**Mississippi Library Association**

**Executive Board Meeting**

**May 16, 2014**

**MLC**

**Jackson, MS**

President Amanda Clay Powers called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. by announcing that a sign-in sheet was going around.

Executive Board Members present:

President - Amanda Clay Powers

Vice-President – Patsy Brewer

Treasurer – Blair Booker

Secretary – Marsha Case

ACRL Section Chair - Bob Wolverton

School Library Section Chair – Holly Gray

Special Libraries Section Chair – Shellie Zeigler

Public Library Section Chair - Amanda McDonald

Also in attendance were Susan Cassagne—MLC Executive Director; Joy Garretson—MLC; Jennifer Nabzdyk—MLC; Molly McManus—Millsaps; Marty Coleman—MSU and Barbara Price—Association Administrator.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes from the March 21, 2014 were presented with Blair Booker making a motion to approve the minutes. Shellie Zeigler seconded and the minutes were approved.

The Treasurer’s report consisting of the Balance Sheet was presented.

**President’s Report**: Amanda Powers stated she had been in contact with Beth Edwards, Branch Librarian—Winston County Library in Louisville, MS. Amanda was wondering if there was anything that MLA could do to help as part of the tornado recovery. The library itself was not affected, but was serving patrons who were. A suggestion was made to create a free library of mass marketing paperbacks and children’s books that could be taken by the patrons without needing to be returned.

Powers also reported on the association’s trip to Washington, D.C. for national Library Legislative Days. Attending along with Powers was Patsy Brewer, Susan Cassagne, Deb Mitchell, Pamela Pridgen, Glenda Segars, Toni Wright, and Celia Fisher. The group visited all

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six offices, seeing Senators Wicker and Cochran, and Representative Thompson. They also met with Representative Harper’s staff. Various items were discussed including LSTA funds, E-Rate funds and the GPO. All seemed very receptive.

The report of the Election Committee as submitted by Ruth Ann Gibson, Chair was given with the announcement of Molly McManus as the winner of the Vice President/President-elect election.

**Vice-President**: Patsy Brewer reported that the conference plans were moving along. Deb Mitchell is working with her on hotel arrangements with Hampton Inn probably being the conference hotel. Work is being done to have more poster sessions. Deadline for proposal submission has passed.

**Association Administrator**: Barbara Price announced that MLA members can join Tech Soup as individuals. She announced that she has gotten rid of the surplus equipment in the MLA office. The American Income Life is still willing to work with MLA in offering insurance to members. They will pay for printing of letters, postage, etc. At no time will the MLA membership list be given to the insurance company. The following motion was made to offer membership benefit from American Income Life insurance company subject to board approval of wording of marketing materials. Blair Booker made the motion with Holly Gray seconding. Motion passed.

**ALA Councilor**: No report.

**SELA Councilor**: No report.

**MLC Executive Director**: Susan Cassagne announced that the Legislature approved and the governor signed the bill for level funding for MLC. The MLC Board has approved a grant for MLA for the conference.

**ACRL**: Bob Wolverton stated that the spring program will be May 21, 2014 and they are planning for a fall conference program.

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

**School**: Holly Gray reported that the MS Dept. of Education has made the decision that the wording in the standards is to remain the same. Also that funding has been deleted, administrations are to give money for funding. Holly proposed that MLA create a response to demonstrate the funding level that is actually received by schools, not what schools are supposed to get. Shellie Ziegler seconded the motion, motion passed. Susan Cassagne agreed to work with Amanda Clay Powers on the timeline needed to get this information to the legislature.

**Special Libraries**: Shellie Ziegler is working with Todd Bol of Little Free Library for a program for MLA.

**Trustees**: No chair.

**Author Awards Committee**: no one present, but are currently reviewing books

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

**Election**: Ruth Ann Gibson was not present, report given by Amanda Clay Powers.

**Fiscal Management:** Lynn Shurden was not present.

**Legislative**: Deb Mitchell was not present, report given by Amanda Clay Powers.

**Long Range Planning**: Barbara Evans and Melissa Dennis, co-chairs, were not present.

**Membership**: Barbara Price had no report.

**Publicity**: Jaclyn Lewis was not present, report given by Amanda Clay Powers. Antoinette Giamalva is managing MLA’s facebook page. Jaclyn Lewis attended the Children’s Book Festival and will be talking to online classes about MLA.

**Scholarship**: Sarah Mangrum and Alissa Beck, co-chairs, were not present.

**Web Services**: Molly McManus presented a report on the activities of the Web Services Committee. It has been busy moving the MLA webpage to the association management software, Wild Apricot. Much of the static content has been moved and the membership has been imported as well. Plans are to have project completed by the end of June with the next project being the ability to have conference registration on Wild Apricot as well.

There was no old business.

**New Business**:

There was discussion about a joint membership with MTC as well as with other organizations.

The decision was made for MLA to pay membership to the national chapter on behalf of the Black Caucus. Payments to national chapters on behalf of other sections/roundtables will be considered as requested. Amanda Clay Powers made the motion and Amanda McDonald seconded. Motion passed.

Marty Coleman, MSU, agreed to work on a meeting of TSRT later this summer.

Representing the Exhibits Committee, Marty Coleman presented copies of exhibitor letter, exhibitor contract, and a list of exhibitors.

With no further business nor announcements Shellie Ziegler made the motion to adjourn with Blair Booker seconding. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha A. Case, Secretary