Erika Long called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Erika asked for a verbal rollcall of those in attendance.

**In attendance:**
- Erika Long: President
- Sharon Edwards: Vice President / President-elect
- Holly Hebert: Recording Secretary
- Cathy Farley: TLA Executive Director
- Chuck Sherrill: At Large Representative for Special Libraries
- Ross Bowron: At Large Representative for Academic Libraries
- Angela Frederick: At Large Representative for School Libraries
- Patricia Rua-Bashir: Diversity Committee / VSBA Committee
- Dwight Hunter: ByLaws & Procedures Committee / Membership Division Representative
- Lon Maxwell: Administration Division Representative
- Missy Dillingham: Conference Planning Committee
- Perveen Rustomfram: Advisory Committee on State Documents
- Cassie Welch: Children and Young Adults Roundtable
- Margaret Brown: Bylaws & Procedures Committee
- Julie Huskey: Technical Services Roundtable
- Stephanie Adams: Southeastern Library Association
- Jessie McClure: Intellectual Freedom Committee
- Diane Kelly: Continuing Education Committee
- Jill Rael: Strategic Planning Committee
- Angela Frederick: At Large Representative for School Libraries
- Jennifer Castle: Government Documents
- Eryn Duffee: Legislation Committee
- Paige Hendrickson: Library Technology
- Laurie Thompson: Staff & Career Development Committee
- Jeffie Nicholson: Publications Advisory Board

**Previous Minutes:**
Erika Long called for the minutes of the Advisory Council meeting to be approved with two corrections. Motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Cathy Farley sent out the financial report by email and posted it on the website. Money from LIT transferred over. Cathy mentioned that we are down 200 renewals. It probably happened because we didn’t have a conference and many people renew at that time.
Discussion Items:
Ross Bowron: Nothing to report from Academic Libraries.
Lon Maxwell: Nothing to report from Public Libraries.
Angela Frederick: TASL had a good turnout at their conference. VSBA is working on a new website.
Chuck Sherill: TSLA New facility opening first two weeks in April.
Dwight Hunter: Membership has decreased as Cathy mentioned earlier. He will send emails to all roundtables. He will send out newsletter call for items on January 4th.
Jessica McClure: Will try and get more committee members since there are only two of them. She wants to know if they need to find a speaker for luncheon for conference this year. It was decided that the Intellectual Freedom committee would get the speaker.
Diane Kelly and Lauri Thompson: Marissa and Elaine with the Honors, Awards, & Scholarship Committee is working on putting together their selection committee.
Cassie Welch – Children & Young Adult Roundtable will start virtual book club and Spotlight people on Facebook in 2021.
Jennifer Castle: Trying to create a shared spreadsheet for status updates. Perveren is helping to implement monthly meetings.
Paige Hendrickson: Library Technology Roundtable is looking for volunteers for vice-chair & secretary.
Julie Huskey: Technical Services Roundtable has a couple of proposals submitted for conference.
Erika Long: Jenifer Grady is stepping down from Tenn-Share and Stephanie Garrett will fill that role until a permanent director is found.
Stephanie Adams: Southeastern Library Association. Their journal is going open access. SELA conference was held virtually and went well. East Tennessee Library Association is disbanding and has $750. They are thinking about donating it to TLA, but they want to preserve the Mary Eutopia Rothrock Legacy Conference. If we give it to TLA can we specify which scholarship it can go to? Can TLA honor the name somehow? Chuck says that Mary Eutopia Rothrock was known for not wanting African Americans to be librarians. Stephanie will take that information back to ETLA.
New Business:

1. Eryn Duffee: Library Legislative Day will be held virtually on March 9, 2021. Please submit any videos of libraries and how we have pivoted during the year. There will be a conference webinar type presentation. There will be a Social Media presence.

2. Erika Long: TASL Leigh Meredith Awards State School Library Coordinator has not been filled for years. TASL has been advocating for that position for the past 4 years. Working with Rep. Whitson. Bill Dunn interested in adding it to Governor’s education budget to increase the chance of it succeeding. They have drafted a letter that Erika will send out for members to show support.

3. Erika Long: Proposal for Joint Scholarship with TASL. This is an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion scholarship for school librarian students who are BIPOC. They are looking for between $1000-2500. Pat suggested that we need BIPOC in all areas, not just school libraries. Pat also recommends offering more money, such as a full scholarship and possibly looking for sponsors. Chuck suggested having individual members fund this and not take it out of the TLA budget. Discussion centered around control of the scholarship and who would be eligible.

Action Items:

1. Support joint scholarship with TASL for BIPOC school librarian students. Chuck proposed a motion to support TASL in the promotion of this scholarship. Motion passed.

Erika Long adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.
Executive Board of the Tennessee Library Association Meeting
December 18, 2020
Held online via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

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Lon Maxwell: At Large Representative for Public Libraries
Jill Rael: Past President

Erika called meeting to order at 10:52 a.m.

Action Items:
  1. Motion to support a joint scholarship with TASL for BIPOC school librarian students. Motion passed.

Erika adjourned meeting at 10:59 a.m.