The meeting was called to order by President Jamie Formanek at 8:00 p.m. CST.

Roll Call:
Board Members and Committee Chairs present:
Jamie Formanek, Sarah Jones-Lutter, Shari Theroux, Danielle De Jager-Loftus (Zoom), Melanie Argo, Krista Ohrtman, Kelly Henkel Thompson, George Seamon, Kristin Echtenkamp, Joshua Easter, Kris O’Brien, Katherine Eberline, and Daniel Burniston.

Board Members and Committee Chairs not present:
None.

Others Present:
Terri Davis, Local Arrangements

Changes/Additions to agenda:
Motion by Josh Easter second by Shari Theroux to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Consideration of Minutes for the July 24th, 2023, meeting:
Motion by Kristin Echtenkamp second by Kris O’Brien to approve the July 2023 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Report of Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Krista Ohrtman:
Krista Ohrtman reported that the Executive Secretary/Treasurer Report has been shared on Sched and summarized that membership statistics, the SDLA checking account, and the endowment are looking good. The conference bill will be coming soon so Krista recommended holding off on the annual transfer to savings until that has been paid. She has been working on conference and Branch Out setup and registration. Krista reported 140 conference attendees and 21 exhibitors. Attendees for Branch Out across the three locations came to 42. Krista is continuing to experience problems with the SDLA website vendor. They still have not provided a corrected invoice or explanation of the substantial increase. Krista noted that MPLA is also currently looking at new vendor options and would be interested to see the results of their research. The SDLA website is still live and suggested once we make it through conference, we look at alternative and potentially less costly options. Kris asked if there was a way to get a list of school section members. Krista and Kelly indicated they could assist Kris in getting a list of section membership. They can either show her how to obtain it, run it for her, or communications can be sent to Kelly to send out on her behalf. Katherine asked about updating the children’s book award committee list on the website to reflect only the chair and section chair as the main point of contact. She noted that some book awards committee members are not SDLA members and are not equipped to answer questions. Kelly indicated she could make this change on the website.

Report of President, Jamie Formanek:
Jamie Formanek reported conference is currently happening and she thanked the local arrangements committee for their work and how very on top of everything they have been. Jamie reported that
lobbyist Eric Erickson will be doing two sessions on Friday. One will be an update on the current environment. The other session will be about where we go from here. Eric provided a list of legislators from Watertown, Yankton, Pierre, Brookings, and the Madison area who are proposing legislation that would impact libraries. Jamie noted the importance of reaching out to these and other legislators to highlight what libraries do, that we are not their enemy, and that libraries are here to support their communities.

**Report of Vice President/President Elect, Sarah Jones-Lutter:**
Sarah Jones-Lutter reported that SDLA has been contacted about an ALA chapter advocacy workshop in December. The workshop is fully funded and aimed at state chapter leaders. Danielle shared that ALA had indicated that they would like to try and have state chapter Presidents attend. Sarah indicated she would check her availability on those dates and communicate with Danielle to get more information.

**Report of Past President, Shari Theroux:**
Shari Theroux reported that she has been working on compiling the data for the annual evaluations of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer and Bookmarks Editor.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**
Nothing to report.

**Report of Sections:**
**Academic/Health/Special Libraries, Jennifer Williams-Curl:**
Kristin Echtenkamp reported that they do have a few entries for the poster session that will be taking place tomorrow.

**Public/Trustee, Katherine Eberline:**
Nothing to Report.

**School/Library Media, Kris O’Brien:**
Kris O’Brien reported that one of the committees of the school section works to offer presentations to upcoming teachers in South Dakota Universities. They have reached out to the institutions and have been in communication with two so far. In October they are going to an SDSU methods evening class to present. They are also working on an NSU presentation which would be in the daytime. They are looking for a presenter from the Aberdeen area who would be able to do this.

**Support Staff Section Chair, Joshua Easter:**
Josh Easter reported Branch Out received 42 attendees between Pierre, Madison, and Custer. Josh thanked Sarah Myers and Melanie Argo for the assistance they provided with Branch Out. Josh also thanked Krista and Kelly for all their assistance with the website information and registration setup.

**Report of ALA Councilor, Danielle De Jager-Loftus:**
Danielle Loftus reported that the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee is currently conducting a review of the Freedom to Read Statement. They are taking input on the statement through October to assist with this process. Danielle also reported that the FCC is proposing the reinstatement of net neutrality rules that were revoked by the previous federal administration. ALA has been on the frontline of supporting net neutrality and equitable access to the internet.
Report of MPLA Representative, Melanie Argo:
Nothing to report.

Report of the Bookmark's Editor, Kelly Henkel Thompson:
Kelly Henkel Thompson reported that as she enters her seventh year as Bookmarks editor they have now moved to an all-digital edition. Kelly is looking for ways to encourage more submissions and is considering trying some themed issues. Kelly reported that they now have access to the non-profit Canva subscription making it much easier to produce the digital edition of the newsletter. Kelly noted that it is the 2nd year that SDLA has hosted the Teen and Children's book award information on the website. She has been working on updating the page and making it more user-friendly. Kelly shared that she also continues to experience challenges with the website and vendor, and she would second consideration of looking at a new vendor after conference. Kelly would also like to look at potentially merging the Public Relations and Social Media Committees next year. Given how closely these two now interact and overlap it looks like it would make sense. With Twitter not being used as much she has also added an Instagram account. Kelly suggested that SDLA look at meeting more regularly before and during legislative sessions due to the anticipated number of bills that could impact libraries.

Report of the Federal Relations Coordinator, George Seamon:
George Seamon noted that upcoming legislation is being discussed by the Secretary of Education and that he has heard nothing further about requests for the state to drop out of ALA.

Continuing Business:
No continuing business.

New Business:
No new business.

Open:
Terri Davis, chair of local arrangements, thanked everyone for making the best of this year’s facility given its limitations and space. Terri acknowledged the great teamwork of the local arrangement committee members. There was also discussion of the unusual inclusion of extra taxes & gratuity in this year's contract that impacted some of the decisions that had to be made. Sarah is aware of this for the upcoming contract and notes are being made for future years. Krista suggested it may help to strategize estimated post-pandemic attendance numbers to assist with future contract negotiations. Jaime followed up by emphasizing the importance of SDLA Executive Committee members and Section Chairs using and updating the Google Drive documents. There was discussion about who still needed access or was having issues with access so Jaime could investigate it and assist. She noted the Google Drive documents are essential to ensuring information is being shared and recorded for future use. She requested documents be kept up to date and that if anyone still has paper documents that they be migrated into the Good Drive to ensure smoother future transitions and easy access.

There was a question about who to report book challenges to, these should go to Nancy Swenson of the Intellectual Freedom Committee. They should also still be reported separately to the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom. The State Librarian would also like to receive an email notification about any challenges.
Motion by Jamie Formanek second by Kristin Echtenkamp to enter executive session at 8:41 CST for discussions of the annual evaluations of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer and Bookmarks Editor. Motion carried. Jamie declared the board out of executive session at 9:18 CST.

Motion by Melanie Argo, second by Kris O’Brien, to accept the annual evaluations and for Shari Theroux to provide the board’s feedback to Krista and Kelly. Motion Carried.

Next meeting
The next meeting will be in November.

Adjournment:

Motion by Sarah Jones-Lutter second by Kristin Echtenkamp to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Jamie Formanek at 9.23 p.m. CST.