**Mississippi Library Association**

**Executive Board Meeting**

**March 21, 2014**

**MLC**

**Jackson, MS**

President Amanda Clay Powers called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. by announcing that a sign-in sheet was going around.

Executive Board Members present:

President - Amanda Clay Powers

Vice-President – Patsy Brewer

Past-President – Lynn Shurden

Treasurer – Blair Booker

Secretary – Marsha Case

ALA Councilor – Ellen Ruffin

SELA Councilor – Melissa Dennis

Special Libraries Section Chair – Shellie Zeigler

Public Library Section Chair - Amanda McDonald

Also in attendance were Barbara Evans—Long Range Planning, Jaclyn Lewis—Public Relations Committee; Kathy Buntin—MLC; Susan Cassagne—MLC Executive Director; Joy Garretson—MLC; Jennifer Nabzdyk—MLC; Molly McManus—Millsaps; Casey Hughes—MLA bookkeeper and Barbara Price—Association Administrator.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes from the December 13, 2013 were presented with Lynn Shurden making a motion to approve the minutes. Melissa Dennis seconded and the minutes were approved.

The Treasurer’s report consisting of the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement were presented. Ellen Ruffin made the motion to approve as presented with Melissa Dennis seconding. Motion passed.

**President’s Report**: Amanda Powers stated that she had her committees in place.

**Vice-President**: Patsy Brewer reported that the conference plans were moving along. She had met with the conference center staff and caterer. Deb Mitchell is working with her on planning and hotel arrangements. Brewer passed out a handout summarizing the responses to her survey about what members wanted at the upcoming conference. Several conference-related subjects

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were discussed—VP is responsible for monitoring budget for conference, sections, roundtables, etc.; must write grant ($15,000) and evaluation. Speakers have to make their own arrangements and will be issued W-9s this year.

**Association Administrator**: Barbara Price opened a discussion about an insurance proposal from American Income Life. The company works with associations, credit unions, etc. to offer insurance to members at no cost to MLA. It was decided that the long-range planning committee would take this under consideration and possible present it at MLA in October. Price also presented a list of equipment located in the MLA office. Various items are no longer of use. Lynn Shurden made the motion that surplus equipment no longer in use be disposed of by the Association Administrator as she sees fit. Blair Booker seconded. Motion passed.

**ALA Councilor**: Ellen Ruffin presented a report from American Library Association’s Midwinter meeting held in January. She stated that there is national emphasis for support for school libraries.

**SELA Councilor**: No report.

**MLC Executive Director**: Susan Cassagne reported that 8 MLA members will be going to Washington, D.C. for National Library Legislative Day May 5-6, 2014. Deb Mitchell will be making appointments. Cassagne reminded everyone that the Mississippi agenda might not be the same as ALA’s. She also re-emphasized the importance of filing the LSTA grant and evaluation for MLA because it has to be a part of the agency’s IMLS report.

**ACRL**: Bob Wolverton was not present, but a report was presented on his behalf. The spring program will be May 21, 2014. There will also be a workshop, “Scholarly Communication: From Understanding to Engagement” July 18, 2014 at the University of Mississippi.

**Public Library**: Amanda McDonald reported that she is looking at various authors for a MLA breakfast in October.

**Trustees**: No chair.

**School**: Holly Gray was not present, but it was announced that there was to be a public hearing April 1, 2014 to discuss the proposed revisions to the process standards of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2012. Lynn Shurden stated and then made the motion that MLA needed to send a letter of support to be written by Amanda Clay Powers. Blair Booker seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Special Libraries**: Shellie Ziegler is working on a program for MLA.

**Black Caucus**: Jeanette Whisenton was not present.

**Election**: The committee will meet April 25, 2014 to “stuff” ballots for the upcoming election to be mailed.

**Legislative**: Pie Day at the Legislature went well. Plans are under way for National Library Legislative Day.

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**Long Range Planning**: Barbara Evans announced that the committee were going to meet after MLA Board meeting.

**National Library Week**: NLW is April 13-19, 2014.

**Publicity**: Jaclyn Lewis reported that she was working on a social media outreach for MLA. Also she has drafted a press release for NLW and working on a story for MPB. There was also discussion about getting some press through the local cable companies.

**Scholarship Committee**: The committee is working on getting applications. The deadline is soon.

There was no old business.

**New Business**:

**Black Caucus**: The Black Caucus had previously submitted a plan to increase BC MLA membership dues. This was tabled for further discussion.

**Membership**: working on updating membership

**Nominating**: Marsha Case presented the slate of candidates for the upcoming election for board ratification. The candidates were Secretary—Selena Swink and Lindsey Miller and Vice-President/President-Elect—Molly McManus and Jennifer Brannock. Ellen Ruffin made the motion to accept the slate as presented and Lynn Shurden seconded. Motion passed.

**Web Services**: Jennifer Nabzdyk and Molly McManus presented a proposal to purchase a subscription to an Association Management System called Wild Apricot to host MLA’s web site, membership database, membership registration and event registration. After a lengthy discussion Lynn Shurden made the motion to accept the proposal as presented and Shellie Ziegler seconded. Motion passed.

**Fiscal Management**: With the recommendation of the Fiscal Management Committee the MLA 2014 budget was passed. As part of the discussion the MLA Executive Board issued a resolution authorizing Blair Booker, MLA Treasurer, to contact Coker & Palmer Investment Securities to close MLA’s account containing $8240. Lynn Shurden made the resolution and Shellie Ziegler seconded. Resolution passed.

With no further business nor announcements Ellen Ruffin made the motion to adjourn with Lynn Shurden seconding. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha A. Case, Secretary