

MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Minutes
December 3, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Mississippi

Call to Order:

The virtual meeting of the Executive Board of the Mississippi Library Association was called to order by Stephen Parks, President, at 10.57 a.m. on Friday, December 3, 2021, via Zoom.

Roll Call/Signature List of Attending Members:

Present – Stephen Parks, President; Ryda Worthy, Secretary; Audrey Beach, Treasurer; Phillip Carter, Vice-President; Mara Polk, Immediate Past President; Amanda Clay Powers, ALA Councilor; Patsy Brewer, Parliamentarian; and, Sarah Mangrum, SELA Councilor.

Others Present: Jenniffer Stephenson, Mary Beth Applin, Michelle Frasier-Robinson, Joyce Shaw, Paula Bass, Justin Easterday, Jesse Pool, Adrienne McPhaul, Jennifer Todd, Tina Harry, Kimberly Cook, Danielle Terrell, Blanche Sanders, Preston Salisbury, Janessa Ullendorf, and Rickey Jones.

Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION: To approve agenda

Made by: Phillip Carter

Seconded: Mara Polk

Motion carries.

Approval of Minutes: No minutes yet available from the last meeting to approve.

MLA Officers and Staff Reports:

Secretary: Ryda Worthy – No report

Treasurer: Audrey Beach – No report

President: Stephen Parks – No report.

Vice-President: Phillip Carter – No official report. Proposed a future discussion on increasing terms of office to 2 years. Invited conversation to address the commitment lurch MLA is suffering by reducing/condensing committees.

Immediate Past President: Mara Polk - No report.

MLA Administrator: Paula Bass – No report.

ALA Councilor: Amanda Clay Powers – ALA Midwinter Conference will be her first opportunity to attend an ALA function as MLA Councilor, and she will be attending and receiving training there. IHL Library Deans will begin meeting quarterly this year.

SELA Councilor: Sarah Mangrum – No report.

MLC Executive Director: Hulen Bivens – No report. Not present

ACRL Section: Danielle Terrell – No report

Public Library Section: TBD

School Library Section: TBD

Special Libraries Section: Joyce Shaw – No report

Trustees Section: TBD

Advocacy Committee: TBD

Awards Committee: TBD

Black Caucus Roundtable: Dr. Blanche Sanders – No report

Election Committee: Jennifer Smith – No report. Not present

Fiscal Management Committee: Patsy C. Brewer – Report attached.

Gaming and Graphic Novels Roundtable: Hannah Berryhill/Jamie Stanfield/Dawn Collins/Elizabeth Minter – No report. Not present.

Legislative Committee: Jenniffer Stephenson – No official report. Will keep attempting to gain information from the Capitol regarding in-person events for 2022. Possibly small groups will be allowed.

Long Range Planning: TBD

Marketing/Public Relations: TBD

Membership Committee: TBD

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

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

New Member Roundtable: Jesse Pool – No report

Nominating Committee: Tisha Zelner – No report. Not present

Outreach Committee: TBD

Publicity Committee: Janessa Ullendorf – No report

Scholarship Committee: Justin Easterday – No report

Social Justice: TBD

Technical Services RT: Cathy Austin – No report. Not present

Web Committee: Jennifer Todd – No report

YPSRT: TBD

Mississippi Libraries: Hali Black appointed in last meeting of 2021 MLA Board; has not yet been notified.

Old Business:

Equipment Purchase: Waiting on proposal of office equipment from Jennifer Todd before voting to purchase.

MAGNOLIA (EBSCO): Mara provided information on the origin of the EBSCO information provided in the last MLA Board meeting (see attached). It began as a discussion in response to national trends, although, at this time, no one in the legislature has brought up content of databases. This document is an attempt to be proactive to provide MS librarians with information if questioned about content of databases and justification of the expense of MAGNOLIA. Amanda stated that she will bring this to the attention of the IHL Deans to discuss. Joyce concurred that this is not just an issue for public and school libraries; for some academic community colleges, these databases may be the only resources available.

New Business:

Approval of 2022 Proposed Budget (see attached): Changes from previous year's budget are highlighted. Discussion occurred regarding the Terry Lajaunie Scholarship budget amount of \$1,300. This was the amount raised with a GoFundMe fundraiser. The question was put forth on whether a set amount for the award was ever established. Mara answered that no set amount was assigned at the time the scholarship was established due to fluctuating expenses depending on the type of conference and an awardee's membership status. Phillip shared that most other organizations have a maximum expense amount. It was recommended that a committee discuss the matter further.

MOTION: To approve proposed budget as is.

Made by: Phillip Carter

Seconded: Amanda Clay Powers

Motion carries.

Open to Suggestions for Unfilled Spots: Amanda proposed that a better use of time for long range planning may be a strategic plan. No further discussion on open positions at this time.

MLA Day at the Capitol 2022: Waiting to hear from the Capitol on whether in-person visits will be allowed.

Renewal of Whova: Stephen presented the quote for renewing Whova (see attached). Mara provided that Whova can be used for in-person, hybrid, or virtual conference. She and Joyce gave good feedback on the use of Whova during this year's conference. Phillip offered the information that ARSL used Whova to provide a hybrid conference this year.

MOTION: To accept quote and renew Whova before December 17, 2021.

Made by: Phillip Carter

Seconded: Amanda Clay Powers

Motion carries.

Discussion of 2022 Conference:

Stephen: When the event scheduled at the Riley Center in Meridian was cancelled in 2020, the contract was extended to 2022. He feels that it will be best to make a decision regarding hybrid/in-person/virtual conference before the March MLA meeting.

Jennifer Stephenson: Much of the funding for the conferences comes from vendors. Although it is safer to host a virtual conference, we will likely see a resurgence in vendor participation and funding if we are at least hybrid.

Phillip: The Riley Center is equipped to host a virtual or hybrid conference. He proposes the conference be the same length as usual, with sessions being available in-person and virtual. Additional virtual-only sessions/presentations could also be available.

Joyce: Feels that a benefit of a hybrid conference is that it makes it more accessible to those who cannot afford to travel.

Joyce and Sarah: Both have participated in other hybrid conferences and are willing to work with Phillip on a hybrid conference.

Phillip: We will be partnering with SELA in 2022 on a joint conference; this has the potential for increased funding and attendance.

MOTION: To plan to host the 2022 MLA Conference as hybrid, but allow for the option of changing this if necessary.

Made by: Phillip Carter

Seconded: Sarah Mangrum

Motion carries.

The next regular meeting of the Mississippi Library Association Executive Board is March 4, 2022.

Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

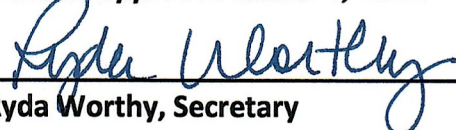
Made by: Joyce Shaw

Seconded: Amanda Clay Powers

Motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Minutes approved March 4, 2022.



Ryda Worthy, Secretary