in Oklahoma Legislation HB 1114 and Senate bill 618, on how to raise salary for teachers. Other attachments were sent electronically.
E. **FOLIO – Karen Neurohr**
   No report. Absent

F. **Communications Committee – Michael Hull**
   No report. Absent

G. **Web Master – Charles Brooks**
   No Report

H. **Marketing Committee – Shay Beezley**
   Sequoyah branding is and design is going well. New merchandise looks awesome.

I. **Legislative Committee – Tim Miller**
   Legislative Committee is going to be doing something very new. Library visits will be every week by your Congressional District. The leader of your district will contact you regarding your day with your legislators. Tim said that he can send out the weeks and who your leader is. There will be no visits scheduled during Easter week.

VI. **New Business –**
   A. **Sequoyah Handbook Revisions – Shelly Lee Adrienne Butler**

   Shelly reported that the revisions are highlighted in red. The changes on page 6-7 are; Eligibility, Residence, Self-Published, Copy Right years (page 6). They no longer have a consideration list and will be able to receive books from the publisher. Graphic Novels have been added. Voting procedures have been extended for High school. There will be one contact person per team to contact publishers, etc.

   It was recommended that it is called the Oklahoma Library Association Sequoyah Book Award.

   Melody suggested that on page 20 it should say that the President should be part of the process selection on the appointment of the reading team members. Kay asked for the manual to be on the website.

   Linda Pye made the motion to accept the Policy and Procedure manual with the recommended changes. Tassey Beeson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

   B. **New Sequoyah Logo/Brand – Shay Beezley**

   Item tabled. Not proposing today.

   C. **ITRT Proposal for 2017 iCon – Jackie Kropp**

   Proposal was sent electronically. Lynda Reynolds asked if there will be a description of the sessions. Jackie replied yes, in early May.
Tim Miller made the motion to accept the 2017 iCon Proposal. Linda Pye seconded. Motion carried.

D. Sites Committee Recommendation for 2018 – Linda Pye

The committee recommends the Hyatt Regency in downtown Tulsa (same location as 2016) on April 24th - 26th. Lynda Reynolds made the motion to accept the recommendation of the committee for the proposed site for 2018 OLA Conference. Tim Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Other

Discussion was on reduced fees for Oklahoma Bar Association to have a booth at the 2017 conference at the reduced rate of $75. Further discussion was to not charge ODL any vendor fee at all for the conference. Lynda Reynolds made the motion to let OBA (Oklahoma Bar Association) have a reduced rate of $75 and ODL to have no vendor fees for the conference. Linda Pye seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:02

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tassey Beeson