BETA PHI MU EXECUTIVE BOARD

FINAL MINUTES
2015 Annual Meeting
Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Moscone Conference Center, Rm. 224 S, San Francisco

Present: Marie Radford, Sue Searing, Amanda Ros, Alison Lewis, Isabel Gray, Eileen Abels, Andrea Falcone, Elaine Yontz (phone), and Charles McElroy.

The meeting was called to order at 1:02pm.

President's statement: Eileen Abels thanked the Headquarters staff for taking care of all the meeting arrangements for annual & for all that they do.

Minutes: Minutes of the 2015 Mid-winter Executive Board meeting were approved with no changes.

Executive Director Report – In the interest of time, Alison Lewis did not prepare a formal report, as most current concerns are covered in other parts of the agenda.

Budget: The current budget, year-to-date, and past year's budget were presented. A few questions were asked and answered. Gray pointed out the increase in sponsor support for the 2015 G-ALA. Questions were asked about membership numbers. Last year's membership numbers reflected processing of several chapters who had been in arrears.

Café Press Summary: Grey reported that a total of 19 items were sold through 5/31/2015. The "Greek" products are the most popular.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee: Ros gave the recent BPM officer election results: Linda Smith (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Vice-President/President-elect and Krystyna Matusiak (University of Denver), Director-at-large. There are 3 Director positions to be filled by election at the G-ALA. The candidates for these positions are Bill Davis, Vicki Gregory (University of South Florida), and Emily Knox (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign). There will also be a call for nominations from the floor prior to voting. Ros thanked the members of her committee for their help as well as Eileen Abels for helping to find candidates. Ros also reported that she had reached out to the AASL leadership in March and April for board member candidate suggestions, but they did not acknowledge her outreach. Her thought was that an AASL member on the Board might help with outreach to these schools and facilitate setting up new chapters. It was suggested that we may need to do more outreach to specific AASL programs, and find individual faculty members who might be interested in chapter development at their institutions.

Scholarships: Searing announced the results of the 2015 scholarship judging: Sarah Rebecca Reed Scholarship for beginning LIS Students, $2,250 - Rebecca Greenstein, Minneapolis, MN, and Alena

Principato, Robbinsville, NJ. Blanche Woolls Scholarship for Library Media Services, $2,250 – Kathryn Shaw, University of Alabama. Frank B. Sessa Scholarship for Professional Education of a BPM Member, $1,500 – DawnMarin Dell (Gamma Chapter), Texas Tech University School of Law Library, Lubbock, TX, for attendance at the 2015 Computer Assisted Legal Education (CALI) Annual Conference in Denver, CO. Harold B. Lancour Scholarship for Foreign Study, $1,750 – Elizabeth Cramer, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, who will investigate international library development in India. Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, $3,000 – Tiffany Chao, University of Illinois, "Methods metadata: Curating scientific research data for reuse"; Morgan Currie, UCLA, "Tracing technologies of openness"; Noah Lenstra, University of Illinois, "The community informatics of an aging society: A comparative case study of public libraries and senior centers"; Tess Prendergast, University of British Columbia, "Early literacy in the lives of children with disabilities: Exploring the experiences and perspectives of parents and public library children's librarians"; Nic Weber, University of Illinois, "A framework for analyzing the sustainability of science commons"; Ayoung Yoon, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, "Toward trusted data curation: Data reuse and users' trust judgment." Searing thanked the scholarship committee and reported good involvement. The number of applicants for the various awards was generally good, although she would like to see more applications for the Sessa & Lancour awards. We should think of additional ways to promote these.

<u>Scholars Series</u>: Andrea Falcone, the series editor for Beta Phi Mu's Scholars Series reported. With the help of Headquarters, the section of the BPM website dealing with the Scholars Series has been updated with more information, creating more visibility. A dedicated gmail account has also been set up and there is a new call for proposals. The goal is to produce two good quality manuscripts per year. She asks for the Board's help to get out the word to new authors. The Gaffney manuscript is currently in the works, but is not yet finalized. Marie Radford has a lead on a dissertation on the iSchool movement. The Library Research Conference is a possible source of authors – but they have stated that they don't want to do proceedings. The Library History Round Table might be another source of authors. Andrea passed out business cards and asks us to urge potential authors to get in touch with her.

Old Business

<u>Conference support award</u>: The guidelines and sample application form were reviewed. It was suggested that a line be added to the description clarifying what a "conference" is – it could include a symposium, forum, or other such event. Another suggestion was to add a line to the application noting that the winner would be announced at ALA Mid-Winter. A committee was set up to work on this award. The volunteers were: Amanda Ros, Sue Searing (Chair), Marie Radford, and Charles McElroy.

<u>By-laws</u>: Lewis reported that all recommended by-laws changes for Article XI: Chapters were approved on the recent election ballot. Lewis recommends next looking at the area of the by-laws concerning the BPM Treasurer. The current model has not been working in practice and is non-standard for most non-profits. The Board needs to have greater financial oversight of the organization, especially if we go to a new model for handling Headquarters. Another small area of the by-laws to consider might be Article XVIII concerning Dissolution of the organization. Lewis stated that this is a standard expected

component of non-profit by-laws, but as written is confusing and possibly out-of-date. A committee consisting of Eileen Abels, Lynn Conway, and Linda Smith was appointed to address these concerns.

Survey: The draft of the membership feedback survey was presented. The idea of the survey was generally accepted. Various suggestions were made for improving the wording or modifying parts of the survey. Other suggestions in regard to the survey were: Providing an incentive for filling out the survey, such as something from Café Press, or a gift certificate for Café Press; including the reason why we're doing this (improve membership services); and including the estimated amount of time to take the survey. Headquarters will make needed adjustments to the survey and Beta test it on the Board before taking it "live" to the membership.

Drexel Archivist/BPM records: Lewis reported that the position of archivist at Drexel still has not been filled due to the hiring freeze, and as a result the plans for a practicum student to help deal with the BPM archives is still on hold. Since it looks like next year will be the final year of BPM Headquarters, Lewis has made it a priority to deal with the archival materials inherited from FSU before the HQ moves elsewhere. Weeding will be done as necessary, and historical records will be sent to the BPM collection at the University of Illinois archives. There will be costs involved with sending the material there and processing it.

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Reed Scholarship requirements: Isabel Gray reported that there have been numerous concerns expressed about the requirements for eligibility for the Reed Scholarship, specifically the fact that the timing of the application and award, and the credit limits, unfairly makes the award unavailable to students at programs on the quarter system. Two alternatives for changing the requirement which would correct the issue were presented and discussed. The Board approved accepting the first alternative with modifications. The part of the requirement at issue will now read: "…and have completed no more than 12 credits by the application deadline."

Website Redesign: Gray had to leave the meeting to go to the G-ALA venue for set-up and advance work, so in her absence, Lewis reported on planned improvements to the Beta Phi Mu website. These include a more intuitive navigation system and making the website mobile compliant.

Headquarters location: Lewis reported that Drexel would not be renewing the contract to host BPM Headquarters and that the present contract would be up in summer of 2016. She presented a range of options, along with their pros and cons, to consider: 1) Find a new host institution, 2) Go to a paid Executive Director position, which would essentially perform the duties of the current Executive Director and Program Director, 3) Contract with an association management firm, or 4) Dissolve the organization. Abels responded that she would like to take options 1 and 4 off the table; the current hosting system does not seem viable and it also seems premature to dissolve the organization. Abels further reported speaking with someone from the current management firm (SBI) handling ALISE and they were open to the possibility of adding in BPM as part of their work. They may contact HQ for more information about the type and amount of work involved. Lewis clarified that HQ is happy to provide information and help with the process, but it is the Board's responsibility to research the options and decide what to do. Abels said that an RFP made need to be developed with HQ's help. Lewis also cautioned that the non-standard income model (one time, lifetime memberships instead of annual dues) of BPM may make it less appealing to some. Moving forward, Charles McElroy will chair a committee consisting of Eileen Abels and Linda Smith to touch base with the people from SBI and/or other association management firms to find a new home for Beta Phi Mu. Alison Lewis and Isabel Grey will also be available to provide information concerning an overview of HQ operations and day-to-day activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm and the majority of those present proceeded to the G-ALA location.