

## 1/17/23 MLA Board Meeting

### In attendance

Joy

Julia Carlis

Jodi Grebinoski

Steve Harsin

Heather Biederman

Janeen Perrizo

Laura Gingras

Preeti Gupton

Megan Krueer

Hannah Buckland

Karen Pundsack

Leticia Snow

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 by the president. Welcome by Julia, Participant introduction and icebreaker
2. Julia- approved agenda and minutes from the last meeting; tabling chapter report and policy until next month.
  - Tabling state library services update (need to get a hold of Tammy). Steve moved to adopt the agenda, Heather 2nd
  - December minutes are included in the packet, with a placeholder for PLD board members. Can be approved with additions. Call to approve, 2nd, All in favor, none opposed - passed
3. Financials-Karen, Financial statements page 4 -a reference to understand; Ended the year on a strong note
  - Administrative statement -web cost; cleaned up financials so that the expenses were broken up into categories. Didn't know we were getting website bills so had to get caught up on that, so appeared to be higher. Worked with synergos to get categories to match the budget passed in April. Memberships looked really good. Ended in one of the strongest Decembers in many years. Back to typical trending December for MLA. One of our stronger membership years. Questions? Website-consequence of switching management companies. They were billing the old company. As treasurer, moved to approve, Seconded by Steve, No further discussion' All in favor
4. Discussion out of subunit orientation.
  - Budgeting for subunit events- Last year, some people developed subunit budget worksheets to help with event planning to ensure they are thinking about what goes into an event. Synergos administrative cost. New to those already in planning.
  - Joy- the money isn't extra. Gen op cost of MLA- it's a way to share the costs. Money goes to pay the contract and pay for some of the staff time that MLA pays

for part of the management contract. Should we budget an extra \$150 for our event in April? Not a good way to know how much money is brought in by registration until the event has taken place? Virtual events- can look at trend data about past participation. Should include that in MLA operating costs. Cutting honorarium

- MLA wants to work with the committee so they can manage the budget for ARLD event \*academic and research library division. For the future, the costs are laid out and the paperwork is included. Julia will follow up
  - Joy-If you aren't sure, just ask, so you can discover the information sooner than later. Then we can talk about it. Had a good orientation with MILE as they plan next year.
  - Madison- synergos is no longer merged. Nothing with the contract changed. Staffing didn't change, just emails will change. The contact info is the same. More of a contractual change.
  - Divisions- PLD- if you are starting to look at dates, let us know. Spring calendars are filling up fast. Dates are whittling down for staff availability for virtual events. Venues are working on much shorter timelines and are harder to come by. The spring schedule is filling up with MLA and other clients. Advanced notice helps us be more responsive
5. Engage and educate members - ARLD annual report by Preeti. ARLD in 2022 was held virtually. Talked about identity. 81 attendees. Alternate hybrid and in-person conferences. NExdt one will be virtual. The academic innovator award was given out. Business meeting at MLA conference. 13 online, in person. Got a lot of feedback about social events. People want them. Finished 2nd round of white supremacy - 79 participants. Series involved four sessions. Two hours each time, homework and reading. Picnic in September, Halloween brewery event. The virtual event was in December. Skipping January. The legislative liaison left the board. New legislative liaison. Held regular elections in September. Filled vacancies we had. Were full, but down one member. No longer have a secretary again.
  6. Janeen - recap (will file annual report next year) - ITEM hasn't been as busy since COVID hit. Putting energy into being teachers versus librarians. Last spring- had postponed the fall conference in April for the Rochester event. Julia Torres was the keynote. Merge is official. Members have access to records July/Aug. Many attended the fall conference. Working to get more memberships back. Will have another leadership event. Working with a few organizations to get more voices from the school media specialists
  7. Megan- PLD- had an event in the spring. Librarianship theme. Had sponsored. UMN offered self-care options. Had a pretty good turnout. Filled officer positions. New board members.
  8. Julia Conference update- 40 people in attendance. Annual conference planning- three co-chairs, Rachel, Sarah Filbrand, Drew Wiley. Meeting with Jennifer on Thursday to get the timeline ready. Some people returning from last year and newbies, but have some openings for those who want to help with the conference.
  9. Legislative Update-molly will email if she doesn't make it in. Julia will reach out to Ashley

10. Julia- membership committee- met new folks. Will be holding a special election soon. Have one candidate, and one backed out. Will have that committee fully constituted. will help them grow their capacity.
11. Heather - intellectual freedom committee. North Dakota bill 1205 -trying to make it so that public libraries can't have sexual content in their collections. Especially anything with a picture. Looking at possibly changing the time for the committee meeting so more ITEM members can join. Will discuss this at Feb meeting. Is there an official thing we need to do? Need to update the web page and add to the website, and hit in the roundup. Online conference on Feb. 3- Priarieland de-escalation. Sent out to the roundup. Free. Presenting at the big talk for small libraries in Nebraska- book challenges for small libraries
12. Misc.- There are some who still need to sign the conflict of interest. Would have received an email from joy this morning. Will ask molly to email her an update. Because of the legislative trifecta that the democrats have, the budget surplus, and not a lot got passed, our legislative team thinks this will be really busy at the capital. Legislative week stuff is set up in February. The Legislative day is Feb 28. One online training for it. Info coming soon
13. Question- Janeen - policy national conference in 2029 in Des Moines. Would like to write a letter in support. The last conference this close was in 2011 or 2012, What is the process to do that? Julia said Janeen can write a letter as ITEM, but if she wants to do the entire organization, it needs to be approved by the board. Janeen will write it from ITEM.

Call to adjourn at 5:07 p.m. by Julia  
2nd, Adjourned.