

Mississippi Library Association  
Executive Board  
Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2013

- I. Call to order (10:11 a.m.)
- II. Roll call: Lynn Shurden, Amanda Clay Powers, Mara Villa, Kathy Buntin, Melissa Dennis, Jennifer Brannock, Jaclyn Lewis, Marsha Case, Sharman Smith, Mary Julia Anderson, Judy McNeece
- III. Approval of the Agenda
- IV. Approval of the Minutes (December 2012)
  - a. Motion to accept the minutes as read by Amanda Clay Powers. Seconded by Kathy Buntin.
- V. MLA Officers and Introductions/Reports
  - o Mara Villa, Secretary-NO REPORT
  - o Kathy Buntin, Treasurer
    - Amanda Clay Powers motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report and Jennifer Brannock seconded. Motion carried.
    - Total income is \$13,665.20. Total expense is \$7,142.96. Net Income is \$6,522.24.
    - Kathy Buntin reported that the MLA's income/expense is healthy. We are trimming where we can realistically. We are no longer paying for a fax line.
    - Regarding MLA Pie Day-next financial report will reflect the FOL donations.
    - Kathy Buntin will report what MLA roundtable sections were eliminated.
  - o Sharman Smith, MLA Executive Director
    - Encouraged MLA to use LSTA Funds to procure quality speakers for the conference
    - Reported that the current legislative session has been quiet in regards to libraries
    - Reported that MLC is currently watching 18 bills
  - o Lynn Shurden, President
    - Announced that public library directors will be lodging at the Imperial Palace in Biloxi, MS, on April 24-26 for the next public library directors meeting and will be having an informal conference planning meeting. Reported that MLA handbook is updated and online.
    - Will be retiring at the end of April
    - New contact information is [lfshurden@gmail.com](mailto:lfshurden@gmail.com)
  - o Amanda Powers, Vice President
    - Discussed MLA Convention 2013; theme: Mississippi Libraries: Making Community Work
    - Shared pricing lists for food and AV equipment
    - Shared contact information (event staff) for Imperial Palace
    - Shared URL and code for online reservations
    - Shared Vendor/Sponsor contract and letter-Mara has made changes and updates from last year's form
    - Reported that Charlie Longino (Local arrangements chair) is coming up with ideas for location and entertainment venues.
    - Contacted 3 potential keynote speakers but turned down by all of them because of prior commitments.
    - Discussed changes to the proposal form.
  - o Stephen Cunetto, Past President-ABSENT-NO REPORT
  - o Mary Julia Anderson, Executive Secretary

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- Ballots for MLA Board 2014 will be mailed by April 1.
  - Jeff Slagell, ALA Councilor
    - (Report from email)-"At ALA Midwinter in Seattle, the council approved a dues adjustment proposal and directed that it be placed on the Spring ALA ballot for membership approval. If approved, a five-year dues adjustment mechanism would be established , directing the Executive Board to review personal member dues annually every September from 2013-2017 in consideration of a dues adjustment not to exceed the percentage change in the national average Consumer Price Index (CPI). Any increase proposed above the CPI would be subject to a mail vote of personal members, and any subsequent dues adjustment after 2017 would require approval by the ALA Executive Board, Council and a mail vote of ALA personal members...Polls for the 2013 ALA election will open on March 19<sup>th</sup> and close on April 26<sup>th</sup>"
  - Melissa Dennis, SELA Councilor
    - Discussed the possibility of hosting a joint conference (MLA and SELA) in 2015.
    - Will conduct more research.
  - Marsha Case, Public Libraries
    - Reported that she is looking for a speaker with 2YCRT for 2013 convention
  - Jaclyn Lewis, Special Libraries
    - Reported that she is looking for a speaker 2013 convention
- VI. Section Chair Introductions and/or Reports
- a. Jennifer Brannock, ACRL
  - b. Marsha Case, Public Libraries
  - c. Venetia Oglesby and Susan Sparkman, School Libraries-ABSENT-NO REPORT
  - d. Jaclyn Lewis, Special Libraries
    - i. Searching for speakers for MLA conference 2013
- VII. Round Tables Introductions and/or Reports
- a. Nominating: Judy McNeece submitted the nomination slate for next year's Board (2013 Nominating Committee members are Judy McNeece, Bob Wolverton, Glenda Segars, Joi Phillips, Stephen Cunetto, Deb Mitchell)
  - b. Amanda Clay Powers motioned to accept the slate and Kathy Buntin seconded. Motion carried.
  - c. Nomination Slate
    - i. Secretary (1 Year): Janet Armour (ICC), Marsha Case (JHLS)
    - ii. VP/Pres. Elect: Patsy Brewer (WWCLS), Jenniffer Stephenson (GLPLS)
    - iii. Treasurer: Blair Booker (Holmes CC), James Kennedy (Hinds CC)
    - iv. ALA Councilor: Ellen Ruffin (USM), Blanche Sanders (Alcorn)
  - d. Long Range Planning-NO REPORT
  - e. Legislative Committee
    - i. Marsha Case motioned to accept the MLA Legislative Goals 2013 as presented and Kathy Buntin seconded.
- VIII. Old Business and New Business
- a. Lynn Shurden and Kathy Buntin led a discussion concerning the financials of MLA. They reported that MLA had not paid payroll taxes. The IRS contacted them. THE ISSUE IS BEING RESOLVED. In their research, they found that there are other accounts attached to MLA: There is a Trustmark

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Financial Account, which is earning very little interest and two CDs, one of which is designated for the Peggy May Scholarship. Kathy Buntin recommended that these accounts be consolidated at a later date. She also reported that we would have a new bookkeeper by July 1, 2013. Kathy Buntin also reported that the reason payroll taxes were not paid and these accounts were not reported was because of the changing of bookkeepers and treasurers. The payroll taxes have been paid and we are current. However, it is not known how much the penalties will be for late payment with the IRS.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Amanda Clay Powers motioned to adjourn. Jennifer Brannock seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mara K. Villa  
Secretary