**Mississippi Library Association**

**Executive Board Meeting**

**August 10, 2014**

**Vicksburg, MS**

President Amanda Clay Powers called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. by announcing that a sign-in sheet was going around. There was no quorum present.

Executive Board Members present:

President - Amanda Clay Powers

Vice-President – Patsy Brewer

Treasurer – Blair Booker

Secretary – Marsha Case

SELA Councilor—Melissa Dennis

Also in attendance were Barbara Evans—Awards Committee Chair, Barbara Price—Association Administrator, Toni Wright—Public Relations Coordinator, Waynesboro-Wayne County Library System, and Deb Mitchell, Director, Warren County-Vicksburg Public Library.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes from the May 16, 2014 were presented with Blair Booker making a motion to approve the minutes. Melissa Dennis seconded and the minutes were approved.

Blair Booker, Treasurer reported that she was working on reports had left the investment fund alone as it is making money for the association.

**President’s Report**: Amanda Powers stated she had been in contact with Beth Edwards, Branch Librarian—Winston County Library in Louisville, MS who is interested in possibly setting up some little libraries around Louisville.

Powers also reported her attendance at ALA’s Chapter Leaders Forum. Some of the ideas presented were a buddy system for new association members, regional socials, value of memberships, and institution memberships. Within the ideas were resume building, practice interviews, building community between members and non-members, and defining value of membership to new members. All members felt this was worth further exploration.

**Vice-President**: Patsy Brewer reported that the conference plans were moving along. Registration is very simple, only requires about 4 steps. Exhibitors have already started registering. Attendees will able to take MLA selfies on the MLA Red Carpet. Attendees will have a choice of several different bags.

**Association Administrator**: Barbara Price gave a report on the TRST meeting held on July 20, 2014 at MLC. Officers elected were Marty Coleman, MSU—President, Mary Ann Jones, MSU—Vice-President, and Jennifer Nabsdyzk, MLC—Secretary. Price also stated that membership is 411. The ALA State of the Chapter 2014 report needs to be complete. The handbook needs to be up-to-date. Future conference site planning needs to occur. The 2015 site will be Natchez and 2016 is Vicksburg again, but no sites have been selected beyond that. The MLA Records Maintenance Policy needs to be revisited. Price also distributed a list of items in the MLA office available for decorations.

**ALA Councilor**: Not present.

**SELA Councilor**: Melissa Dennis reported that SELA is very interested in having a joint conference with MLA in the future. Net profits would be divided according to percentage of conference registrants from both organizations. The next SELA meeting is Oct. 1-3 in Augusta, Georgia.

**ACRL**: Bob Wolverton submitted a report stating that Ann C. Riley will present a program at MLA.

**Public Library**: Not present.

**School**: Not present.

**Special Libraries**: Not present.

**Trustees**: No chair.

**Author Awards Committee**: No one present.

**Awards Committee:** Barbara Evans reported that her committee was to meet to select the winners in the near future.

**Black Caucus**: Not present.

**Election**: Ruth Ann Gibson was not present, report given by Amanda Clay Powers that Selena Swink**—**Central Mississippi Regional Library System will be the new Secretary.

**Fiscal Management:** Not present.

**Legislative**: No report.

**Long Range Planning**: Barbara Evans and Melissa Dennis, co-chairs, discussed the need for an updated handbook.

**Membership**: Barbara Price reportedly previously that there are now 411 members.

**Publicity**: Jaclyn Lewis was not present, report given by Amanda Clay Powers, stating that they wanted more info about library happenings. Jaclyn Lewis will coordinate who takes pictures at MLA. She has presented a Powerpoint presentation to a USM class.

**Scholarship**: Not present.

**Web Services**: Not present.

There was no old business nor new business with the meeting being adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha A. Case, Secretary