

# Minnesota Library Association Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 16, 2010

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MELSA | 1619 Dayton Avenue, Suite 320 | St. Paul, MN 55104-6276

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**Present:** Ken Behringer, Melissa Brechon, Robin Ewing, Lyndi Finifrock, Mic Golden, Kristin Mastel, Marta Mersereau, Don Regelman, Lynne Young

**Guests:** Melissa Palank (Nonprofit Solutions)

**Absent:** Nick Dimassis, Kathleen James (excused)

1. **Call to Order** – Ewing called the meeting to order at 10:02 am
2. **Adoption of Agenda** – Addition of 7.3. **Ken Behringer moved to adopt the agenda as revised; Melissa Brechon seconded – Motion passed**
3. **Approval of March 19, 2010 Minutes** – **Don Regelman moved to accept the minutes as revised; Mic Golden seconded – Motion passed**
4. **Financial Report**
  - 4.1 **Monthly Reports** - The March financial reports were distributed to the board at the meeting for review. Golden provided a verbal overview of the reports. The board had additional discussion. **Don Regelman moved to accept the monthly financials; Melissa Brechon seconded – Motion passed**
5. **Update on Activities**
  - 5.1 **Legislative Auditors Report (All)** – The Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor released the Public Library evaluation report to the House Cultural and Outdoor Resources Finance Division on Monday, March 22, 2010. Ewing started the conversation by asking what the outcome of this discussion should be. The board had additional discussion on this topic and suggested James and/or Ewing send a letter to the Legislative Committee, PLD, and other interested subunits/divisions requesting they put together a process to develop a recommendation on a response to the report. We would also like to invite Elaine Keefe to attend the May meeting to discuss her viewpoint on this report.
6. **Reports**
  - 6.1 **State Library Advisory Council Meeting (Ewing)** – Ewing is the MLA representative to the State Library Advisory Council, which met on April 8. Ewing provided a recap of the meeting to the board. This council will be meeting again in June.
  - 6.2 **Membership Committee Report (Palank)** – The membership committee met on March 25 and discussed a wide variety of topics, including changes to bylaws, administrative procedures, and membership benefits. The Committee also had a discussion regarding the board decision on access to Conference materials and requested that this be reconsidered and strongly recommends that access to materials from Conference and other events should be available only to members and paid attendees at the Conference or event for a period of 6 months from the event. The board had additional discussion regarding this request and while they appreciate the work of the committee, they disagree and will hold to their original decision for this year. **Ken Behringer moves to decline this request for this year and will revisit it next year; Melissa Brechon seconded – Motion passed.**

- 6.3 ALA Councilor Report (Brechon) – Brechon provided a report on her activities as the ALA Councilor. She discussed the Texas Library Association Resolution on State Curriculum Standards, as well as the Prime Time for Reading event and Sen. Harkin’s statement on the value of libraries in honor of National Library Week. The board discussed writing a letter of support and Brechon will research the possibility of this.

## 7. Discussion Items

- 7.1 ALA Advocacy Day Donation (Brechon) – In order to raise awareness on library issues, ALA will host Library Advocacy Day on June 29, 2010 in Washington D.C. ALA is asking if MLA will consider a donation to this event. **Melissa Brechon moved to donate \$300 to ALA in support of Library Advocacy Day, with the provision she will present a report on this event at the July or August board meeting; Ken Behringer seconded – Motion passed.**
- 7.2 2011 ALA Emerging Leaders Sponsorship (Finifrock) – Finifrock provided the board with an update on the 2011 ALA Emerging Leaders Sponsorship and asked the board who should coordinate this project going forward. The board had additional discussion and Finifrock said she would write the copy for an eBlast to members regarding the sponsorship and will send the intent to sponsor form to ALA.
- 7.3 MN Multicounty Multitype Systems – Futures Initiative (Ewing) – An invitation to participate in a joint conversation regarding Futures Initiative was sent to MLA on April 15. We were asked to appoint two individuals to participate in the Futures Initiative conversation on May 12 at the Miller Center at St. Cloud State University from 9am – 4pm. Don Regelman and Ken Behringer will represent MLA at this meeting.

## 8. Other Agenda Items – None

9. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 11:44 am. **Mic Golden moved to adjourn the meeting; Ken Behringer seconded – Motion passed**

Next meeting: Friday, May 21, 10:00 am – 12:00pm at MELSA