The meeting was called to order by President Shari Theroux at 11:00 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, Danielle De Jager-Loftus, Kara Vehar, Daniel Burniston, Joshua Easter, and Sean Minkel.

Board Members and Committee Chairs not present:
Korey Erickson.

Others Present:
None.

**Changes/Additions to agenda:**
Motion by Kara second by Sean to accept the agenda as updated to include 2023 themes under new business. Motion carried.

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

**Report of Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Krista Ohrtman:**
Krista reported that this year’s SDLA conference is open for registration. She’s been fielding questions from both vendors and registrants. At this time, there is no update on the 2019 tax filing, but she will be calling again next week.

**Report of President, Shari Theroux:**
Shari reported that conference planning and the local arrangements committee are making progress. She has secured a speaker who will be coming in to talk about library security.

Shari asked for clarification on what has been done in the past for exhibit sponsors, raffles, and speaker gifts. Brenda responded that quilts have been donated in the past for raffles, but that if no one has contacted her to donate a quilt, it can be let go. Gifts can be sourced locally and could be something that the local arrangements committee works on. Also, vendors can be contacted to see if they want to sponsor a speaker or provide refreshments or food. Danielle added that SDLA has also raffled wine or other items from wherever the conference is being held.

Shari suggested extending the session proposal deadline to August 1 and asked who decides which conference proposals to accept. Per Julie, last time all of the proposals were pooled together and decisions were made. The only ones that are typically denied are ones that requested a speaker fee and normally there aren’t more submissions than can be accommodated. Julie offered to do some targeted
asks once we know how many slots are open and said she’d be willing to meet with Shari to review proposals. Shari estimated that 10 spots remain open.

Melanie asked that the people that have already submitted be told that they’re accepted even though the deadline is being extended so that they can plan accordingly. Jamie added that there is a contract that needs to be sent to people that are accepted.

Kelly indicated that she would send out information on the extended deadline.

**Report of Vice President/President Elect, Jamie Formanek:**

Jamie reported that she’s finished a proposed budget, but there is currently a $9,000 shortfall based on her predictions and the downward trajectories for income while expenses continue to increase. To address this, she suggested using the Leon Raney endowment to send MPLA representatives and to condense library issues. With those changes, the shortfall is reduced to about $3,000.

In response to a question from Melanie about sending two students, Jamie said there was discussion about only sending one student due to the budget issue.

Brenda said that from the MPLA perspective, they are still retaining the people that were selected for the 2020 institute. The people from SD are still interested and there was a commitment to funding them. Because it was not possible to hold the 2020 institute, the people that were selected for 2020 were moved to 2023. In response to a question from Jamie about how this would impact the budget, MPLA is targeting states other than SD.

Jamie added that another option would be to make Bookmarks completely digital, but it would require board action.

Kelly said that the printed program cost for the conference is also increasing and she thought people would not be happy about digital-only programs. Julie said that the TIE conference did everything online except for one printed grid sheet and that worked. Danielle added that if digital was chosen, we would need to ensure the online program was very easy to setup and use.

Kelly asked if Legislative Day is something that could be cut from the 2023 budget. Per Krista, the library issues budget includes funding for Legislative Day. Jamie said that she’s been told that it’s important to have a presence at Legislative Day. Shari asked if it’s possible to have a presence there without sponsoring an expensive meal. Brenda said that some groups do things like cookies in the morning and then some literature for presence. It doesn’t have to be a big expense. Brenda also suggested talking to Eric to see if he had some ideas for how to connect with legislators.

Shari will contact Eric about legislative day 2023 and ask him to consider a break out session at the SDLA conference as well.

In response to a question from Kelly, Brenda said that she expects the state librarian to do the state of the state library, but not any sessions.

Krista summarized the options for the budget shortfall to be: 1) moving Bookmarks to digital, 2) moving money from the Leon Raney fund to professional development and the institute, and 3) adjusting the conference by spending less on speakers or finding a way to increase registrations. Jamie said she’s already adjusted the conference budget in several ways. Since the budget needs to be approved in
September, Jamie will ask for a special meeting to discuss the budget again after more research has been done.

Jamie introduced ideas for the next theme as: 1) “Roll for Initiative” – an iconic phrase that establishes who can go first, but can also be thought of as who’s going first to step up and take action or rolling with changes, 2) “Everyone In” – a way to encourage new members to engage, 3) “Library Strong” – showing the core values of librarianship and how to sustain/change as time goes on, or 4) “Connected, Mindful, Active”.

Danielle said that she connected with “Everyone In” but she’s good with whatever choice is made. Shari said that both “Roll for Initiative” and “Everyone In” speak to getting involved and fired up. Dan added that D&D is becoming hugely popular and maybe there’s a way to combine these two. Jamie said that she noticed that all of the other themes are very short. Melanie suggested the combination “Roll for Initiative – Everyone In”.

Jamie asked how logos have been made in the past. Kelly offered to create a logo for the theme and said that her art department would also be a resource if what she makes isn’t preferred.

Motion by Shari, second by Melanie to approve “Roll for Initiative – Everyone In” as the theme. Motion carried.

**Report of Past President, Julie Erickson:**
Julie said she had nothing to report.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**
Kelly said that the Public Relations committee’s videos worked well to encourage award nominations and there are multiple people to choose from.

**Report of Sections:**

**Academic/Health/Special Libraries, Kara Vehar:**
Kara reported that everything is going well with the poster sessions. The deadline for submitting a poster is in August and it was advertised in Bookmarks.

Shari said that historically most of the poster sessions come in after the deadline has been extended.

**Public/Trustee, Daniel Burniston:**
Dan reported that work continues in finding someone to replace him. Juliet Heltbride has decided to continue for one more year on the children’s book committee. There may be some changes to the bylaws that would come to the section meeting in September.

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

**Support Staff Section Chair, Joshua Easter:**
Josh reported that he’s also working on getting people involved and ready to take over for support staff and he will hopefully know more by August.

**Report of ALA Councilor, Danielle De Jager-Loftus:**
Danielle reported that she attended the ALA conference virtually and 13,990 people attended. During three days of council, four resolutions were brought forward, there was discussion regarding the trend of book challenges, and a resolution to move next year’s conference based on restrictive abortion rights in New Orleans was rejected.

**Report of MPLA Representative, Melanie Argo:**
Melanie reported that the MPLA conference is coming up in August and she will come back with a report on how the digital conference app works.

**Report of the Bookmark’s Editor, Kelly Henkel Thompson:**
Kelly reported that she’s looking around for a new printer, doing social media updates, PR videos, and transferring the pages for the children’s awards over from the state library.

**Report of the Federal Relations Coordinator, Brenda Hemmelman:**
Brenda applauded Kelly and the committee’s work to transfer the children’s awards to the SDLA website.

On the standing committees, there are two applications for the SDLA conference grants. On the federal level, the 5-year broadband plans were due on June 30 and the state’s was submitted on time. Once it’s approved by IMLS, it will be posted on the state library website. The new state librarian starts on July 25 and the McKay building in Pierre continues to go through renovations.

IMLS generally does in-person site visits, but because of the pandemic and staff turnover, they have decided to do a virtual meeting with the state library on August 17 to review the 5-year plan and budget.

In regards to the communication initiative for the Department of Education, they are changing the way they communicate with the field. There will be an update from the state library every Tuesday from one person to keep messaging and branding consistent.

The MPLA conference has had its first inquiry about refunds in regards to COVID issues.

**Continuing Business:**
*Conference Details*
As discussed above.

**New Business:**
*Budget for 2023*
As discussed above.

*2023 Theme*
As discussed above.

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

Adjournment:

Motion by Melanie, second by Jamie to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Shari Theroux at 11:02 a.m. CST.