

MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Minutes
October 22, 2019

MLA Annual Conference - Westin Hotel
Jackson, Mississippi

Call to Order:

The October meeting of the Executive Board of the Mississippi Library Association was called to order by Sarah Crisler-Ruskey, President, at 4:42 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at the Westin Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi.

Roll Call/Signature List of Attending Members:

Present – Sarah Crisler-Ruskey, President; Mary Beth Applin, Vice-President; Victoria Penny, Secretary; Jennifer Wann, Treasurer; Sarah Mangrum, Immediate Past President; Patsy Brewer, Parliamentarian; Ashley Dees; Kristy Bariola; Mara V. Polk.

Others Present: Caroline Barnett, Justin Easterday, Tina Harry, Mary Ann Peoples, Carrie-Ann Pierson, Jesse Pool, Jamie Stanfield, Jenniffer Stephenson, Jennifer Todd, Janessa Ullendorf, Meredith Wickham, Paula Bass.

Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION: To adopt the agenda for the October 22, 2019, meeting of the MLA Executive Board.

Made by: Jennifer Wann Second: Sarah Mangrum
Passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes:

MOTION: To adopt the minutes for the July 26, 2019, meeting of the MLA Executive Board as sent out via email.

Made by: Mara Polk Second: Sarah Mangrum
Passed unanimously.

MLA Officers and Staff Reports:

Secretary: Victoria Penny – No report

Treasurer: Jennifer Wann presented the Treasurer's Report. Expense total is \$36,513. There are still some conference expenses outstanding at this time.

- **Income and expense adjustment** – Since 2016 when MLA moved to current accounting firm, expenses have been paid from the general account. Debits have not come out of restricted accounts. At this time, we need to correct the ledger to unrestrict those funds and pay expenses from them. As of the end of 2019, the only restricted funds in MLA budget will be Scholarship Funds. The royalty payments from EBSCO will continue to go into general fund.

MOTION: To correct the MLA balance sheet by restating the net assets with donor restrictions and without donor restrictions and adjusting for income and expenses that were donor restricted in prior years and closed incorrectly.

Made by: Jennifer Wann Second: Victoria Penny
Passed unanimously.

President: Sarah Crisler-Ruskey reported that she is working on planning a one-day regional training conference for front-line staff, possibly to be held on the Coast. Sarah Mangrum volunteered to serve on committee to help her plan this event. The MLA Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23, at 9:30 a.m., with the only vote slated to be taken on MLA Handbook language for nominating VP/Pres-Elect. She also informed the Board that Jeannette Whisenton's mother had recently passed away. We miss Jeannette and express condolences to her and her family.

Vice-President: Mary Beth Applin encouraged everyone to come out the MS Museum of the Arts for tonight's event. She reports that the conference is rolling along, and that everyone has made her job easier!

Past-President: Sarah Mangrum updated the Board on the work of the ad hoc committee on membership levels. They have created a spreadsheet of individual members and organizations. They agree that an MLA Institutional Membership needs to be considered as an option. A sliding scale for fees has also been discussed. They have looked at other state library organizations, and the Virginia model in particular. The committee will bring a thorough report with recommendations to the December meeting. Patsy stated that this will need to be a by-laws change.

MLA Administrator: Paula Bass reported that there are currently 611 members in the database. There are some lapsed members who could be removed. Jennifer Todd suggested the list of those who have been in database more than 2 years without renewing should be purged. An automatic email reminder can be set through Wild Apricot software. The Board discussed having the Membership Committee write a letter encouraging renewing membership that could be sent out via email from the President.

ALA Councilor: Ellen Ruffin – No report

SELA Councilor: Ashley Dees reported that she will have numbers from the recent SELA Joint Conference in Arkansas to present at the next Board meeting.

MLC Executive Director: Hulen Bivens – No report

Section Chair Reports:

ACRL Section: Kristy Bariola announced that they will be having officer elections starting next month.

Public Library Section: Mara Polk shared that the Libraries Serving Homeless Pre-Conference had been successful. They will have officer elections soon as well. She encouraged all to consider folks to nominate for Chair & Vice-Chair. They hope to plan more regional training and continuing education opportunities. The Biblionix Scholarship Committee received 13 applications. The recipient selected was Marlee Mansfield from South Mississippi Regional Library.

School Library Section: Jeanette Whisenton – No report
Special Libraries Section: Stephen Parks – No report
Trustees Section: Rickey Jones – No report

Roundtables and Committee Reports:

Black Caucus Roundtable: Mary Ann Peoples announced that the luncheon is sold out! This year's Scholarship recipient is Shirley Ginn, who is in her first semester at USM.

YPSRT: Carrie-Ann Pierson announced that their luncheon is sold out, too! They will have a remote speaker this year, so she working on technical considerations.

New Member Roundtable: Jesse Pool will have his program at 8:30 on Wednesday and Thursday, and encourages Board members to help out any folks they meet who are filling out the NMRT Bingo cards!

Technical Services RT: Xiaojie Duan – No report

Advocacy Committee: (in transition)

Awards Committee: Erin Busbea – No report

Election Committee: Jennifer Smith – No report

Fiscal Management: Patsy Brewer reported that the ishare account earned \$48.44, bringing the balance to \$11,176.83. The CD was closed and moved, and total was \$33,494.57.

Legislative Committee: Meredith Wickham announced that the next MLA Advocacy Day at the Capitol will be held on February 5, 2020, so mark your calendars. She urges everyone to make appointments with their legislators. We will meet at 12:30 in the Rotunda. The Legislative committee is working on language for ask for MAGNOLIA. It is essential that we have this ready to present before the budget is created.

Long Range Planning: No report

Membership Committee: Matt Gully – No report

MS Author Awards: Caroline Barnett shared that all three of this year's Author Award winners are very excited about attending the banquet. She thanked her great committee for all of their hard work. Janessa and Mary Beth reported that the press release info had been sent to newspapers and MPB.

National Library Week: David Brown – No report

Nominating Committee: Jennifer Brannock – No report

Outreach Committee: Sarah Crisler-Ruskey mentioned that the MLA MS Book Festival table was a great experience again this year.

Publicity Committee: Janessa Ullendorf reminded everyone of the hashtag #misslib2019. She has scheduled a Facebook post every day for the last 30 days leading up to conference. Everyone applauded her outstanding work this year on MLA Social Media accounts.

Scholarship Committee: Justin Easterday and Jamie Stanfield, Co-Chairs, reported that their committee has been busy setting up the Silent Auction, which will be held in the Biloxi Room. They will take cash, check, or card for purchases. This year's Peggy May Scholarship recipient will be at the Awards Breakfast on Friday.

Web Committee: Jennifer Todd and Phillip Carter, Co-Chairs – No report

Mississippi Libraries: Tina Harry reported that the Fall issue had 2 peer-reviewed articles, and also that she will need MLA Conference wrap-up articles submitted in November.

Old Business: MLA Handbook change will be discussed at tomorrow's Membership Meeting.

New Business: There was no new business.

Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

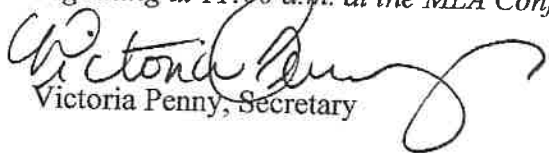
Made by: Sarah Mangrum

Second: Mara Polk

Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Mississippi Library Association Executive Board is Friday, December 6, 2019, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the MLA Conference, Westin Hotel, Jackson, Mississippi.


Victoria Penny, Secretary

12/6/2019