

MLA Board Meeting Minutes

Oct. 13, 2014

In attendance: Sheila Bonnard, Dawn Kingstad, Della, Dubbe, Carmen Clark, Debbie Kramer, Judy Hart (by phone), Matt Beckstrom, Kirsten Bryson, Mary Braun, Susan Gregory, Eileen Wright, Stacy Bruhn (by phone)

Call to Order

ACTION ITEM: Approval of past board meeting minutes

I motion to approve the board minutes from the previous meeting.

1st: Matt Beckstrom

2nd: Eileen Wright

Approved

A. Agenda review – move Legislative Day update and government affairs to top of the agenda because Judy Hart was calling in on the phone

B. Legislative Day update – the date is not set yet, but it will be in January. There will be a training day in association with the day provided; donations are needed for Legislative Day to be successful, and a mention of MLA supporting Library Literacy Day (see reports).

C. Association reports

ASLD – Kirsten Bryson discussed Sam Hines desire to try again in having a competition for the \$100 ACRL money ASLD recieved. It was the consensus of the ASLD committee to create a professional forum at the ASLD luncheon where the participants would submit a paper beforehand and give a 10 minute presentation before a juried panel to possible win the \$100 prize money. Details on the requirements are going to be flushed out by Sam and Kirsten. They asked the awards committee if they could have 5 minutes to present the award at their awards presentation. Okay by the awards committee and board members present. No action item needed – just discussion.

Steering Committee – Previously, the entire board reviewed all the received proposals and decided which proposals would be at the upcoming conference. This year a steering committee was created to assist in cutting down the time needed to a decision. In the past, it has taken the board a good chunk of the retreat to decide. The board was able to participate in the ASLD/PLA retreat. Carmen reported that they had 64 proposals received and they choose 42-44 proposals for the upcoming conference, and they are ready to move forward.

PNLA – Della Dubbe gave an update on PNLA news, and she promised to get a written report in shortly.

No other additions to the association reports

OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of the strategic plan needs to be done at every meeting to see what has been accomplished and what needs to be done still. It was recommended to Dawn Kingstad, Vice-President that she needs to think about a new 3-5 year strategic plan.

B. Debbi Kramer reported that the budget looks good.

C. ACTION ITEM

Discussion: Stacy Bruhn and Debbi Kramer presented the information: First Data and authorized.net are who we are using right now, and they have been increasing fees. Furthermore, their reports are not always reliable. It was decided to look into using and switching over to PayPal. PayPal is flexible, good security, ease of use, and the charges are more reasonable for our association.

I move to switch to PayPal for credit card payments online.

1st: Della Dubbe

2nd: Dawn Kingstad

Approved

D. ACTION ITEM

Discussion: It was decided to move ahead in support of Ann Ewbank's IMLS grant. She would be doing a series of workshops on school library advocacy at the MLA conferences, and we are guaranteeing a spot within the conference for life of the grant.

I move to give MLA board support to Ann Ewbank's IMLS grant.

1st: Matt Beckstrom

2nd: Susan Gregory

Approved

E. Conference sites: Do we keep the 4 locations or can we expand back out again to other cities? Once again, it is the issue of the towns being able to handle the number of sessions we want and good space for the vendors. Not enough change has happened in places such as Helena, Great Falls, etc. to warrant deciding to hold a conference. Until the issues have been resolved in these

perspective areas. The conference will be held in the four locations that are able to accommodate us. Helena may have enough change to be a potential location again. Debbi Kramer will further investigate into Helena. It is the one other location that may be able to work for the MLA conference. If it can work out, it will replace Big Sky in 2017.

2016: Missoula

2017: Big Sky or Helena

2018: Billings

2019: Bozeman

NEW BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM

Discussion: Debbi Kramer would like to establish a savings account. She would like to move \$10,000 into a savings account, which would eventually be moved into Amerprise.

I move the MLA board create a savings account at First Security Bank.

1st: Matt Beckstrom

2nd: Dawn Kingstad

Approved

B. ACTION ITEM

Discussion: to approve the committee and interests groups.

I so move to approve the Committee and Interest groups for the 2014-2015 year.

1st: Eileen Wright

2nd: Kirsten Bryson

Approved

C. ALA Career Development Facilitator Program – Samantha submitted a proposal, but Desiree Dramstad was also interested. We were accepted as a chapter. Since the focus is more on Public Libraries, Samantha thought Desiree, who wished to be in the program, should go instead to the training. Desiree has agreed to pay for the participation, and she will be bringing the training back to MLA constituents. It was discussed that Desiree should put in for Professional Development money in order to partial fund the program.

D. ACTION ITEM

Discussion: Lifetime Membership for Retirees: it was discussed that this would be a great idea to have the category. The name will be Permanent Retirement Membership, and the cost would be \$50.00. Debbi will make contacts with retired librarians and let them know about the new membership. It will also be promoted on the MLA website.

I move that MLA establishes a "Permanent Retirement Membership" rate of \$50.00.

1st: Della Dubbe

2nd: Eileen Wright

Approved

E. Student conference rate: we already have it, but it will be researched a bit more. Tabled for now. • Debbi, shall to look at

F. Non-MLA affiliated at MLA events – a policy will be written. It will state that the meetings cannot conflict with other MLA events at conferences or meetings. If there is meeting space for free available, it can be used. However, if there is a cost to MLA, there needs to be compensation back to MLA for use of the space by the non-affiliated organization.

G. Corporate Sponsor memberships – we already have it, but what is the benefit for having it? It will be looked into further – tabled for now.

Next board meeting Legislative Day.

Adjourned.