

**MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD
MINUTES
July 26, 2019**

**Mississippi Library Commission
Jackson, Mississippi**

Call to Order:

The July meeting of the Executive Board of the Mississippi Library Association was called to order by Sarah Crisler-Ruskey, President, at 11:07 a.m. on Friday, July 26, 2019, at the Mississippi Library Commission 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; Mara V. Polk; Jeanette S. Whisenton; Stephen Parks.

Others Present: Hulen Bivins, Caroline Barnett, David Brown, Phillip Carter, Tina Harry, Terry Lajaunie, Jesse Pool, Jennifer Todd, Meredith Wickham, Paula Bass.

Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION: To adopt the agenda for the July 26, 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 May 3, 2019 meeting of the MLA Executive Board, with corrections.

**Made by: Mara Polk Second: Jennifer Wann
Passed unanimously.**

MLA Officers and Staff Reports:

Secretary: Victoria Penny – No report

Treasurer: Jennifer Wann submitted Treasurer's report. The updated bank balance as of July 22nd is \$71,687.25. She reminded everyone that all vouchers/invoices/receipts related to MLA Annual Conference need to be approved by Mary Beth and submitted to Jennifer no later than **October 18, 2019**, if you wish to be reimbursed at Conference. She also voiced concerns regarding income from membership dues as well as the overall health of the organization. The question

was raised: has MLA explored organizational memberships as an option? Sarah Crisler-Ruskey asked Jennifer Todd to obtain some membership info from the database, and, if possible, to sort the membership list by organization/institution. Mary Beth Applin recommended a committee to explore some of these options. Sarah Crisler-Ruskey asked for an ad hoc committee to research the following: what dues members of other state library organizations pay, when did MLA last raise membership dues, should MLA change membership year to time of renewing vs. calendar year, and advantages or disadvantages of offering a library/institutional membership option. Sarah Mangrum volunteered to head this committee, which will also consist of Patsy Brewer, Meredith Wickham, Jennifer Todd, Mara Polk, and Paula Bass.

President: Sarah Crisler-Ruskey – No report

Vice-President: Mary Beth Applin – Conference report moved to the end of agenda

Past President: Sarah Mangrum is seeking nominations for the Past Presidents' Award and planning the Past Presidents' Breakfast.

MLA Administrator: Paula Bass reported that MLA currently has **387** active members, **167** overdue renewals, **156** lapsed members, **1** new member, and **8** pending renewals

ALA Councilor: Ellen Ruffin – No report

SELA Councilor: Ashley Dees – sent in a written report

The Arkansas/SELA Joint Conference will be held on September 27-29, 2019, in Hot Springs, AR.

Joint Conference 2022: Ashley shared MLA's invitation for SELA to join us in a joint conference for 2022 with their executive board, and they were thrilled. She will bring an official motion information to the entire SELA board at their upcoming board meeting on August 21st.

MLC Executive Director: Hulen Bivins reported that MLC has begun the new Fiscal Year budget as passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. He announced that the Department of Education will be contributing \$75,000 for MAGNOLIA (towards the \$112,000 above the MLC budget). He thanked Sarah Mangrum and Meredith Wickham for visiting Congressional offices in Washington during ALA Conference. He mentioned the new electronic magazine subscription service and e-books from Hoopla now available statewide. He was also pleased to note that the State Auditor's office had given the MLC financials no citations.

Section Chair Reports:

ACRL: No report

Public Library Section: Mara Polk reported that their section is hosting a pre-conference, "Librarians' Guide to Homelessness" with Ryan Dowd, to be held Tuesday, October 22nd, from 12:30-4:30. The Biblionix \$250 scholarship for First-time MLA conference attendee has gone live, and the application is available on MLA website. A committee has been formed to select and notify the recipient by September 13th.

School Library Section: Jeannette Whisenton reported that the President-Elect of the American Association of School Librarians will be speaking at the MLA Conference. They will also be discussing establishing an AASL affiliation in Mississippi. The committee is seeking applications for Carroon Apple Award. Please spread the word and let people know!

Special Libraries Section: Stephen Parks reported that Sheila Cork has retired and stepped down as chair. Joyce Shaw is acting as co-chair, and they are planning a presentation for MLA.

Trustees Section: No report

Roundtables and Committee Reports:

New Member Roundtable: Jesse Pool is working on dine-arounds for the conference and will need a few volunteers to act as hosts. These will most likely take place on Tuesday night.

Advocacy Committee: Jennifer Baxter has left, and MLA will need to appoint a new chair for this important role.

Awards Committee: Erin Busbea, chair, asks that MLA members nominate colleagues and staff people for awards.

Fiscal Management Committee: Patsy Brewer shared positive financial news. The IShare account balance is \$11, 018.40 as of June 28th, having earned \$338.40.

Legislative Committee: Meredith reported that they had good visits to legislative offices in Washington, and she has turned in the year-end report to ALA. Goal for next year is to have plenty of different voices to bring to the conversation.

MS Author Awards Committee: Caroline Barnett announced this year's winners as follows:

Tiffany Quay Tyson: 2019 MLA Winner for Fiction – *The Past is Never*

Tena Clark: 2019 MLA Winner for Non-Fiction – *Southern Discomfort: A Memoir*

Linda Williams Jackson: 2019 MLA Winner for Juvenile – *Midnight without a Moon*

They have all been notified, and she has heard back from 2 of 3 winners. They will soon need nominations and more members for next year's committee.

National Library Week Committee: David Brown was pleased with the NLW proclamation from the governor, and he is working on a follow-up article for *Mississippi Libraries*.

Outreach Committee: Phillip Carter reported there will be an MLA table at the Mississippi Book Festival. He is seeking volunteers, the more the better, and would appreciate giveaways, books especially.

Publicity Committee: No report – The Board recognized Janessa Ullendorf and her committee for the great job being done on MLA social media.

Scholarship Committee: A winner has been selected for the Peggy May Scholarship. The committee is seeking donations of items for silent auction.

Web Committee: Terry Lajaunie has set up Conference Registration on MLA website. The cost for Wild Apricot for next year 2020 will be \$1920, if MLA moves to their payment system Affinipay. The committee recommends this change, and Paula will purchase a card reader before conference.

MOTION: To move from PayPal payment system to Wild Apricot payment system, Affinipay, on MLA website.

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

Mississippi Libraries: Tina Harry announced that they have received 2 articles so far for the peer-reviewed issue. She wants to encourage other people to submit articles.

Old Business:

Travel Policy: The new policy was sent out to the entire board for review prior to the meeting. There was some discussion of the language regarding officers who are reimbursed, to change wording to “MLA Board-approved representatives.” Sarah Crisler-Ruskey will send out final version to the Board.

MOTION: To adopt MLA Travel Policy with suggested wording changes.

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

Conference Update: Mary Beth Applin announced that the At-a-Glance Program is on the website. There will be a direct link to reserve rooms at the Westin. There is a pre-conference on Tuesday and event at Museum of Art on Tuesday evening, on Wednesday night President’s Reception & Scholarship Bash will be held at Iron Horse Grill, and Thursday night will be

Author Awards. They are working on equipment and technology/AV needs and will need to consult the original contract for what the quote included.

Adjournment:

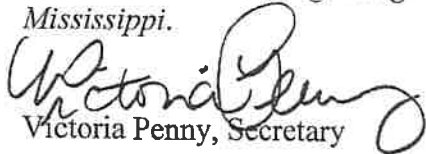
MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Made by: Mara Polk Second: Victoria Penny

Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m. and reconvened at the Westin Hotel at 1:15 p.m. for a tour of the 2019 Annual Conference location

The next regular meeting of the Mississippi Library Association Executive Board is Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the MLA Conference, Westin Hotel, Jackson, Mississippi.


Victoria Penny, Secretary

10/22/2019
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