

**MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD
MINUTES
December 7, 2018**

**Mississippi Library Commission
Jackson, Mississippi**

Call to Order:

The first regular meeting of the incoming 2019 Executive Board of the Mississippi Library Association was called to order by Sarah Crisler-Ruskey, President, at 12:35 p.m. on Friday, December 7, 2018, at the Mississippi Library Commission in Jackson, Mississippi.

Roll Call/Signature List of Attending Members:

Present – Sarah Crisler-Ruskey, President; Mary Beth Applin, Vice-President; Victoria Penny, Secretary, Jennifer Wann, Treasurer (via conference call); Sarah Mangrum, Immediate Past President; Ashley Dees, SELA Councilor; Patsy Brewer, Parliamentarian.

Others Present: Jennifer Todd, Terry Lajaunie, Phillip Carter, Jenniffer Stephenson, Lori Barnes, Hulen Bivins, Jesse Pool, Tina Harry, Stephen Parks, Joyce M. Shaw, Paula Bass

Approval of the Agenda:

**MOTION: To adopt the agenda for the December 7, 2018, meeting of the
2019 MLA Executive Board as presented.**

**Made by: Mary Beth Applin Second: Sarah Mangrum
Passed unanimously.**

Approval of the Minutes:

There were no minutes to approve.

MLA Officers and Staff Reports:

Secretary: Victoria Penny – No report

Treasurer: Jennifer Wann – No report

President: Sara Crisler-Ruskey –

Incoming 2019 MLA Officers –

President	Sarah Crisler-Ruskey
Vice-President	Mary Beth Applin
Secretary	Victoria Penny
Treasurer	Jennifer Wann
Past President	Sarah Mangrum
ALA Councilor	Ellen Ruffin

Vice-President: Sarah Crisler-Ruskey - Gave an overview of the 2018 MLA Conference. She stated that there were many good speakers and vendors; we had 40 vendors this year. Sarah commended Paula Bass and Jennifer Todd for their great work with registration, as well as Phillip Carter for his excellent job with vendor fees. Secretary Lori Barnes took the opportunity to formally commend Sarah and all who worked on the conference for a job well done in all areas. Sarah concluded by mentioning that we definitely need more academic library presenters at next year's conference.

Past-President: Jennifer Stephenson reported that there was a good showing at the Past Presidents' Breakfast at conference with seven in attendance. Sarah Mangrum thanked Jennifer for her welcome assistance throughout the year.

MLA Administrator: Paula Bass stated that there are currently 442 active members. Paula also reported a total of 59.8 continuing education hours received. Paula reported that the aged receivables are down to \$2563.00.

ALA Councilor: Ellen Ruffin - Submitted a report that updated the Museum and Library Services Act, which has been sent to the Senate floor. Ellen also reported on ALA advocacy efforts, as well as the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee blog, which she encourages all MLA members to take advantage. Ellen also provided a copy of the Colorado Association of Libraries press release, which dealt with a lawsuit against EBSCO brought by the Thomas More Society.

SELA Councilor: Ashley Dees - Reported the SELA Conference in Greenville, South Carolina was great. Next year, the conference will be in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and our own Melissa Dennis will be planning it. Regarding the joint conference with MLA/SELA, the first available year would be 2022.

MLC Executive Director: Hulén Bivens gave an overview of activities and issues happening at MLC in his report. He updated the group on his visits to the library systems in the state, along with a section on who at MLC attended the MLA Conference. He also reported on the new staff members at MLC, as well as the positions that each one holds. Hulén gave an update to the situation with the IMLS Waiver/Appeal. He was able to get letters of support from many elected officials, including Governor Bryant and many members of the congressional delegation.

Section Chair Reports:

ACRL Section: Stephen Cunetto - No report.

Public Library Section: Co-Chairs Antoinette Giamalva and Mara Villa Polk - It was reported that Mara Villa Polk will be the Chair for 2019.

School Library Section: Susan Bryant - A new Chair will be named in early 2019.

Special Libraries Section: Joyce Shaw - Joyce reported that the Special Libraries Section had a successful

MOTION: To approve the 3-year appointment of Tina Harry as Editor of Mississippi Libraries.

Made by: Mary Beth Applin Second: Sarah Mangrum
Passed unanimously.

Phillip Carter hopes MLA will move to electronic registration for the Vendors/Exhibits for Annual Conference. It was recommended by Sarah Mangrum and Jennifer Wann that the Conference Committee meet in late January/early February to discuss and streamline processes.

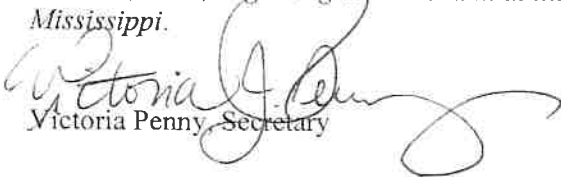
Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Made by: Sarah Mangrum Second: Ashley Dees
Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Mississippi Library Association Executive Board is Friday, March 8, 2019, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Mississippi Library Commission, Jackson, Mississippi.


Victoria Penny, Secretary