

Mississippi Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
December 11, 2015  
Mississippi Library Commission, Jackson, MS

President Molly McManus called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m. She announced that a sign-in sheet would be passed around.

The agenda was approved with a motion by Blair Booker and was seconded by Venetia Oglesby.

**Executive Board in Attendance:**

Molly McManus, President  
Blair Booker, Treasurer  
Jamie Wilson, Secretary  
Patsy Brewer, Immediate Past President  
Marsha Case, Parliamentarian  
Venetia Oglesby, School Library Section Chair  
James Kennedy, former ACRI- Section Chair  
Ellen Ruffin, ALA Councilor (via conference call)

**Also in attendance:** Barbara Price, MLA Administrator; Barbara Evans, Long Range Planning Committee Chair; Tina Harry, Mississippi Libraries Editor; Elizabeth Simmons, School Library Section; Mara Polk, Legislative Committee; Jennifer Nabzdyk, Web Committee Co-Chair; Phillip Carter, Web Page Committee Co-Chair; Susan Cassagne; Lacy Ellinwood; and Selena Swink.

**MLA Officers and Staff Reports:**

Secretary Jamie Wilson: None

Treasurer Blair Booker: None

President Molly McManus:

- She announced the 2016 Executive Board, Roundtable Chairs, and Committee Chairs. She also provided updates on unfilled positions.
- Proposed meeting dates and important dates in 2016 were announced.

Vice-President Jennifer Stephenson: Not present/None

MLA Administrator Barbara Price: None

ALA Councilor Ellen Ruffin:

- Report was given in the previous meeting regarding resolution in honor of Billy Beal.

SELA Councilor Melissa Dennis: Not present/None

MLC Executive Director Susan Cassagne:

- For National Library Legislation Day, MI-C is looking at four alternative hotels to The Liaison Capitol Hilt since space may run out; looking for hotels convenient to the Capitol.

**Section Reports:**

No reports

### **Roundtables and Committees Reports:**

Awards Committee Report: Ellen Ruffin suggested it may be beneficial to move the Awards ceremony for the MLA Annual Conference to a day and time that would help attendance. Proposal will be delayed until the March meeting.

#### Long Range Planning Committee Report:

- Barbara Evans proposed that Mississippi could adapt the ALA Think Tank model to help encourage discussion about problems facing Mississippi libraries. The existing Mississippi Librarians Stronger Together online group could be used to post and discuss problems, which is not happening now.
- Long Range Planning Committee conference meeting could be held at a more convenient time. Suggestions included after the business meeting or keynote address.
- Noted there is confusion from people about the difference between MLA and MLC; work may be needed there. Molly McManus shared her idea of starting a MLA 101 at the annual conference to help people who want to get involved. Barbara Price suggested involving the New Member Roundtable.

#### Web Committee Report:

- Jennifer Nabzdyk reported that she is looking into new membership databases since the cost of Wild Apricot will be rising in 2018.
- Membership form will need to be updated.
  - Changes include the removal of the ZYCRT option from the form.
  - ARSL Roundtable option will need to be added after March. Barbara Price suggested making one Roundtable free for each member, but this would need to happen until 2017, at the earliest. Molly McManus noted that ARSI- cannot be added until the list of signatures is submitted. Marsha Case noted that signatures need to be members in good standing.

### **Old Business:**

Molly McManus proposed that the following Old Business be carried over:

1. Future Conference Sites
2. ASRL Roundtable
3. Resolution about Billy Beal to ALA: Ellen Ruffin will gather more information
4. MLA Archives: Work will continue on this
5. Children's Book Festival: Patsy Brewer suggested that a message be sent out on the MLA Listserv to ask for volunteers to work at the booth at the festival
6. Non-profit exhibitors
7. SELA conference

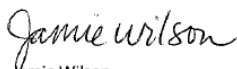
**New Business:**

1. High Resolution Logo: Molly McManus proposed that a high resolution MLA logo be created since the current logo is pixelated when printed. Tina Harry said she has a vector logo that she can share.
2. Election Committee work: Molly McManus proposed that the Election Committee work with the Sections/Roundtables-to streamline elections processes.
  - Pasty Brewer noted that the new handbook already states that voting is held online.
3. MLA Credit Card: Blair Booker proposed that MLA secure a credit card since the debit card has limitations.
  - Limitations include travel issues and a \$2,500/day limit.
  - Barbara Price said Regions Bank requires a Board resolution for Blair Booker to secure a credit card.
  - Blair Booker will send the resolution to the Board to vote via e-mail.
  - Molly McManus' signature will need to be added to the bank account, and Patsy Brewer will need to be taken off of the account.
4. National Legislative Day travel arrangements
5. Better time for awards: A better time for awards and long range planning committee meetings is needed at the conference.
6. Cancellation Policy: Jennifer Nabzdyk proposed creating a cancellation policy for conference registration. Input is needed from Jennifer Stephenson.
7. State Legislative Day:
  - Molly McManus encouraged the Board to provide input on Mara Polk's ideas for Legislative Day.
  - Barbara Price noted that a date needs to be selected.
  - Mara likes the idea of uniting the efforts of MLA with MLC, and she encouraged the Board to do something that is more fun and different.
  - Blair Booker suggested that everyone get the word out and contact your local legislators.
  - Molly McManus suggested the date be set for March 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Mara Polk proposed that MLA join with MI-C on March 8, 2016 for Legislative Day.
  - James Kennedy moved to approve and Blair Booker seconded. The motion carried.
  - Susan Cassagne will work with Mara Polk on National Legislative Day.

James Kennedy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Blair Booker seconded. The motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Wilson  
Secretary