

Executive Director Report Feb. 5, 2019 Meeting

Since the October 2018 meeting I have been working closely with the Conference Planning Committee completing many tasks associated with the 2019 annual conference and the Offline 2019 planning committee attending to last minute issues.

With the help of John Finn, Government Affairs chair, a new two year contract has been put in place with our lobbyists, Smith and McGowan, Inc. New terms of the contract will be 24 equal payments instead of increased payment amounts during the legislative session. This change will help both parties more easily budget expenses.

The 2018 1099 Misc. tax forms have been completed and sent to individuals and the IRS.

The 2019 Montana Corporation Tax Form has been completed with the Secretary of State's office and the \$20 fee paid.

I have been working with Past Presidents from 2000 forward to update the Brief History of the Association section of the handbook. Moving forward each year the current Past President will send me a synopsis of his or her year and it will be added to the handbook for the future. Most of the recent Past Presidents have shared their recollections of their year. I will complete those years that are not updated by April from archived meeting minutes.

Sometime ago, the ASLD Chair brought forth the idea of a simpler dues structure for MLA dues. The current dues structure or payment amount has not been changed or addressed since before 2010 except to add categories to the current form. Below is my suggestion for new structured dues:

Dues Restructure

Current Dues

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 Salary under \$7,000; Students, Trustees, Retired, Friends, Foundation members | <input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00 Salary \$35,000-\$39,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00 Salary \$7,000-\$10,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00 Salary \$40,000 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00 Salary \$11,000-\$14,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 Institutional Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00 School Library Division | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00 Commercial Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00 Salary \$15,000-\$24,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 Permanent Retirement Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 Salary \$25,000-\$34,999 | |

New Restructured Dues

\$25 Salary under \$7,000 Students, Retired, Friends, Foundation members
\$35 Salary \$7,000- \$14,999
\$40 School Library Division;
\$50 Salary \$15,000 - \$34,999, Permanent Retirement Membership
\$60 Salary \$35,000 or more
\$125 Institutional & Commercial Members

MLA will still honor the first year discount. It just cuts out the many categories used. (This is only a suggestion)

MLA has received a total of \$2500 with one more expected donation to be received. A full Profit-Loss report will be available at the Spring Board meeting on April 9, 2019. John Finn has been working with the Montana State Library to plan the Legislative Reception.

Annual conference registration was open on January 7, 2019. With the help of the Helena Tourism Bureau, MLA has contracted with two other nearby hotels for additional rooms at conference. In February, the conference planning committee and marketing committee will begin weekly posts on Wired promoting the annual conference.

I have contacted several librarians in the Missoula area concerning the planning committee for the 2020 annual conference. I have not had any volunteers as yet. In the near future, I will put a post on Wired asking for volunteers.