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Mississippi Library Association Executive Board Regular Meeting

The MSU Riley Center
Meridian, Mississippi

October 16, 2018

Call To Order:

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Mississippi Library Association was called to order by the President, Sarah Mangrum, at 4:03 p. m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at the MSU Riley Center in Meridian, Mississippi.

Roll Call/Signature List of Attending Members: Present – Sarah Mangrum, President; Sarah Crisler-Ruskey, Vice-President; Lori Barnes, Secretary; Jennifer Wann, Treasurer; Jenniffer Stephenson, Rickey Jones; Ashley Dees, Susan Bryant, Stephen Cunetto, Joyce Shaw, and Antoinette Giamalva.

Others Present: Tina Harry, Jennifer Todd, Phillip Carter, Hulen Bivins, Paula Bass, Meredith Wickham, Jesse Pool, Jennifer Culley, Patty Furr, Victoria Penney, David Brown, Terry Lajaunie, and Mary Beth Applin.

Adoption of the Agenda:

MOTION: To adopt the agenda for the October 16, 2018, meeting of the MLA Executive Board as presented.

Made by: Jennifer Wann **Second:** Antoinette Giamalva
Passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes:

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the July 27, 2018, MLA Executive Board meeting with the correction that Jennifer Wann, MLA Treasurer, will not be able to approve payments until her return on October 5, 2018.

Made by: Jenniffer Stephenson **Second:** Rickey Jones
Passed unanimously.

MLA Officers and Staff Reports:

Secretary: Lori Barnes - No report.

Treasurer: Jennifer Wann presented a budget hand-out that stated the current balances are: Checking account - \$90,961.22; CD - \$22,140.31; and PayPal - \$1738.36. Jennifer also reported that expenses are at 40% spent of the amount budgeted this year, and this will change as conference bills are posted.

President: Sarah Mangrum - No report.

Vice-President: Sarah Crisler-Ruskey welcomed everyone to the 2018 Mississippi Library Association Conference. She asked everyone to let her know if there were any questions or concerns.

Past-President: Jenniffer Stephenson reported that in her research regarding travel policies for state library associations, she is learning that every policy is different. She included a draft copy for review. After some discussion, it was mentioned that the appointment of a subcommittee to review this issue might be in order.

MOTION: To appoint a subcommittee to review and make a recommendation regarding a travel policy.

Made by: Sarah Mangrum

Second: Rickey Jones

Passed unanimously.

MLA Administrator: Paula Bass stated that there are currently 430 active members.

ALA Councilor: Ellen Ruffin – Report forthcoming.

SELA Councilor: Ashley Dees – The concept of a joint SELA/MLA Conference continued to be tabled. Ashley reported that the SELA Vice President for next year will be MLA member Melissa Dennis.

MLC Executive Director: Hulen Bivens reported that ALA will not decide on Legislative Day until the 2019 Mid-Winter Conference.

Section Chair Reports:

ACRL Section: Stephen Cunetto mentioned that he is looking forward to the programs this week at MLA Conference.

Public Library Section: Co-Chairs Antoinette Giamalva and Mara Villa Polk - Antoinette reported that she is hoping to make contacts in the library meetings this week, as well as get a webpage established.

School Library Section: Susan Bryant reported that there will be a new representative for the SLS in December 2018.

Special Libraries Section: Joyce Shaw – No report.

Trustees Section: Rickey Jones – No report.

Roundtables and Committee Reports:

Black Caucus RT: Mary Ann Peoples –No report.

Young People SRT: Ally Watkins – No report.

New Member RT: Jesse Pool presented a NMRT report. He briefed the group on a NMRT meeting that will be held on October 17 from 8:30 – 9:30. He mentioned that on Thursday, there will be a Meet and Greet and invited all who can to attend.

Technical Services RT: Jennifer Todd reminded everyone of the TSRT titled “ABCs of RFPs”.

Games, Gaming, and Graphic Novel RT: Antoinette Giamalva expressed her enthusiasm for the upcoming sessions and activities the RT would be sponsoring at conference.

Advocacy Committee: Jennifer Smith - No report.

Awards Committee: Erin Busbea – No report.

Election Committee: Jennifer Smith – No report.

Fiscal Management: (Submitted by Patsy Brewer) – Patsy submitted a report that reviewed the investment accounts as follows:

IShare – Beginning investment: \$9,676.90

Current balance: \$10,531.49

Interest accrued: \$854.59

CD – Current balance: \$22,140.31

Next interest payment: December

Earnings since June: \$66.86 (\$22.28 a month)

Patsy suggests that after the end of the year, we need to analyze the CD and consider other options.

Legislative Committee: Meredith Wickham - No report.

Outreach Committee: Jessica Ullendorf – reported that for the upcoming conference, both Facebook and Twitter have been spotlighting specific events and encouraging registration. Usage has increased greatly with increased likes and page views. For large scale events, Jessica encourages all to get information to her before it goes live on the website so that she will have more time to prepare.

MS Author Awards: Patty Furr – reported a very successful year, with 22 people reviewing books for the Author Awards, and 77 total books nominated. The winners were nationally acclaimed authors as well. Overall, a tremendous response for the awards this year.

National Library Week: Stacy Creel - No report.

Nominating Committee: Blair Booker – No report.

Publicity Committee: Janessa Ullendorf – Congratulations to Janessa for a very thorough job publicizing the conference this year. The hashtag for the conference is #misslib2018.

Scholarship Committee: Jen Culley – No report.

Web Committee: Jennifer Todd – reported that the conference pages and registration have been updated. Also, job announcements are on the website and listserv. Jennifer reported still working with the email address issue.

Mississippi Libraries: Tina Harry – reported that the Fall issue will be published on time.

Old Business:

MLA Travel Policy:

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

New Business:

Engage Software: Sarah Mangrum provided a handout on this software package. This is software ALA provides for state chapters; its focus is advocacy. It appears that it could be a useful tool and it is free. This product needs review and a decision needs to be made on how it could be used and who would use it.

MOTION: To table the discussion on the usage of the Engage software until the December 2018 meeting.

Made by: Sarah Mangrum Second: Jenniffer Stephenson
Passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Made by: Rickey Jones Second: Sarah Bryant
Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p. m.

The next regular meeting of the Mississippi Library Association Executive Board is Friday, December 7, 2018, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Mississippi Library Commission, Jackson, Mississippi.


Lori Ward Barnes, Secretary