

Mississippi Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
December 2, 2011  
Mississippi Library Commission  
Jackson, Mississippi

Stephen Cunetto called the meeting to order at 11:21 a.m., welcoming the Board Members and thanking them for serving.

Those present: Kathy Buntin, Treasurer 601-842-3675 (Text)  
Jenniffer Stephenson, Public Library Section Chair 662-458-8138 (Text)  
Susan Sparkman, School Library Section Co-Chair 601-506-2369 (Text)  
Venetia Oglesby, School Library Section Co-Chair 662-549-2441 (Text)  
Melissa Dennis, ACRL Chair 662-832-0874 (Text)  
Deborah Lee, SELA Councilor 662-312-4782 (Text)  
Jennifer A. Smith, Past President 601-331-8389 (Text)  
Stephen Cunetto, President 662-413-3870 (Text)  
Pat Matthes, Secretary 662-574-3932 (Text)  
Lynn Shurden, Vice-President 601-573-8326 (Text)

Absent: Jeff Slagell, ALA Councilor  
Sheila Cork, Special Libraries Section Chair  
Jaclyn Lewis, Special Libraries Section Vice Chair  
Trustees Library Section Chair

The agenda was accepted with the revision of marking off 7.1-7.4 Committee Reports. Jennifer made the motion to accept the Agenda and Deborah Lee seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

President Cunetto introduced everyone.

Committee assignments will be made by February. Jennifer will send a list out in January asking for volunteers. A report will be ready for the February meeting.

Long Range Planning/Goals/Objectives:

Long Range Planning Committee needs to review the planning/goals/objectives for the Association's Long Range Plans. Discussion followed including the suggestion that a retreat might be needed to develop at 2-3 year plan. President Cunetto stated that he will find a copy of the last plan for study and revision. Hearing no objections it was decided that the Long Range Planning Committee as described in the MLA Handbook will be charged with looking at the present plan and giving a report to the Board for an updated plan.

SELA:

Deborah Lee has been the Councilor for 4 years. Mary Julia reported that this position will be on the ballot for 2013 and that Deborah Lee is on the SELA books as serving through 2012.

Social Media:

President Cunetto presented the idea of a Facebook page for MLA. He mentioned that other associations have facebook pages.

Molly reported that she has discussed this idea with Amanda Powers. She will continue this effort and bring a report to the Board.

President Cunetto said he will set up a Twitter account. Melissa recommended that we keep the branding consistent. Mary Julia stated that we are officially MsLib.

MLA Officers Reports:

Vice President Lynn Shurden will report on a theme for this year's conference to be held in Natchez in February. A discussion followed about speaker for the conference. Lynn mentioned that Evaluation Form comments mentioned that too many things were at the same time and that meetings often overlapped. She suggested that this problem might be resolved by having two sessions for the shorter programs. Sharman Smith suggested that if we bring in a well known speaker, it would be good to have a longer timeframe for the keynote speaker and also to have them do other presentations.

The MLA Conference will be held October 23-26, 2012 in Natchez, MS

Sharman Smith told the Board that she will be recommending that the Library Commission give the MLA Library Association a grant again this year. Everyone on the Board expressed appreciation for this support.

There were no reports from the Past President, the Executive Secretary, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the ALA Councilor, The SELA Councilor or from any of the Section Chairs.

There being no old business; New Business was addressed.

The calendar of meetings for 2012 was discussed and revised:

The August Meeting of the Board in Natchez has been changed to August 10, 2012.

The Board will meet in Natchez during the Conference on October 24, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.

The Board will meet in Jackson on December 6.

April 4, 2012 is Pie Day

April 23-24, 2012 is ALA Legislative Day.

National Library Week is April 8-14.

A question was asked regarding a site for 2013. Jeff Slagel is working on this.

There being no further business Jennifer made a motion to adjourn; Lynn seconded the motion. Everyone approved and the meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m

