**Mississippi Library Association**

**Executive Board Meeting**

**October 14, 2014**

**Vicksburg, MS**

President Amanda Clay Powers called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.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

SELA Councilor—Melissa Dennis

Public Library Section--Amanda McDonald

ALA Councilor--Ellen H. Ruffin

Past-President--Lynn Shurden

Also in attendance were Barbara Price—Association Administrator, Jenniffer Stephenson--Exhibits Chair, and Selena Swink--incoming MLA Secretary.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes from the August 10, 2014 meeting 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. The convention expenses to date equal $8,187.33. Booker stated that she had left the investment fund account at Coker alone as it is making money for the association. Discussion was had as to whether more money should be put in the account to increase the investment return. Fiscal management committee is to met prior to December Executive Board Meeting and will discuss the feasibility of future investments.

**President’s Report**: Amanda Powers stated she had no report, but that the ALA State of the State report was available online through the ALA website. Many thanks to Ellen Ruffin for getting it posted.

**Vice-President**: Patsy Brewer reported that the conference was underway with 402 registered to date. Wednesday and Thursday will be the largest days. Author Awards Banquet has the largest registration with 160. Exhibitors are renting equipment.

**Past-President**: Lynn Shurden will work with Blair Booker in setting up a Fiscal Management Committee meeting.

**Association Administrator**: Barbara Price stated that there are currently 467 members. She is working on MLA material to be turned over to the USM Archives for archival storage. Currently there are 50 boxed of unprocessed material. Discussion covered the possibility of an intern from the SLIS program who might be able to inventory contents and then a recommendation could be as to final outcome. Price is to report back in December.

**ALA Councilor**: Ellen Ruffin further discussed the ALA State of the State report..

**SELA Councilor**: Melissa Dennis reported that SELA is still very interested in having a joint conference with MLA in the future. The SELA meeting was in Augusta, Georgia. The next meeting will be in conjunction with the Alabama Library Association meeting in Point Clear from April 7-10.

**ACRL**: Not present.

**Public Library**: Amanda McDonald reported that Laurie Parker would be the featured speaker at the breakfast on Thursday.

**School**: Not present.

**Special Libraries**: Not present.

**Trustees**: No chair.

**Author Awards Committee**: Not present.

**Awards Committee:** Not present.

**Black Caucus**: Not present.

**Election**: Not present.

**Fiscal Management:** Lynn Shurden reported that there will be a meeting in December.

**Legislative**: No report.

**Long Range Planning**: Melissa Dennis reported that there would be a meeting during conference.

**Membership**: Barbara Price reported previously that there are 467 members.

**Publicity**: Jaclyn Lewis was not present, report given by Amanda Clay Powers, stating that the committee feels that there could be significant revision of the roles of the Publicity Committee.

**Scholarship**: Not present.

**Web Services**: Not present.

**Exhibits**: Jenniffer Stephenson reported that 35 vendors signed up and paid for their spaces before conference. She suggested that MLA consider incentives for vendors for various levels of sponsorships.

**Old Business**: The survey of School Librarians concerning funding for materials hasn't occurred yet. Roundtables and Sections can request funding for ALA memberships. Lynn Shurden made the motion with Patsy Brewer seconding that MLA will pay for Roundtable/Section memberships in ALA if requested by the individual group. Motion passed. It is already known that Black Caucus wants membership in national group. Regional meetings will be furthered discussed by the Long Range Planning committee.

**New Business**: There is a product, Engage/CapWiz, that can be used for lobbying. The Legislative Committee will further investigate this.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha A. Case, Secretary