The meeting was called to order by President Shari Theroux at 9:00 a.m. CST.

**Roll Call:**
Board Members and Committee Chairs present:
Shari Theroux, Julie Erickson, Jamie Formanek, Melanie Argo, Krista Ohrtman, Kelly Henkel Thompson, Brenda Hemmelman, Kara Vehar, Daniel Burniston, Danielle De Jager-Loftus, Joshua Easter, and Sean Minkel

Board Members and Committee Chairs not present:
Korey Erickson

Others Present:
Eric Erickson and Mary Kraljic

**Changes/Additions to agenda:**
Motion by Dan second by Jamie to accept the agenda as presented under the committees, information from the professional development committee and Eric’s report. Motion carried.

**Consideration of Minutes for the September 29, 2021 meeting:**
Motion by Brenda, second by Melanie to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Report of Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Krista Ohrtman:**
Krista reported that she’s been working on annual tasks including the budget, the revenue report to the IRS and filing taxes with KMWF. Their charges will be less than $1,000. Once complete, the final budget report will be linked on the SDLA website. There was a net income of $8,167 in 2021, largely due to low costs for the conference.

**Report of President, Shari Theroux:**
Shari reported that work on the next conference is ongoing and currently centers on arrangements for speakers, vendors, and food. Shari asked for opinions on allowing speakers to present virtually at an in-person conference in order to save on the cost. For example, one speaker’s fee was half if they attend virtually.

Danielle said that it would depend on the technology available to present.

Julie said that TIE is doing a hybrid conference with some virtual and some in-person.

Brenda asked if a vote on the vendor fees and registration was needed. Per Shari, the general consensus through email was to keep them flat from the last in-person conference in 2019. Krista provided the 2019 costs.
Dan added that as long as the fees will cover the cost of the conference, he doesn’t have any issue with the fees being the same as in 2019. Since costs are already increasing elsewhere, we may also end up excluding people if our prices also increase.

Motion by Dan, second by Danielle to keep the conference fees the same as in 2019. Motion carried.

Legislative Update
Eric Erickson reported that there are a few relevant issues up for discussion today and tomorrow. For example, they will be discussing the fundamental rights of a parent, critical race theory in education, the minimum requirements for a high school education, and political indoctrination. All of these topics already have multiple groups in opposition and each will have a more difficult time in the senate if they get through the house. There are summary explanations of these topics provided in the legislative update.

Shari said that she’d forward the legislative update to everyone via email after it became apparent that not everyone had received it.

Danielle suggested that based on Eric’s information we should wait and see what happens at this point, then have Shari communicate with Eric if action on SDLA’s part is needed. Eric added that he would call Shari if an issue comes up that he thinks action should be taken on.

Dan thanked Eric for his helpful summary emails and Eric let everyone know they could always reach out if questions arise.

Eric left the meeting at 8:09 a.m.

Report of Vice President/President Elect, Jamie Formanek:
Nothing to report.

Report of Past President, Julie Erickson:
Julie reported that she’ll have the final report ready for the next meeting.

Reports of Standing Committees:
Legislative Day:
Shari reported that Legislative Day was cancelled after getting consensus from the group.

Brenda reported that the Professional Development Grants Committee has gone through their Bylaws and Procedures. There are some minor changes recommended. There is no term length limit anywhere in the Bylaws or Procedures. Information on the website was also updated to correct inaccuracies.

Shari agreed that the recommended changes look good. Dan agreed that the changes made sense, but asked about the 12-month versus 5-year waiting period for conference grants. He asked if 2 or 3 years would make more sense. Per Brenda, there has only been one instance of a person who applied for conference grants every year. Dan said that he just wants to strike a balance between making the grants accessible and not over spending.

A three-year waiting period between grants was suggested by Brenda.
Motion by Brenda, second by Josh to change 5 years to 3 years and accept all the changes. Motion carried.

**Report of Sections:**

**Academic/Health/Special Libraries, Kara Vehar:**
Kara reported that she’s still in need of a vice chair and will be sending out an email to the academic list on the SDLA website. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested, please send them her way. Nothing else to report.

**Public/Trustee, Daniel Burniston:**
Dan reported that the Children’s Book Award committee has 3 of 4 vacancies filled. They have been unable to find someone to fill the school administrator position. He has spoken to Juliet Heltibridle about adjusting the language so that it’s easier to fill the positions, but not exclude a school administrative position. Once there’s a draft, he’ll share it with this group and it would be voted on at the section meeting in August. Juliet is considering stepping down at the end of this year as well.

Josh asked what the term limits are for that position in case there’s someone to bring back who was passionate about that role. Dan indicated that he would have to confirm, but he thinks it’s 3 year terms, with two consecutive terms.

In response to a question from Shari, Dan indicated that changes would be approved at the section meeting in August and also reviewed by the executive committee.

**School/Library Media, Korey Erickson:**
No report provided.

**Support Staff Section Chair, Joshua Easter:**
Josh spoke about Branchout and asked if we should do separate shorter sessions or one long 4-hour one. If we’re trying to increase support staff attendance, it might be better to have separate sessions. Danielle suggested that there should be a single meeting followed by people going to the sessions they can get to.

Dan said that because of the variety of hours that libraries have for support staff, there may be more engagement if there are more, shorter meetings. Recording would also be useful.

**Report of ALA Councilor, Danielle De Jager-Loftus:**
Danielle reported that she attended the virtual governor’s meeting last month. There was a lot of discussion, but the main task was to vote to change the advisory council to a board of directors. The ALA meeting is this June in Washington DC. Per the Office for Intellectual Freedom, there have been efforts to ban Critical Race Theory and more censorship attempts in the last 3 months than the entire year of 2020.

**Report of MPLA Representative, Melanie Argo:**
Melanie reported that MPLA is discussing an e-list to allow MPLA members to share information and ask questions amongst themselves. There will be an opt-in list rather than an opt-out list. There will be a tri-conference August 3-6 2022 in Missoula, Montana including MLA, MPLA, and PLNA.

**Report of the Bookmark’s Editor, Kelly Henkel Thompson:**
Kelly reported that she’s working on the next issue of Bookmarks which will be published next week. There is still room for more news. Online only allows Kelly to add things easily. She thanked Melanie for her tips. She also worked with Doris Peterson at USD to make sure that all of the archives are up to date.

Kelly is considering an Instagram page. Jamie said that when you’re doing a lot of social media, it’s very helpful to know who you’re trying to reach and how the connect. If there aren’t a lot of pictures to send out, it may not be useful. People like pictures of faces, so any ads on Instagram won’t get as much traction as pictures of kids and librarians.

Dan added that 90% of people at his library are using Facebook or the library page.

Kelly said that she’s working on the base of the conference website so that it’s ready once things start to develop. The next edition of Bookmarks will have a deadline around April 22.

**Report of the Federal Relations Coordinator, Brenda Hemmelman:**
Brenda reported that there’s not a lot of conversation in the COSLA group. They are monitoring what is happening in the U.S.

Brenda added that they have made an offer for the state librarian position, but there is some negotiation ongoing. Dan asked how much flexibility there is for the hiring. Per Brenda, they are working it out with the Bureau of Human Resources and the Governor’s Office.

**Continuing Business:**
No continuing business.

**New Business:**
**2022 Conference**
Nothing more to report.

**Next meeting**
The next meeting will be in April by conference call at a date and time to be determined by Doodle poll.

**Adjournment:**
Motion by Krista to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Shari Theroux at 8:54 a.m. CST.