

MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Minutes
July 8, 2022

**MSU Riley Center/Virtual
Meridian, Mississippi**

Call to Order:

This hybrid meeting of the Executive Board of the Mississippi Library Association was called to order by Stephen Parks, President, at 11:02 a.m. on Friday, July 8, 2022, at the MSU Riley Center in Meridian, Mississippi, and 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; and, Patsy Brewer, Parliamentarian.

Others Present: Joyce Shaw, Paula Bass, Justin Easterday, Jesse Pool, Danielle Terrell, Dr. Blanche Sanders, Kayla Martin-Gant, Jamie Elston, Melissa Brooks, Jenniffer Stephenson, Caroline Barnett, Sarah Mangrum, Tori Hopper, Matt Gulley, and James Kennedy (SELA).

Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION: To approve agenda

Made by: James Kennedy

Seconded: Jamie Elston

Motion carries.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the May 13, 2022 meeting.

Made by: Ryda Worthy

Seconded: Mara Polk

Motion carries.

MLA Officers and Staff Reports:

Secretary: Ryda Worthy – No report

Treasurer: Audrey Beach – See attached.

President: Stephen Parks – Could not attend ALA conference in person, due to Covid, but was able to attend some virtual sessions. Sought approval (granted via email) from Board to forward remainder of travel budget to the MLA conference budget.

Vice-President: Phillip Carter –

- Just now receiving links for hotel (hotel management changed, waiting on feedback from tourism contact).
- With new fees for registration, lunches (MLA awards presentation on Wednesday and keynote speakers on Thursday and Friday) will be covered for attendees in conference

registration. Amanda advised to be transparent on budget to explain changes in fees. Jamie suggested having a statement on the registration page that lunches are included. Phillip stated that the information would be provided prior to registration opening via the list-serve/email.

- Ticketed events (President's Bash and Past Presidents' Breakfast) will be offsite. Jenniffer offered that Weidmann's is not open for breakfast. Mara and Patsy will need to know how many plan to attend in order to determine a location for the Breakfast.
- Working on speakers, fees are a roadblock. Goal is to open conference registration on Monday, July 11.
- Will need re-allocation amount from Stephen.

Immediate Past President: Mara Polk -- No report.

MLA Administrator: Paula Bass – See attached report.

ALA Councilor: Amanda Clay Powers – See attached report.

SELA Councilor: Sarah Mangrum – Could not attend the May SELA meeting and has not yet received the minutes from that meeting. Working on conference—35 proposal submitted (3 of which are from SELA members). Extending deadline for proposals to encourage school and special library participation, will send an email to announce. SELA membership is \$10 for the first year of membership, then determined by a sliding scale.

MLC Executive Director: Hulen Bivens – No report; not present.

ACRL Section: Danielle Terrell – Proposal has been submitted for a panel discussion featuring 4 possible panelists. Needs date and time of session at conference and whether or not we will have the ability to have presenters virtually.

Phillip: MSU did not update their technology at the Riley Center, so we will not have the capability to host presenters virtually.

Caroline: Can authors be present virtually for the awards function?

Phillip: Possible, depending on the venue—if outside the Riley Center.

Stephen: The virtual component of the conference will be the transmission out from the conference.

Danielle: Is there a budget to rent equipment?

Amanda: The Riley Center should be able to provide this information.

Phillip: Riley Center has informed us that it is not possible.

Public Library Section: Jamie Elson – See attached report. Stated that she is working with Justin on Terry's scholarship, since it is sponsored by the Public Library Section.

School Library Section: TBD –Stephen reported that he has two individuals that meet the requirements.

Special Libraries Section: Joyce Shaw – See attached report.

Trustees Section: Rickey Jones – No report; not present.

Advocacy Committee: TBD

Awards Committee: Melissa Brooks – Awards forms out later this week. Created a Google document to combine all awards.

Mara: Add Past-President award to this form.

Black Caucus Roundtable: Dr. Blanche Sanders – See attached report. Working to engage members. Trying to sponsor a speaker. No luncheon this year—scholarship recipients will receive award at the ceremony with other award winners. Will be sending out an email regarding the scholarship soon. Will have a session/business meeting at the conference.

Election Committee: Jennifer Smith – Only 84 votes in the last election (82 electronic, 2 mailed).

Results of election:

Ashley Dees—Vice President/President Elect

Tina Harry—Secretary

Audrey Beach—Treasurer

Mara, Phillip, and Blanche: Some members did not receive an electronic ballot.

Jennifer Todd: Checked the system

Phillip: System says membership lapsed

Mara: Ballot sent June 10

Blanche: Listed as institutional member—this needs to be changed

MOTION: To accept election results.

Made by: Phillip Carter.

Seconded: Mara Polk

Motion carried.

Fiscal Management Committee: Patsy C. Brewer – See attached report. MLA is in good standing.

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

Legislative Committee: Jenniffer Stephenson – See attached report.

Long Range Planning: TBD

Marketing/Public Relations: Courtney Hicks – See attached report.

Membership Committee: TBD

MS Author Awards: Caroline Barnett – Plan to make selections by August. Concerned some authors may be located out of state. Need more readers for the committee in the future, greater

diversity of committee members, and possible limits on the amount each member is asked to read.

National Library Week: Tori Hopper – See attached report. Shirt order met the goal (20) and raised \$114. Shared reports from libraries participating. Will send a survey for next year to determine what members want from this committee.

New Member Roundtable: Jesse Pool – See attached report.

Nominating Committee: Tisha Zelner – No report; not present.

Outreach Committee: TBD

Publicity Committee: Janessa Ullendorf – No report. Not present.

Scholarship Committee: Justin Easterday – See attached report. Working with Jamie from Public Library Section on Terry's scholarship. Gave a proposal on how to restructure the scholarship committee.

Jamie: Requested information on the Peggy May application to build one for Terry's scholarship.

Social Justice: Nichole Larson/Kayla Martin-Gant – Currently working on conference proposal.

Technical Services RT: Cathy Austin – No report; not present.

Web Committee: Jennifer Todd – No report.

YPSRT: TBD

Mississippi Libraries: Hali Black – Nothing new to report. Check out edition with coverage of coast regional gathering.

Old Business:

New Business:

Certify and Accept Results of 2022 Executive Board Election (see Election Committee notes).

The next regular meeting of the Mississippi Library Association Executive Board is Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., at the Riley Center in Meridian.

Adjournment:

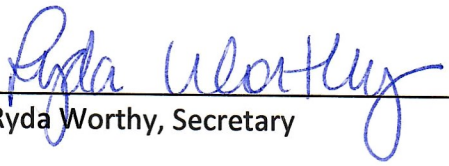
MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Made by: Phillip Carter Seconded: Jamie Elston

Motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Minutes approved October 11, 2022.



Ryda Worthy, Secretary