

**Mississippi Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
December 9, 2016
2017 Board – Meeting 2
Mississippi Library Commission, Jackson, MS**

Executive Board in Attendance:

Jenniffer Stephenson, President
Sarah Mangrum, Vice-President
Blair Booker, Treasurer
Molly McManus, Immediate Past-President
Patsy Brewer, Parliamentarian
Ed Hughes, Public Library Section Chair
Elizabeth Simmons, School Library Section Chair
Ellen Ruffin, ALA Councilor
Barbara Price, MLA Administrator

Also in attendance: Jamie Wilson, Susan Cassagne, Susan Liles, Ashley Biggs, Tina Harry, Phillip Carter, Jennifer Todd, Barbara Evans, Jesse Pool, Brian Young, Sheila Cork (via phone).

President Jenniffer Stephenson called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

The roll call sheet was passed around.

The agenda was approved with a motion by Molly McManus and a second by Sarah Mangrum.

Old Business:

ARSL MLA Roundtable:

- The bylaws for ARSL will need to be approved before ARSL is officially added as a Roundtable. A vote will be conducted over e-mail at a later date.

New Business:

Dropbox Account for Online Storage:

- Jennifer Todd and Phillip Carter of the Web Committee recommended subscribing to a Dropbox account for up to \$15.00 per month for needed online storage.
- Motion: Ed Hughes made a motion to subscribe to Dropbox for up to \$15.00 per month. Elizabeth Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MLA Officers and Staff Reports:

Secretary

- Jamie Wilson filled in as Secretary for the meeting for Jennifer Wann. No report.

Treasurer Blair Booker

- No report.

President Jenniffer Stephenson

- Announced and distributed the 2017 MLA Executive Board, Committee Chairs, and Roundtable Chairs.
- The meeting dates and other important dates were distributed. The July meeting date will be determined at a later time, but it may be held at the Lake Terrace Convention Center or at The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.
- Reported that the New Members Roundtable had a successful session at the conference, and it makes sense to have the session at the beginning of the conference to let new attendees know what to expect from the conference.

Vice-President Sarah Mangrum

- Announced the theme for the 2017 MLA Annual Conference will be “Tell Your Story”
 - Working on booking a keynote speaker.
 - Will start building conference committees in January.

Past-President Molly McManus

- Conference Planning Guide:
 - Reported that she is working on a draft of a conference planning guide for future Vice-Presidents.
 - Jenniffer Stephenson suggested adding information to the MLA Handbook, and Patsy Brewer suggested creating a checklist for conference planning.
 - Molly McManus stated she will send a draft to Jenniffer Stephenson, and Sarah Mangrum also offered to help develop the guide during the year.

ALA Councilor Ellen Ruffin

- No report

MLA Administrator Barbara Price

- No report

MLC Executive Director Susan Cassagne

- No report

Section Reports:

- No reports

Roundtables and Committees Reports:

Advocacy Committee:

- Jennifer Smith sent information via the MLA Listserv about the Library Love Letters campaign. Susan Liles introduced the idea at the meeting and explained the purpose of the campaign. The idea is to keep the momentum that the Advocacy Committee built at the Conference going. This is a way at the grassroots level to address the Legislature

with patron engagement. MLC is underway with implementation of the program at their library. The timing of the campaign is now through the end of the Mississippi Legislative Session in early April.

- Jenniffer Stephenson began a discussion about hiring a lobbyist so that the Board could begin considering it. Susan Cassagne noted that MLA had discussed hiring a lobbyist in the past, but the cost was more than MLA could afford at the time. The point was made by Molly McManus that library advocacy groups in most states hire lobbyists. Ed Hughes noted that some states contract with a lobbyist for time rather than fund an entire position.

The next meeting will be held at the Mississippi Library Commission on March 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Elizabeth Simmons moved to adjourn the meeting, and Ed Hughes seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie Wilson".

Jamie Wilson
2016 MLA Secretary