Executive Board of the Tennessee Library Association Meeting  
February 7, 2020  
(January Meeting that was postponed)  
Held online via GoToMeeting  
Meeting Minutes

Jill Rael called the meeting to order at 4:28 p.m.

Jill asked for a verbal rollcall of those in attendance.

In Attendance:
Jill Rael: Acting President  
Erika Long: Vice President/President-Elect  
Holly Hebert: Recording Secretary  
Jeffie Nicholson: Past President  
Cathy Farley: TLA Executive Director  
Blake Hopper: At Large Representative- School Libraries

Jill Rael called for the minutes of the Executive Board meeting to be approved. Motion passed.

Action Items:
• By Laws Changes - College and University Libraries Roundtable – Motion to accept bylaw changes as presented to committee. Motion passed.
• Retroactive pay to TLA editor. Motion passed.
• Budget Increase for Legislative Day. Catering has gone up. No motion needed.
• Give $500 to the Lawrence County Public Library to help with storm damage from recent storms. Motion passed.

Jill Rael adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Addendum: On February 19, 2020 the board voted by email on releasing a statement in regard to the Parental Oversight in Public Libraries Act (HB2721/SB2896). Motion passed.

The statement reads: “Please know that at this moment, this is a "caption" bill, meaning it has a number, some general language, and a sponsor in each chamber. Although the language of the bill, in its current "generic" state speaks to the oversight of library collections, in talks with one sponsor we know that this bill may, in the end, aim to control the use of library meeting spaces. We will not know what any final language will look like until the bill progresses further--if it does. At this time, TLA is trying to work within the legislative system to voice our opposition to this proposal in a cohesive and constructive way. As we do not yet know what an actual bill will look like, we are trying to work within, rather than providing publicity for, the proposed measure in hopes the bill will not further progress.” Jill Rael, TLA President
Jill Real called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Jill asked for a verbal rollcall of those in attendance.

**In attendance:**
- Jill Real: Acting President
- Erika Long: Vice President / President-elect
- Holly Hebert: Recording Secretary
- Jeffie Nicholson: Past President
- Cathy Farley: TLA Executive Director
- Blake Hopper: At Large Representative – School Libraries
- Susan Earl: Leadership Roundtable
- Patricia Rua-Bashir: Diversity Committee / VSBA Committee
- Dwight Hunter: ByLaws & Procedures Committee / Membership Division Representative
- Sharon Parente: Communications Division Representative
- Lon Maxwell: Administration Division Representative
- Elaine Posanka: Honors, Awards, Scholarships Committee
- Missy Dillingham: Conference Planning Committee
- Carl Parham: Technical Services Roundtable
- Sharon Edwards – Legislative Monitor

**Previous Minutes:**

Jill Rael called for the minutes of the Advisory Council meeting to be approved. Motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Cathy Farley sent out the financial report by email and posted it on the website.

**General Report:** Cathy Farley reported that most of the transition from Annelle to Cathy is complete. The only glitches are some lingering issues with forwarded mails.

Membership numbers are up and revenue is up, possibly due to PLA coming to town.

**Action Items:**

**Administration Division:** College and University Round Table – Bylaws committee – change to electronic voting. Recommend vote for Bylaws change. Motion passed.

**Communications Division:** Publications Advisory Committee – Book Reviews Editor Honorarium $100 per issue. This is the one position that doesn’t already receive an honorarium. Sharon Parente stated that the finance committee is comfortable with the amount. Jill agrees that...
it should be retroactive since the beginning of the year in July 2019. Motion passed. Cathy will issue check.

Advocacy Division: Legislative Committee – Budget Increase for TN Library Legislative Day. No vote needed.

Library Instruction Tennessee (LIT) – Request for Affiliate Status. No action on this at the moment. Jill, Dwight and Cathy have an alternate suggestion to meet their needs.

Nominating Committee Report:
These are the names of those currently on the ballot:

- Vice President - Sharon Edwards
- Vice President - Lisa Krekelberg
- At Large Representative - Public Libraries - Lon Maxwell
- At Large Representative - School Libraries Division - Angela Frederick
- At Large Representative - Friends/Trustees - Susie Reis

Discussion Items:
House Bill 2721: Sharon Edwards reported on HB 2721 which is still in its infancy and noted that Chuck Sherill, Jill Rael, herself and others have been working behind the scenes on this. Jill Rael says there will be information about strategy and messaging in time for Legislative Day about this.

Lawrence County Public Library: This library sustained heavy damage during recent storms. A good portion of their adult nonfiction collection and all the computers as well as parts of other collections are a loss. In the past we have given money for these kinds of situations to show our support.

Meeting Dates/Times for Next Year’s Meetings:
Jill Rael asked that board members think about meeting times for next year for the Executive Board and for the Advisory Board. Erika Long said that meeting on Saturdays would be much easier for school librarians.

Jill Rael adjourned the meeting at meeting adjourned at 4:17p.m.