

**MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**Executive Board Minutes**  
**December 3, 2021 – First Meeting**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**  
**Mississippi**

**Call to Order:**

The December virtual meeting of the Executive Board of the Mississippi Library Association was called to order by Mara Polk, President, at 10:02 a.m. on Friday, December 3, 2021, via Zoom.

**Roll Call/Signature List of Attending Members:**

Present – Mara Polk, President; Adrienne McPhaul, Secretary, Michele Frasier-Robinson, Treasurer; Stephen Parks, Vice-President; Mary Beth Applin, Immediate Past President; Meredith Wickham, ALA Councilor.

**Others Present:** Jennifer Todd, Kimberly Cook, Tina Harry, Ryda Worthy, Blanche Sanders, Joyce Shaw, Preston Salisbury, Justin Easterday, Amanda Clay Powers, Audrey Beach, Courtney Hicks, Janessa Ullendorf, Elizabeth minter, Phillip Carter, Jenniffer Stephenson, Danielle Terrell, Paula Bass.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**MOTION:** To adopt the agenda for the first December 3, 2021 meeting of the MLA Executive Board.

**Made by:** Mary Beth Applin                      **Second:** Meredith Wickham  
Passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** To adopt the Minutes for the October 13, 2021 meeting of the MLA Executive Board.

**Made by:** Meredith Wickham                      **Second:** Mary Beth Applin  
Passed unanimously.

**MLA Officers and Staff Reports:**

Secretary:     Adrienne McPhaul – No report.

Treasurer:     Michele Frasier-Robinson – Ending November, both bank accounts are totaling \$73,772 dollars. Should be getting money for Terry's scholarship soon. (Report attached).

President:     Mara Polk – Said it was an honor and privilege to serve. Thanked everyone for their service and support. Expressed excitement about Stephen's term as president and will be here to support his initiatives. Thanked outgoing board.

Vice-President: Stephen Parks – Thanked those who helped with conference. 362 conference registrants. 150 members. 6 sponsors, 10 vendors. Quite a few non-members at the conference.

Immediate Past President: Mary Beth Applin - No report

MLA Administrator: Paula Bass – Membership increased to 819. 365 active members. 427 lapsed members. 9 pending renewals. 25 CEU applications for conference. Completed those and they have been mailed out. Majority of attendees have received CEU certificates. Gave thanks to MLC for help with processing CEUs. Birthdays: Jessie Pool, Janessa Ullendorf, Terry Lajuanie (report attached)

ALA Councilor: Meredith Wickham – Restructuring at ALA continues. Council handed off responsibility to a subcommittee. Amanda will do a fantastic job. Will miss everyone in Mississippi.

SELA Councilor: Sarah Mangrum – Not present. No report.

MLC Executive Director: Hulen Bivins – Not present. No report.

ACRL Section: Courtney Hicks – Nothing new to report. Couple of workshops this year with decent turnout. A lot of new conversations and ideas of what they are interested in moving forward. Gave thanks to Danielle for support.

Public Library Section: Katrina Castilaw – Not present. No report. Mara - Will have to be a virtual meeting to decide on new chair and co-chair.

School Library Section: Angela Mullins – Not present. No report.

Special Libraries Section: Joyce Shaw – Special libraries section sponsored several sessions at annual conference. Found keynote speaker Dean Freelon, and sponsored two lightning rounds. Ten people. Nice representation of SLIS graduates. Get them involved early to keep them in the state. Been in touch with the section members to solicit nominations. Will have positions filled for 2022. (Report attached)

Trustees Section: Rickey Jones – Not present. No report.

Advocacy Committee: Kate Dutro – Not present. No report.

Awards Committee: Kimberly Cook – Everything went good. Should have been received by winners. Would suggest new links be created next time. There were issues. For PR award, each category should have its own individual link. Needs to be more clear.

Black Caucus Roundtable: Blanche Sanders – Good session for MLA. Scholarship winner from USM in the graduate program. In the top 10 for the sessions. Pleased with the outcome. Expressed desire to meet with Stephen to see how far in advance to submit conference programs.

Election Committee: Jennifer Smith – Not present. Ryda Worthy elected as Secretary. Audrey Beach elected as Treasurer. (Report attached).

MOTION: To accept results of election for 2022 Secretary and Treasurer.

Made by: Mary Beth Applin                      Second: Stephen Parks

Passed unanimously.

Fiscal Management Committee:      Patsy C. Brewer – Not present. (Report attached)

Gaming and Graphic Novels Roundtable:      Hannah Berryhill/Jamie Stanfield/Elizabeth Minter  
– No nominations for co-chairs. Fine with continuing.

Legislative Committee:              Jenniffer Stephenson – No formal report. DFA's reservation link is locked, but here's what it says: "While we are currently in the process of re-working our Policies and Procedures, as it pertains to Covid regulations, guidelines and limitations on what will and will not be allowed on the indoors and outdoors of the MS State Capitol, we are making note of organizations that are interested in holding events/exhibits in the 1st Floor Rotunda (Sections A, B, C and D only). An organization will be allowed one section, which will include an 8 foot table and up to 2 chairs, to utilize for exhibits. Available slots will be either in the mornings from 7:30 AM until 11:30 AM or the afternoons from 1:00 PM until 4:30 PM. There will be NO FOOD ALLOWED in the Capitol."

Ad Hoc Committee on Fees: Patsy Brewer – Not present. (Report attached).

Long Range Planning:              Amanda Powers – No report.

Marketing/Public Relations: vacant –

Membership Committee:          vacant -

MS Author Awards:      Caroline Barnett – Not present. No report.

National Library Week:          Tori Hopper – Not present. No report.

New Member Roundtable:      Jesse Pool – Not present. No report.

Nominating Committee:          Tisha Zelner – Not present. No report.

Outreach Committee: vacant –

Publicity Committee: Janessa Ullendorf – No report.

Scholarship Committee:          Justin Easterday – For silent auction raised \$733.15 For GoFundMe \$1330. Will have proposal for next meeting about clarifying Peggy May scholarship.

Social Justice: vacant -

Technical Services RT: Preston Salisbury – Had a successful session. Stacy Ross and Michelle Cronquist, chairs of African American subject headings funnel project. Furthering social justice in cataloging and technical services. Good attendance. Kathy Austin in chair role next year.

Web Committee: Jennifer Todd – No report.

YPSRT: Vacant

Mississippi Libraries: Tina Harry – Fall issue published and posted. Winter issue waiting on conference recaps. Please send them. Looking forward to training a new editor.

Old Business: No old business

**New Business:** Mara - Magnolia steering committee meeting. EBSCO preparing 4 pages on what products are. Critical race theory in databases causing funding to be cut. If we were to censor these issues, we would have to censor every other issue covered by EBSCO. Need to have the language to share with our funding authorities about these issues when they ask. Table this issue.

Mara - MS Libraries editor. 3 candidates. Audrey Beach, Josh Jones, Hali Black. Discussion of candidates.

**MOTION:** Motion to accept recommendation of Hali Black as MLA editor  
**Made by:** Mary Beth Applin      **Second:** Joyce Shaw  
Passes unanimously.

Jennifer Todd - Computer for MLA office purchased in 2012. Time for an upgrade. Need Windows 11 as well. Need MS Office upgrade as well. Discussion on storage space and processor speed and memory. Discussion of moving to laptop due to possibly working remotely. Paula – says she is using her personal laptop all the time. Tabled until Jennifer presents new quote for laptop.

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.**  
**Made by:** Mary Beth Applin      **Second:** Stephen parks  
**Motion carries.**

The meeting was adjourned 10:54am.

  
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Adrienne R. McPhaul, Secretary