



Meeting Agenda

Board of Directors

Monday, August 21, 2023 | 4-5 PM

Virtual via Zoom (see below)

 P Julia Carlis, President

 P Jodi Grebinoski, President-Elect

 P Steve Harsin, Past President

 P Karen Pundsack, Treasurer

 P Leticia Snow, Secretary

 A Hannah Buckland, ALA Chapter Councilor

 A Liz Lynch

 A Molly Bostrom (ARLD)

 P Heather Biedermann, Intellectual Freedom

 P Preeti Gupton, ARLD Chair

 P Jamie Hoehn, PLD Chair

 A Janeen Perrizo, ITEM Co-Chair

 A Tami Rhea, ITEM Co-Chair

 P Joy DesMarais-Lanz

 P Belle Nelson, Member-at-Large

P Present A Absent

Quorum = ?

Guests/Non-Voting:

 P Laura Gingras

 P Sarah Hawkins

 A Jennifer (MLA Staff)

 A Katie Polly

 P Rachel Haider

 A Drew Wylie (WCL)

 A Robin Ewing

Call to Order

President Carlis called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

- Removed ALA report- moved to September meeting
- Conference committee and nominating committee will go early so visiting members can share
- Budget check-in will be the same time as financials

Adoption of Consent Agenda/Board Minutes

MOTION: Motion to approve the consent agenda with some minor changes. Seconded. Motion passed.

MOTION: Motion to approve last meeting's minutes. Seconded. Motion passed.

MLA Business

- Consent Agenda/ Approve Minutes
- Financials (Pundsack)- come in at board packet deadline, so reports will come in a month later so members can review in more depth.
- 2023 Conference Updates (Haider/Wylie)- Trivia nights in the works for Wednesday night. Silent auction will be one large auction, with all payments available online. Silent auction available online, with drop sites across the state. Will need help with volunteers.
- Annual Meeting Overview/Prep (Carlis)-on track with election. Committee is planning to meet in September and will move forward in the academic year.
- Awards Committee update (Harsin)- everyone has been contacted. Committee will meet one more time to go over conference details.
- Nominating Committee check-in (Stone/Ewing)
- Executive Director/Mattison Update (DesMarais-Lanz)-First of three surveys for strategic plan will come out this week via researcher to everyone in the database. The more we complete the survey, the better the data set will be for the plan.
- Strategic 90-day Plan (Carlis)- Legislative Committee items were added. On track for prepping priorities for the 2024 session.

Strengthen Our Organization

- Intellectual Freedom committee report (Biedermann)- Star Tribune featured an article. Kim Etson will present at x library, along with Star Tribune book editor. Association for Library Services for Children- Sept. 18 free webinar.
- Membership Committee Report (Nelson)- Website has changed with membership benefits. People can reach out with ideas.
- Policy Review (Carlis)
 - Retention Policy (Grebinoski) -Started in Dec. 22. Reviewing and working with MHS to store this. Met with Sarah Ring. What do we need to keep for MLA? Needs to be added so subunit orientation.
 - Travel Policies (Carlis)- Most of it doesn't apply as we do meetings via Zoom. National Legislative day has gone in a different direction.

Motion made to approve both policies. Both approved.

Engage and Educate Members

- PLD Update (Hoehn)- Thinking ahead to division meeting at annual conference. Looking at a speed networking event. Planning recruitment and election process; move forward with a call for elections due to at least two openings. Looking at PLD Day - in person version virtual.
- ARLD Update (Gupton)-Submitted annual report a little late. Planning a Back-to-school event for academic librarians. Elections happen in mid-September.
- ITEM Update (Gingras)-Had first new set of full-board meeting on Aug. 5 - welcomed new regional chairs. Updated onboarding documents. Self-reporting data (will follow up) Updated legislative asks for this year.
- ALA Chapter Councilor's Report (Buckland)
- Continuing Education committee check-in

Activate Library Advocacy

- Legislative Update (Hawkins/Lynch)- Reviewed forum on Aug. 8 and what was planned for 2024 and beyond. Digital inclusion and broadband issues were discussed.

- Lobbyist Evaluation/Process (Hawkins/Lynch)

Other

- Items from the floor

Adjourned at 4:59 p.m.