Executive Board of the Tennessee Library Association Meeting
March 31, 2020
Held online via GoToMeeting
Meeting Minutes

Jill Rael called the meeting to order at 5:00 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
Chuck Sherrill: At Large Representative – Special Libraries
Christopher Ross Bowron: At Large Representative for Academic Libraries
Susie Ries: At Large Representative for Friends/Retirees/Trustees

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

Discussion Item:
Legislative Day – Erika Long suggested rework so we are not so far in the hole moneywise. Jill said new leadership coming in and that Lis Ann will be open to new ideas. Maybe instead of having breakfast, have more of a targeted breakfast throughout the year. Chuck Sherrill wishes TSLA had more money for advocacy. Ross Bowron suggested using a vendor as a sponsor. Cathy said vendors won’t do it. Ingram does National Legislative Day and we don’t want to money away from that. Susie believes we need to emphasize building relationships in between times. Chuck talked about previously having breakfast in the cafeteria which worked well, but due to insurance and other changes that won’t work anymore. Susie mentioned the idea again of several targeted events instead of just one big day. Jill suggested a regional day. Schools and academic libraries within regions could be included. There was discussion about looking within instead of having ALA speaker which wouldn’t cost as much. Jill suggested a workshop for first timers on how to approach a legislator. Lis Ann Morehart will chair Legislative Day next year. TASL will give more money, according to Blake Hopper. Erika Long suggested getting high school students involved as a field trip. Jill said that this is very important because we’ll have to keep fighting. Even though we won this year, they are already working on next year and we need to be ready.

Executive Board Meeting March 31, 2020 Adjourned at 5:24 p.m.
Jill Rael called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Erika Long asked for a verbal rollcall of those in attendance.

In attendance:
- Jill Rael: Acting President
- Erika Long: Vice President / President-elect
- Jeffie Nicholson: Past President
- Holly Hebert: Recording Secretary
- Cathy Farley: TLA Executive Director
- Blake Hopper: At Large Representative for School Libraries
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- Susie Ries: At Large Representative for Friends/Retirees/Trustees
- 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
- Missy Dillingham: Conference Planning Committee
- Carl Parham: Technical Services Roundtable
- Sharon Edwards: Legislative Monitor
- Susan Jennings: American Library Association
- Perveen Rustomfram: Advisory Committee on State Documents
- Amy Kimani: Boon Tree Library Association
- Marissa Snead: Honors, Awards, Scholarships Committee
- Susan Jennings
- Ari Baker: Public Libraries

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.

Action Items:
1. **Library Instruction Tennessee** - Jill will send it to the Access & Patron Services Roundtable for their input. No vote today. LIT wants to become an affiliate. The proposed solution is to bring them in as a subcommittee of the Access & Patron Services Roundtable. Erika asked if it would
affect anything financially. Also, would the bylaws need to be changed? Action item moved to next meeting.

2. **Nominating Committee Report** – Election results. New vice president / president elect is Sharon Edwards. Susie Ries is elected back. Lon Maxwell is elected back. New school library at-large representative is Angela Fredericks. School Library Roundtable Chair was filled in back September/October by Melissa Williams.

**Discussion Items:**

**Newsletter** – Winter newsletter was messed up with conference being cancelled. Jill is talking with Holly about updating it. They want to highlight scholarship and award winners even though conference was cancelled.

**Tennsco Award** – Lorie Forest is the winner for next year. Money is rolled until next year.

**Legislative Day Costs** - $2100 Costs, which are the bulk of costs. Lunch attendance very low. Chuck says he’s not sure of the value of it. Breakfast was well attended.

**Roundtable Officer Elections** – Roundtables need to hold elections

Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.