

**Mississippi Library Association**

**Executive Board Meeting**

**December 12, 2014**

**Jackson, MS**

President Amanda Clay Powers called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. by announcing that a sign-in sheet was going around.

Executive Board Members present:

President - Amanda Clay Powers

Vice-President – Patsy Brewer

Treasurer – Blair Booker

Secretary – Marsha Case

Public Library Section--Amanda McDonald

ALA Councilor--Ellen H. Ruffin

Bob Wolverton—ACRL Section

Shellie Zeigler—Special Library Section

Also in attendance were Barbara Price—Association Administrator, Selena Swink--incoming MLA Secretary, Molly McManus—Vice-President elect, Joy Garretson—MLC—new Special Library chair, James Kennedy—Hinds—new ACRL chair, Jaclyn Lewis Anderson—Publicity Committee Chair, Jennifer Nabzdyk—MLC, Susan Cassagne—MLC, and Kathy Buntin--MLC.

The agenda was approved as presented, motion made by Blair Booker, seconded by Shellie Ziegler .

The minutes from the October 14, 2014 meeting were presented with Blair Booker making a motion to approve the minutes. Amanda Clay Powers seconded and the minutes were approved.

Blair Booker, Treasurer reported that she was working on reports. All conference bills have been paid. She will get with Patsy Brewer for final conference information for the MLC Grant.

**President’s Report:** Amanda Powers stated she thought the past year had gone well. She felt that MLA had several major accomplishments: increase in publicity, improved financial structure, social gatherings, establishment of archival project with USM, lobbying for schools, and the transition of a new Association Administrator.

**Vice-President:** Patsy Brewer thanked everyone for helping with the conference. She also stated that MLC wanted future grant to be written in advance of the conference and that funds can be pre-requested up to 30 days before. She also shared two responses from the conference survey: hotel issues and speakers not on program. Brewer also stated that she was working on the final financial report for the grant.

**Past-President:** not present

**Association Administrator:** Barbara Price stated that there are currently 482 members with 29 have already paid for 2015. Price stated that the implementation of the new database had proven most helpful with conference plans. She is still working on papers to be sent to USM for archival.

**ALA Councilor:** Ellen Ruffin will attend ALA Mid-Winter.

**SELA Councilor:** Melissa Dennis reported that she will be presenting at the Alabama Library Association/SELA meeting in Point Clear from April 7-10.

**ACRL:** Bob Wolverton reported that James Kennedy will be the new Section chair.

**Public Library:** Amanda McDonald reported that Wil'Lani Turner, Columbus/Lowndes, will be the new chair.

**School:** Not present.

**Special Libraries:** Shellie Zeigler reported that Joy Garretson will be the new Section chair.

**Trustees:** No chair.

**Archives Committee:** Fifty boxes of materials have been readied for USM. The SLIS is in agreement with an internship, needing a letter from MLA to move ahead.

**Awards Committee:** A written report was submitted showing that the committee had performed satisfactory. Erin Stringer will be the new Committee chair.

**Black Caucus:** Not present.

**Fiscal Management:** Committee met on Nov. 17 and Dec. 12, 2014. Review of finances determined what reports are needed. There is a charge to move CD to checking account. Then will possibly be put into mutual fund. It was determined that the scholarship funds will be kept separate. David Coker of Coker & Palmer will draw up financial proposal for future investing for the next meeting. Amanda Clay Powers will be chair for 2015. The 2015 budget will be the same as 2014.

**Legislative:** Pie Day will be Feb. 26, 2015.

**Long Range Planning:** Report submitted that committee was continuing to work on updating the handbook. Plans are moving forward to set up regional social events.

**Membership:** Suggests having a meeting at MLA with a keynote speaker.

**Publicity:** Jaclyn Lewis reported that committee had been publicizing MLC/MLA broadband proposal and there was good conference coverage on facebook, twitter and Instagram. She has also presented powerpoints to several USM classes. She also stated that the Publicity section of the handbook is extremely out of date.

**Web Services:** Molly McManus thanked Jennifer Nabzdyk for all of her hard work on the website and handbook revisions. Also stated that there is a need for a new chair as she is the incoming Vice-President/President Elect.

**MLC:** Susan Cassagne asked that MLA write a letter to legislators in support the broadband initiative. Deb Mitchell and Lynn Shurden will co-chair the Legislative Committee. Pie Day will be for all types of libraries, not just public.

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A special thank you was extended to Amanda Clay Powers for changes to MLA and all of her tremendous work this past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha A. Case, Secretary

Approved by the board on March 20, 2015.