

## MINUTES

### Mississippi Library Association Executive Board Regular Meeting

The MSU Riley Center  
Meridian, Mississippi

July 27, 2018

#### Call To Order:

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Mississippi Library Association was called to order by the President, Sarah Mangum, at 12:21 p. m. on Friday, July 27, 2018 at the MSU Riley Center in Meridian, Mississippi.

**Roll Call/Signature List of Attending Members:** Present – Sarah Mangum, President; Sarah Crisler-Ruskey, Vice-President; Lori Barnes, Secretary; Jennifer Wann, Treasurer; Rickey Jones; Susan Bryant, Stephen Cunetto, Ellen Ruffin, Joyce Shaw, Antoinette Giamalva, and Patsy Brewer.

Others Present: Tina Harry, Jennifer Todd, Phillip Carter, Hulen Bivins, Mary Ann Peoples, Paula Bass, and Meredith Wickham.

#### Adoption of the Agenda:

**MOTION:** To adopt the agenda for the July 27, 2018, meeting of the MLA Executive Board as presented.

**Made by:** Antoinette Giamalva

**Second:** Sarah Crisler-Ruskey

**Passed unanimously.**

#### Approval of the Minutes:

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes from the May 4, 2018, MLA Executive Board meeting as presented.

**Made by:** Ellen Ruffin

**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 - \$70,098.23; CD - \$22,106.85; and PayPal - \$937.18. Jennifer also reported that funds were not budgeted for food served at Executive Board meetings; those have been recorded in Office Expenses. Also, funds were not budgeted for exhibiting at the Mississippi Municipal League or Mississippi Association of Supervisors. These expenses have been recorded in MLA Promotional Materials. Last, Jennifer reported that she will be out of the country September 22 through October 5, and any payments for conference



should be submitted prior to September 20 or they will not get paid until after she returns on October 5, 2018.

President: Sarah Mangrum - No report.

Vice-President: Sarah Crisler-Ruskey reported that the conference schedule will be up in a couple of weeks. Hotels are also about to be released; there will be three participating hotels. Congressman Gregg Harper will be speaking at the conference. The Tuesday night movie will cost \$500 for the theater rental. Sarah mentioned potentially having the President's Bash at the Art Museum. Sarah also passed around designs for the conference logo, asking for the preferences of those in attendance.

Past-President: Jenniffer Stephenson – No report.

MLA Administrator: Paula Bass stated that there are currently 398 active members. She reported \$1298.00 in receivables. Paula and Jennifer Todd have been working on the registration preparation, including a format for CEU forms so that the process will be more efficient.

ALA Councilor: Ellen Ruffin reported that Dan Wood, of ALA Council, is retiring and she received an email asking if chapters would donate \$10 for a retirement gift. He worked in this capacity for over 20 years. Mr. Wood has worked very diligently on behalf of chapter relations.

**MOTION: To send a gift of \$10 on behalf of the Association as a retirement gift for Dan Wood.**

**Made by: Sarah Crisler-Ruskey      Second: Rickey Jones**  
**Passed unanimously.**

Ellen also thanked everyone for passing the recent ALA resolution.

SELA Councilor: Ashley Dees – reported that the SELA/South Carolina Joint Conference will be held in Greenville, SC from October 31 – November 2; registration is open. Ashley's report stated that SELA is looking for a partner for a joint conference in 2021. She would like the board to consider an MLA/SELA joint conference in 2021. Ashley asked that we look over the attached document and let her know of any questions or concerns. Ashley stated that she felt a joint conference would increase attendance and provide incentive for vendors.

**MOTION: To table joint conference discussion.**



**Made by: Antoinette Giamalva**  
**Passed unanimously.**

**Second: Rickey Jones**

MLC Executive Director: Hulen Bivens – Hulen reported that MLC has contributed a \$2500 Speaker Honorarium at the MLA Conference. His report detailed the total of 29 visits he has made to public library system headquarters. Hulen also reported on MLC Library Use Statistics, as well as the new catalog announcing the Continuing Education opportunities. He mentioned the IMLS Waiver process. His report also listed upcoming meetings.

### **Section Chair Reports:**

ACRL Section: Stephen Cunetto – reported that ACRL meeting was held at the Oxford Town Library. A discussion was held at the meeting to move the ACRL meeting around the state to see other academic libraries. The listserv for academic libraries has been set up.

Public Library Section: Co-Chair Antoinette Giamalva (Co-Chair Mara Polk) – reported that she has conferred with Jennifer Todd to see what can be done regarding providing links to Facebook, the Listserv, etc. on the MLA website. Antoinette explained that there was a need to have small meet-ups, but it was difficult to get away to do this.

Additionally, Antoinette also reported on the Gaming Roundtable. There will be a push for membership at the conference, as well as an all-day gaming booth at the Mississippi Comic Con.

School Library Section: Susan Bryant – No report.

Special Libraries Section: Joyce Shaw – No report.

Trustees Section: Rickey Jones – reported that he attended the ALA Annual Conference where he stated it was a very “eye-opening” experience, but overall very good. He talked to several librarians from different places. Rickey also saw opportunities to increase readership. He also talked with legislators about broadband in rural areas.

### **Roundtables and Committee Reports:**

Black Caucus RT: Mary Ann Peoples – reported that the Black Caucus RoundTable committee has selected a theme for this year’s luncheon “New Mississippi Authors – Booking Our Seat at the Table”. Mrs. Leah Hornbuckle Robinson is scheduled to speak at the luncheon. More panelist suggestions are welcomed by the committee members. Mary Ann reported that the group is working to secure donations for the silent auction in support of the Virgia Brocks-Shedd Scholarship.

Young People SRT: Ally Watkins – No report.



New Member RT: (Submitted by Jesse Pool) - Jesse stated that he attended the ALA Conference in New Orleans and attended a panel discussion for NMRT at the ALA level, where he got some ideas he would like to implement for MLA in the future, but likely not before the conference in October. An example is the mentoring service. Jesse also liked the NMRT Bingo cards which were designed to help members try to meet different kinds of librarians.

Technical Services RT: Jennifer Todd - No report.

Advocacy Committee: Jennifer Smith - No report.

Awards Committee: (Submitted by Erin Busbea) – Erin sent a listing of the awards that will be presented at the conference. She is encouraging nominations at this time. The nominations are due September 10, 2018.

Election Committee: (Submitted by Jennifer Smith) – reported the winners of the election results for MLA Officers for 2019. They are: Vice President/President-Elect – Mary Beth Applin, Secretary – Victoria Penny. A total of 104 electronic and 8 mailed ballots were cast. The winners and other nominees have been notified. The winners will be posted on the MLA Listserv as soon as they are approved by the MLA Executive Board.

**MOTION: To accept the officers elected for the Mississippi Library Association for 2019.**

**Made by: Ellen Ruffin**

**Second: Rickey Jones**

**Passed unanimously.**

Fiscal Management: Patsy Brewer - reported that the IShare account had one year of interest of \$648.66 or \$54.05 per month. The current balance is \$10,358.50. The CD value is approximately \$22,000 with \$33.00 accrued in three months. Patsy stated that we may want to take a look at these accounts and the income we receive from each.

Legislative Committee: Meredith Wickham - reported that the trip to Washington, D.C. was very effective. She stated the group was able to meet Mississippi's newest Senator, Cindy Hyde-Smith. Meredith also stated there was progress made in meeting the legislators and their staff members.

Long Range Planning: No report.

Membership Committee: No report.

Outreach Committee: Phillip Carter – reported that the outreach efforts at the Municipal League went well, as it provided an opportunity to talk to city leaders. The Supervisor's Conference was especially successful the first day with being more active with the Supervisor's present. Phillip also thanked the board for changing the rates for vendors at the upcoming



conference, as it seems to be making a difference with attracting vendors.

MS Author Awards: (Submitted by Patty Furr) – Submitted the deadline for submitting reviews of the nominees is July 21.

National Library Week: Stacy Creel - No report.

Nominating Committee: Blair Booker – No report.

Publicity Committee: Janessa Ullendorf – No report.

Scholarship Committee: Jen Culley – No report.

Web Committee: Jennifer Todd – reported that the website has been updated as requested and sent emails to listserv for job announcements. Also, Jennifer has worked with Paula to complete clearing aging receivables, as well as opened up Conference Vendor Registration on the website. ACRL Workshop Registration has also been opened up on the website. Jennifer presented the options for protecting email addresses on the website, including disabling the linked email to just show an image.

Mississippi Libraries: Tina Harry – reported that for the Fall issue, she has received two articles thus far. Tina mentioned that this is her last year as editor, but that she would be willing to continue in the position if needed.

**MOTION: To have Tina Harry finish out 2018 with the Winter issue.**

**Made by: Antoinette Giamalva                      Second: Jennifer Wann**

**Passed unanimously.**

Site Selection Committee: Patsy Brewer – Patsy submitted the seven proposals received for 2019/2021. Patsy handed out a brochure on the Westin in Jackson, one of the bidders. This site is near the Mississippi Museum of Art and they have a good chef and restaurant. After some discussion, a motion was made.

**MOTION: To execute a contract for 2019 with Westin in Jackson and possibly 2021 if close in pricing (+ or - \$1500).**

**Made by: Lori Barnes                                      Second: Antoinette Giamalva**

**Passed unanimously.**

**Old Business:**

MLA Travel Policy:

This item was tabled until the October 2018 meeting.

**MOTION: To table the proposed MLA Travel Policy until the October 2018 meeting.**



**Made by: Jennifer Wann      Second: Ellen Ruffin**  
**Passed unanimously.**

MLA T-shirts:

Jennifer Wann presented a sample with logo, a white logo on solid blue tee. Jennifer will work with a local vendor to take orders for the t-shirts that can be picked up at the conference or pay a shipping charge to receive at home. We would need to collect sales tax if we should undertake the direct selling of the t-shirts, so the direct order option was most appealing.

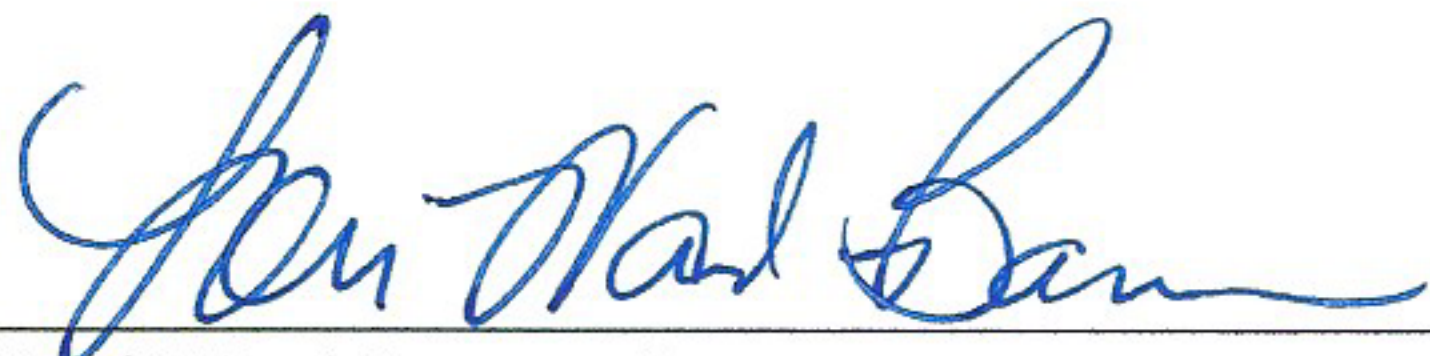
**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.**  
**Made by: Rickey Jones      Second: Ellen Ruffin**  
**Passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p. m.

*The next regular meeting of the Mississippi Library Association Executive Board is Tuesday, October 16, 2018, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the MSU Riley Center, Meridian, Mississippi.*



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Lori Ward Barnes, Secretary