Meeting at Mississippi Library Commission and via Zoom Mississippi

Call to Order:
The May meeting of the Executive Board of the Mississippi Library Association was called to order by Mara Polk, President, at 10:05 a.m. on Friday, July 9, 2021, in person and via Zoom.

Roll Call/Signature List of Attending Members:
Present – Mara Polk, President; Adrienne McPhaul, Secretary; Michele Frasier-Robinson, Treasurer; Stephen Parks, Vice-President; Mary Beth Applin, Immediate Past President; Meredith Wickham, ALA Councilor; Patsy Brewer, Parliamentarian.

Others Present: Joyce Shaw, Justin Easterday, Elizabeth Minter, Jennifer Stephenson, Hulen Bivens, Matt Gully, Preston Salisbury, Courtney Hicks, Mac Buntin, Hannah Berryhill, Jennifer Todd, Jennifer A. Smith, Paula Bass, Caroline Barnett.

Approval of the Agenda:
MOTION: To approve agenda
Motion: Meredith Wickham Second: Adrienne McPhaul

Approval of Minutes:
MOTION: To adopt the Minutes for the May 14, 2021 meeting of the MLA Executive Board with the following corrections:

Add “n” to Jennifer Stephenson’s name
Hulen Bivin’s should be spelled with an “I”
Social Justice Committee – Jamie Stanfield reported – take Matt out.

Motion: Meredith Wickham Second: Mara Polk

MLA Officers and Staff Reports:

Secretary: Adrienne McPhaul – No report.

Treasurer: Michele Frasier-Robinson – No report but debit and main account balances. Debit $1,005 and Main account is $71,621.00. Fiscal year income and expenses report submitted (attached).

President: Mara Polk – No report.
Vice-President: Stephen Parks – Not present. Sent in report (attached) stating that 2021 Virtual Conference call for proposals has been circulated via the MLA listserv on June 28, 2021. Has only received two responses. I will send out call on a biweekly basis. The deadline for proposals is August 13, 2021. The Exhibitors/Sponsors Committee plans to begin contacting potential exhibitors and sponsors in August. Updating last year’s materials to fit with this year’s conference. Tentatively have the Greg Lamber, Chief Knowledge Services Officer for Jackson Walker in Houston, Texas, as keynote speaker. He is also a former president of the American Association of Law Library.

Immediate Past President: Mary Beth Aplin - Not present


ALA Councilor: Meredith Wickham – ALA Annual – Restructuring efforts: trying to restructure and in the process guidance has become more complex. No one can vote on proposed resolutions because financial analysis committee was unable to complete their work before June meetings. Vote delayed to January with additional working group coming in to make sure financial analysis is complete. Goal is to allow members across 50 states to be more involved. Big ticket items: intellectual freedom committee: report that they are going to take feedback from ALA members over several months and present resolution in January about neutrality as a value of our profession. The Radical Empathy Report. Vote on ALA Code of Ethics. Updated fifth time since 1939 in June. New 9th principle. “We affirm the inherent dignity and rights of every person. We work to recognize and dismantle systemic and individual biases; to confront inequity and oppression; to enhance diversity and inclusion; and to advance racial and social justice in our libraries, communities, profession, and associations through awareness, advocacy, education, collaboration, services, and allocation of resources and spaces.” Unanimous vote.

SELA Councilor: Sarah Mangrum – not present. Sent report (attached). SELA virtual conference taking place August 5-6. Great lineup of sessions, including keynote by author Joshilyn Jackson. Registration deadline is August 2 and is $30 for SELA members and $40 for non-members (includes one year SELA membership.) 64th Annual North Carolina Library Association (NCLA) Biennial Conference, a joint conference with SELA, is being held in Winston-Salem on October 18-22, 2021. The theme is “S.E.E. the Future: Support, Educate, Empower.” This will be a hybrid conference with virtual and in-person options at Benton Conventions Center. Registration is $80 for conference members and $100 for non-members.

MLC Executive Director: Hulen Bivens – Mostly about money. Finished the legislative session. We were successful to get our budget restored to the FY21 request. Increase of 227, 031.00. Budgets in August and Sept and submit them. Then found out in January last year there would be an increase in insurance costs. We are unique in state agencies – we provide public library insurance throughout the state. We couldn’t approach any legislators in the building. Had to catch them in parking lots. We got that full amount. Everything else was status quo. Regard to
federal programs, IMLS state grant – no change. About $165,000 less than should be. This year will be the last year that the 18 MLC budget is included in the formula. It was a 20% cut. Fortunately, we have all kinds of other federal programs that are now coming on. Emergency Connectivity fund. 7 billion nationally. FCC guidance in Washington. A ton of rules that come with applications. One of which is a continuation. They want you to do things and maintain things. If you were to do something as simple as get hot spots, you are committed to continuing those hot spots into the second year. IT staff will help public libraries evaluate needs and eligibility. Also, we have the American Rescue Act. 200 million nationally. It is under the guidance of IMLS. Each state will get at least 2 million dollars. It is based upon population. Formula. A great deal of potential because it has looser rules in application process. MLC has put together a menu of 40 ideas that public libraries can take and use as their own proposals. Each one of our library systems will receive a base amount of 20k and the overage on that is based up on the population and poverty number that is serviced by that library system. Can do multiple applications. Foresee libraries will do one or two major and a third catch up grant to spend full amount. Will run out at the end of springtime. Not difficult but need to be proactive and get the requests/proposals done. Have never seen money like this in 50 years as a professional. Encourage all libraries to be conscientious about what you want to do. Lots of flexibility. Make sure it will create long term benefit. Last thing, Magnolia board – finishes up the year without enough money. Please contact Stephen Cunetto and let him know if you can contribute.

**ACRL Section:** Courtney Hicks – Moving forward on summer workshop. July 29th on Zoom. Faculty and zoom relationships. 4 presenters 10 – 15 min presentations. Registration set up yesterday.

**Public Library Section:** Katrina Castilaw – Not present no report.

**School Library Section:** Angela Mullins – Not present no report.

**Special Libraries Section:** Joyce Shaw – Working on getting prepped for the conference. Speaker lined up for that. He’s on vacation right now but will get paperwork filled out when he gets back from Wisconsin. MLC Special Libraries list seems to have a few updates and additions. Going through list to send MLA recruitment letters and will share bad links with MLC. I am working on land acknowledgement. Model for this library and other libraries.

**Trustees Section:** Rickey Jones – Not present. No report.

**Advocacy Committee:** Kate Dutro – Not present. No report.

**Awards Committee:** Chair had to step down. Mara will reach out to others.

**Black Caucus Roundtable:** Blanche Sanders – Not present. No report.

**Election Committee:** Jennifer Smith – Online election this year. Jennifer Todd set it up. Grateful to her. Filled two vacant positions. VP, VP elect, ALA councilor. Friday June 11th, Friday, July 5th. Went smoothly. People can’t vote without paying dues. Got some people to renew. 89 of 204

MOTION: To accept the results of the election for Vice President/President Elect and ALA Councilor.

Motion: Mara Polk
Motion carries unanimously.

Fiscal Management Committee: Patsy C. Brewer – Balances sent in (attached).

Gaming and Graphic Novels Roundtable: Hannah Berryhill/Jamie Stanfield/Elizabeth Minter – Report submitted (attached). Elizabeth: Met in April via Zoom. Discussed officer nominations and decided to ask for input at MLA 2021. Would like to have giveaways. We are looking forward to going back to in-person and having a game night event at the conference in the future. Maybe virtual sessions like anime discussions. Working with exhibits committee to get sponsors and vendors. Reaching out to them in August. Emailing a few people that were speakers last year. Put some feelers out about speakers. Talked to Charlie at MLC about donating games left over to MLC.

Legislative Committee: Jenniffer Stephenson – No report.

Ad Hoc Committee on Fees: Patsy Brewer – Fiscal management report submitted (attached).


Marketing/Public Relations: Rex Bridges – Not present. No report.

Membership Committee: TBA – Will default to Mara.

MS Author Awards: Caroline Barnett – Not present. No report.

National Library Week: Tori Hopper – Not present. No report.

New Member Roundtable: Jesse Pool – Not present. No report.

Nominating Committee: TBA –

Outreach Committee: TBA –

Publicity Committee: Janessa Ullendorf – No report. Reminder that if anyone has anything for social media, start sending to her.

Scholarship Committee: Justin Easterday – Still advertising Peggy May scholarship. Will start gathering people up for committee well in advance. Will set up a GoFundMe account if
someone will type up a paragraph about Terry Lajunie. Will email Mara Monday. Phillip would probably be the best to speak personally about Terry.

Social Justice: Mac Buntin – Sent in report (attached.) Discussions in May and June on Global Accessibility, Privilege, Code Switching, Disability, a LibGuide for LGBTQ+, Deadnaming, Pronouns, Lack of Access in Queer Spaces, Critical Race Theory, and Book Industry Standards and Communications. Members honored special occasions like Juneteenth and Pride Month. Kayla Martin-Grant shared a blog post she wrote about the intersection of disability, ADHD, accountability, and disability. Very excited that the Code of Ethics was amended. I hope that MLA will embrace #9. I will ask the roundtable to get together and a speaker would be really great this year. Will put #9 on docket for annual meeting to add to MLA code of ethics.

Technical Services RT: Preston Salisbury – No report. Call for participation out for our conference session. Any tech services people with tips and tricks, please get in touch with Cathy vice chair.

Web Committee: Jennifer Todd – No report.

YPSRT: Carrie-Ann Pierson – No report.

Mississippi Libraries: Tina Harry – Sent in report (attached). The summer issue of Mississippi Libraries was posted. For the peer-reviewed Fall issue, only 2 articles submitted at this time. Will be sent to reviewers soon. MLA reports should be submitted by the end of August as well as President’s page and Conference Preview.

Old Business: – No old business.

New Business: -- No new business.

The next regular meeting of the Mississippi Library Association Executive Board is October 13, 2021.

Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.
Made by: Meredith Wickham Second: Michelle Robinson
Motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Adrienne R. McPhaul, Secretary
MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 2021
BUDGET REPORT – July 2021 (January - June)
Michele Frasier-Robinson

Income
Membership dues $23,400.00
Annual Conference $42,000.00
Interest $10.00
Roundtable Dues $200.00
Silent Auction Income $1,200.00
Section Dues $120.00
Section Workshops $250.00
Scholarship Income $1,500.00
Donations $1,250.00
MLA Administrative Fund $13,498.00
EBSCO Royalties $150.00
TOTAL INCOME $ 83,578.00

Expenses
MLA Annual Conference $38,000.00
National Legislative Day $3,500.00
State Legislative Day $1,500.00
Peggy May Scholarship $1,000.00
Virgie Brock-Shedd Scholarship $1,000.00
Section Workshops $250.00
Organizational & Membership Dues $400.00
ALA Representative Travel $2,400.00
SELA Travel $1,000.00
MLA President Travel $2,400.00
Vice President Travel $2,400.00
MLA Administrative Travel $500.00
Bank Charges/Fees $500.00
Office Expenses $1,416.00
Postage $150.00
Professional Services $5620.00
Wild Apricot $1728.00
Administrative Services $15,000.00
MLA Board Expenses $600.00
Telephone $1,500.00
Mississippi Libraries $500.00
Technical Services Stipend $500.00
MLA Promotional Materials $1,714.00
TOTAL EXPENSES $ 83,578.00
STEPHEN PARKS REPORT
MLA VP Report
July 9, 2021 Board Meeting

- A Call for Proposals for the 2021 Virtual Conference was circulated via the MLA listserv on Monday, June 28, 2021. Thus far, I have only received two responses. I intend to send out the Call on a biweekly basis. The deadline for proposals is Friday, August 13, 2021.
- The Exhibitors/Sponsors Committee plans to begin contacting potential exhibitors and sponsors in August. We are updating last year’s materials to fit with this year’s conference.
- A few details still to be worked out, but I tentatively have the keynote speaker for this fall’s conference: Greg Lambert, Chief Knowledge Services officer for Jackson Walker in Houston, Texas. He is also a former president of the American Association of Law Libraries.

MLA ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT-PAULA BASS
FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2021 -10AM
VIRTUAL/IN PERSON MEETING – MLC MAIN MEETING ROOM

1. TOTAL IN MLA DATABASE: 760

   ACTIVE: 306 up by 25
   LASPED: 427 down by 16
   PENDING NEW: 16 up by 1
   PENDING RENEWAL: 11 up by 1
   PENDING LEVEL CHANGE: 0

   760

2. COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MISSISSIPPI BOOK FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR IN PERSON AT THE CAPITOL GROUNDS AUGUST 21, 2021!

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY TO:
ADRIENNE MCPHAUL - JUNE 4
MEREDITH WICKHAM - JUNE 7

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY TO:
ANGELA MULLINS - JULY 21
July 2021 SELA Councilor Report: Sarah Mangrum

The SELA 2021 Summer Virtual Conference is taking place in less than a month, August 5-6, 2021. There is a great lineup of sessions including keynote by author Joshilyn Jackson. Registration includes access to the Zoom sessions, a copy of Joshilyn Jackson’s book, Mother May I, and there are even social events scheduled for those extroverts!

Registration deadline is August 2, 2021, and is $30 for SELA members and $40 for non-members (includes a one year SELA membership!)

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Special Libraries Section:

I’ve been going through the Mississippi Library Commission (MLC) Directory of Special Libraries to (1) identify potential places to find names of people to send an MLA recruitment letter and (2) identify bad links which I will share with MLC. This is a slow process!

I have identified a speaker for the Special Libraries section for MLA annual conference and am waiting for his information so I can submit for his place in the conference.

Joyce M. Shaw
Chair, Special Libraries section

Fiscal Management Report for July 2021

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Patsy C. Brewer, MLA
Fiscal Management Chairman
Report of Gaming and Graphic Novels Round Table

MLA Board Meeting- July 9, 2021

The GGNRT co-chairs last met virtually via Zoom in April 2021. We discussed new officer nominations and decided that we would ask for input and nominations at the MLA 2021 conference. We are planning to have another few giveaways with games and graphic novels for the conference. We are looking forward to holding some type of game night when the MLA conference goes back to in-person attendance in the future. We would like to begin hosting some type of virtual sessions via our group Facebook page, including game demonstrations, anime and manga discussions, etc.

Dawn, Hannah, Jamie and Elizabeth will also be helping Stephen Parks and Matt Gully with the Exhibits Committee for MLA 2021, since it will be virtual. We discussed when to begin contacting our list of publishers, distributors, and possible speakers for the conference, and decided we would begin reaching out to contacts in August 2021.

We have contacted Charlie Simpkins about donating some games to MLC's board game collection.

Social Justice Round Table (SJRT) – Mac Buntin & Kayla Martin-Gant – MLA Board Meeting – July 9, 2021

The last half of May and the entire month of June were a whirlwind of activity in the group. There were posts and discussions on Global Accessibility, Privilege, Code Switching, Disability, a Lib Guide for LGBTQ+, Deadnaming, Pronouns, Lack of Access in Queer Spaces, Critical Race Theory (CRT), and Book Industry Standards and Communications (BISAC). Members honored special occasions like Juneteenth and Pride Month.

Kayla Martin-Gant shared a blog post she wrote about the intersection of disability, ADHD, accountability and disability.

MLA REPORT FROM TINA HARRY, July 9, 2021

Report: The summer issue of Mississippi Libraries was posted. For the peer-reviewed fall issue, as of this time we have 2 articles submitted. They will be sent to the reviewers soon. Anyone that has MLA related reports to include in this issue should have them to me by the end of August.

For Mara and Stephen: A reminder that the President's Page and the Conference preview should also be turned in by the end of August.

Thanks,

Tina
Date: July 9, 2021

To: Mississippi Library Association Executive Board Meeting

From: Jennifer A. Smith, Mississippi Library Association Election Committee Chair

The MLA Election Committee held an online election to fill the 2021 vacant positions of Vice President/President Elect and ALA Councilor. The election opened on Friday, June 11 and closed on Friday, June 25. The electronic election ballot was sent to members in good standing, and published to the MLA listserv during the same time period. I received two emails from members who had problems accessing the ballot, but those issues were resolved when the members updated their MLA memberships. A total of 89 of the 304 active members voted in the 2021 election.

The results of the election were as follows:

2021 MLA Vice President/President-Elect
Philip Carter

2021 ALA Councilor
Amanda Clay Powers

The MLA Election Committee would like to thank Jennifer Todd, Webmaster, for creating and administering the election ballot, and the MLA Nominating Committee for presenting a great slate of candidates for these two positions.