

MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Minutes
December 6, 2019

Mississippi Library Commission
Jackson, Mississippi

Call to Order:

The December meeting of the 2019 Executive Board of the Mississippi Library Association was called to order by Sarah Crisler-Ruskey, President, at 11:06 a.m. on Friday, December 6, 2019, at the Mississippi Library Commission in Jackson, Mississippi.

Roll Call/Signature List of Attending Members:

Present – Sarah Crisler-Ruskey, President; Mary Beth Applin, Vice-President; Victoria Penny, Secretary; Jennifer Wann, Treasurer; Patsy Brewer, Parliamentarian; Ashley S. Dees; SELA Councilor; Stephen Parks; Jeannette Whisenton.

Others Present: Phillip Carter, Angela Mullins, Mac Buntin, Lori Barnes, Tonja Johnson, Tamara Blackwell, Jennifer Todd, Paula Bass.

Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION: To adopt the agenda for the December 6, 2019, meeting of the MLA Executive Board with one additional item under New Business.
Made by: Jennifer Wann Second: Ashley Dees
Passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes:

MOTION: To adopt the minutes for the October 22, 2019, meeting of the MLA Executive Board as sent out via email.
Made by: Mary Beth Applin Second: Jennifer Wann
Passed unanimously.

Approval of the MLA Membership Business Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: To adopt the minutes for the October 23, 2019, meeting of the MLA Membership Business Meeting as sent out via email.
Made by: Jennifer Wann Second: Mary Beth Applin
Passed unanimously.

MLA Officers and Staff Reports:

Secretary: Victoria Penny – No report

Treasurer: Jennifer Wann presented the Treasurer's Report. Overall income is \$74,088, and expenses are \$70,848. The organization's expenses will not exceed the income at the close of 2019. She commended the Silent Auction and Scholarship Bash for the money that was raised this year.

President: Sarah Crisler-Ruskey reported that she is still working on planning a one-day regional training conference on the Gulf Coast. She will bring more information at the next meeting and hopes to use this event to get more library staff involved in MLA

Vice-President: Mary Beth Applin gave the 2019 Annual Conference summary. Total expected conference income is \$48,588. This year's attendance was 392. There was a great turnout for pre-conference, and feedback on the presenter was excellent. We had good sponsor and vendor participation this year as well.

Past-President: Sarah Mangrum – No report

MLA Administrator: Paula Bass reported that there are currently 619 members in the database. 441 of these are active. She has processed the CEUs and turned them in to MLC, who will mail the certificates.

ALA Councilor: Ellen Ruffin – No report

SELA Councilor: Ashley Dees reported SELA Joint Conference in Arkansas had 34 SELA members attending, and 11 programs were presented by SELA members.

MLC Executive Director: Hulen Bivens – No report

Section Chair Reports:

ACRL Section: Kristy Bariola – No report

Public Library Section: They have held elections for 2020. Phillip Carter is incoming Chair, and Katrina Castilaw will serve as Vice Chair/Rising Chair.

School Library Section: Angela Mullins, incoming School Library Section Chair for 2020, presented a proposal to the Executive Board for a section name change and revised section bylaws. The School Library section wishes to become an affiliate of AASL (American Association of School Librarians). The new name would reflect this change – MsASL (Mississippi Association of School Librarians). The section leadership believes that membership should greatly increase as a result of the change. Until now, Mississippi has been one of only 3 states who is not affiliated with AASL. The chair of the section will become a two-year position.

MOTION: To approve the change of the School Library Section to the Mississippi Association of School Librarians (MsASL) and to accept the bylaws revision with the following changes:

The Mississippi Association of School Librarians will operate under the guidelines of the Mississippi Library Association Handbook as a section that adheres to the Mississippi Library Association by-laws in order to preserve the section's status as a voting member.

**Made by: Mary Beth Applin
Passed unanimously.**

Second: Jennifer Wann

Special Libraries Section: Stephen Parks reported that they had a very good session at MLA Conference. He will stay on as chair in 2020.

Trustees Section: Rickey Jones – No report

Roundtables and Committee Reports:

Black Caucus Roundtable: Mary Ann Peoples – No report

YPSRT: Carrie-Ann Pierson – No report

New Member Roundtable: Jesse Pool – No report

Technical Services RT: Xiaojie Duan – No report

Advocacy Committee: (in transition)

Awards Committee: Erin Busbea – No report

Election Committee: Jennifer Smith – No report

Fiscal Management: Patsy Brewer reported that the Ishare account earned \$124.56, and Ishare and CD together earned \$1401.32 from January-October 31.

Legislative Committee: Meredith Wickham – Report at meeting of new 2020 Board

Long Range Planning: No report

Membership Committee: Matt Gully – No report

MS Author Awards: Caroline Barnett – No report

National Library Week: David Brown – No report

Nominating Committee: Jennifer Brannock – No report

Outreach Committee: Phillip Carter reported that he is working on recruiting a new chair.

Publicity Committee: Janessa Ullendorf – No report

Scholarship Committee: Justin Easterday and Jamie Stanfield, Co-Chairs

Web Committee: Jennifer Todd shared that the new payment system with Wild Apricot requires identification of a person's SS# to be associated with the account. The MLA Administrator will act as designee for this matter. They will send out renewal notices after the new year.

Mississippi Libraries: Tina Harry - no report

Old Business: Subcommittee report on institutional memberships - tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:

2020 Budget: Patsy Brewer presented the budget to the board. Jennifer Wann, Treasurer, reminded everyone that dues are down, and memberships need to go up. She would like academic librarians to speak to colleagues about the value of membership and hopes MLC will be able to make a greater financial commitment at next year's conference.

**MOTION: To adopt the Mississippi Library Association proposed budget for 2020.
Made by: Jennifer Wann Second: Victoria Penny
Passed unanimously.**

New Roundtable Proposal: Mac Buntin presented a proposal for a Social Justice Roundtable. He presented a petition signed by 10 active MLA members who have also paid dues to join this roundtable. They are working on constitution and bylaws. He reported that they held a successful program at conference. 41 people attended, representing all types of libraries, and they received good feedback. The mission is to reach out to serve all people in our libraries, not just the people we *see*.

Patsy Brewer, Parliamentarian, stated that the roundtable bylaws will need to be presented to the Executive Board and approved by a vote.

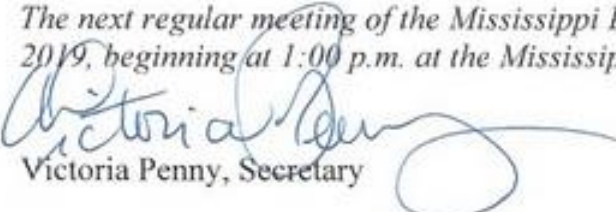
**MOTION: To accept the proposal of a new MLA Social Justice Roundtable, pending approval of bylaws by the Executive Board.
Made by: Mary Beth Applin Second: Jennifer Wann
Passed unanimously.**

MLA Tech Services Support Stipend: Jennifer Wann, Treasurer, presented a proposal to add a yearly stipend in the amount of \$500 for the person who provides MLA Technical Services and Website support. Jennifer Todd has filled this role in 2019 and will continue in 2020. Patsy Brewer, Parliamentarian, stated that this item will need to be added to the MLA Handbook.

**MOTION: To approve the payment of a yearly \$500 stipend for MLA Technical Services Support person.
Made by: Jennifer Wann Second: Ashley Dees
Passed unanimously.**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Mississippi Library Association 2020 Executive Board is Friday, December 6, 2019, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Mississippi Library Commission, Jackson, Mississippi.


Victoria Penny, Secretary