

Minnesota Library Association Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 18, 2010
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The Crowne Plaza St. Paul Riverfront Hotel | 11 E. Kellogg Blvd., 22nd Floor | St. Paul, MN 55101

Present: Ken Behringer, Melissa Brechon, Nick Dimassis, Robin Ewing, Lyndi Finifrock, Mic Golden, Kathleen James, Kristin Mastel, Michele McGraw, Don Regelman

Guests: Melissa Palank (Nonprofit Solutions), Michael Scott

Absent: Lynne Young (excused)

1. **Call to Order** – James called the meeting to order at 10:02 am
2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Michael Scott, Legislative Chair-Elect was present at the meeting
3. **Adoption of Agenda** – Addition of 9.5. **Regelman moved to adopt the agenda as revised; Behringer seconded – Motion passed**
4. **Approval of May 21, 2010 Minutes** – Brechon moved to accept the minutes; Regelman seconded – Motion passed
5. **Financial Report**
 - 5.1. **Monthly Reports** - The May financial reports were distributed to the board prior to the meeting for review. Golden provided a verbal overview of the reports. The board had additional discussion. **Ewing moved to accept the monthly financials; Regelman seconded – Motion passed**

6. **Update on Activities** – None at this time

7. **Action Items**

7.1. **MLA-MEMO Legislative Steering Committee (Dimassis)** – Dimassis gave the board an update on the MLA-MEMO Legislative Steering Committee Meeting which occurred on May 27. The committee discussed the evaluation, renewal, and payment schedule of the Capitol Hill Associates contract; reviewed the Letter of Agreement between MLA and MEMO, discussed the OLA Report on Libraries, provided details on the Legislative Forum, and talked about the structure of the Legislative Committee.

7.1.1. **Lobbyist Contract** – The contract with Capitol Hill Associates was distributed to the board prior to the meeting and the board had a discussion regarding the standard increases and any changes they wanted to make. Dimassis will contact Capitol Hill Associates to request the addition of language regarding the loss of funding and ability to renegotiate. Palank mentioned the Legislative Committee should present an agreement to MEMO, SELCO, and the Multitypes regarding their arrangement to pay for part of the Capitol Hill Associates contract.

MLA – MEMO Agreement – Dimassis reported on the discussion regarding the MLA-MEMO Agreement from the MLA-MEMO Legislative Steering Committee Meeting on May 27. The committee is still working on it and will present a draft at the next board meeting. James also mentioned the issues brought up recently with proxy voting and the committee will consider adding this to the agreement. Proxy voting will keep the committee small, but allow the organizations to have a vote.

- 7.2. 2011-12 MLA Conference Site Selection (Brechon) – The board received three RFPs (Mankato, Duluth, and Sheraton – Bloomington) prior to the meeting and one from the Crowne Plaza the morning of the meeting. Brechon would like to have a location plan for the next 3-5 years – the past few years the conference has been circulating around the state. The board had additional discussion around the pros and cons of each location.

Brechon moved to hold the 2011 Annual Conference at the DECC (Duluth) during the beginning of October; Golden seconded – motion passed.

Brechon moved to host the 2012 Annual Conference in the Metro Area; Behringer seconded – motion passed.

8. Reports

- 8.1. ALA Councilor Report (Brechon) – Brechon provided a report on her activities as the ALA Councilor. She will be in Washington D.C. June 24-29 for the annual conference and is planning on spending some time touring a few of the newer public libraries prior to the start of the meeting. Brechon also mentioned it will be her last meeting as ALA Councilor.
- 8.2. Annual Conference Report (Brechon) – The Annual Conference committees have been busy and hard at work. They are putting together over 60 programs, setting the price for conference, determining menus, arranging tours, and creating marketing materials.
- 8.3. State Library Advisory Council Report (Ewing) – Ewing reported on the State Library Advisory Council which met on June 10 at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. Representative Mary Murphy was the keynote speaker and the council decided that in the absence of a state librarian, it was a good opportunity for the members to speak to Rep. Murphy about the council (which the council has found out from prior meetings with Legislative Officials, they do not know about). Rep. Murphy was interested in the council and asked several questions about the workings and history of the council.
- 8.4. Legislative Chair Report (Dimassis) – Dimassis provided information on the Post Legislative Session Recap and Legislative Forum. The board had additional discussion.
- 8.4.1. Post Legislative Session Recap – Elaine Keefe from Capitol Hill Associates sent out the post legislative session recap to the legislative listserve. Dimassis asked if the board had any questions or additional items to discuss.
- 8.4.2. Legislative Forum Updates – Scott informed the board the Legislative Forum would be held on July 20 at the St. Cloud Public Library. He mentioned some of the agenda items would be continuation of Legacy funding, potential impact of the Office of the Legislative Auditor's report on public libraries, and discussion regarding funding shifts and potential budget deficits.

9. Discussion Items

- 9.1. ARLD Innovator's Award (Mastel) – Mastel reminded the board during the budgeting process, she discussed switching the Academic Librarian Award with the ARLD Innovator's Award. They are not receiving as many nominations for the Academic Librarian Award during the summer, which is why they will not be presenting an award during the Annual Conference. They also put together new criteria for this award which will be given out at ARLD Day. Mastel asked if the board had any objections, which they did not.
- 9.2. ALA Legislative Day (Brechon) – The schedule for the June 29 Library Advocacy Day was distributed to the board prior to the meeting. Brechon reviewed the schedule, provided the names of members who will be attending, and answered questions from the board regarding

this event.

- 9.3. 2011 Board of Director Nominations Slate (James) – The MLA board received the 2011 Board of Directors Nominations Slate from the Nominations Committee, which James distributed. The following have been nominated and will be presented to the MLA membership by the end of June: Vice President/President-Elect – Carla Dewey Urban, *Minitex*; Secretary – Jenny Jepsen, *Martin County Library* and Mary Huisman, *University of MN*; Intellectual Freedom Chair – Kirsten Clark, *University of MN* and Erica Rux, *Concordia College – Moorhead*; ALA Chapter Councilor – Patricia Post, *CMLE* and Ben Trapskin, *Anoka County Library*; and Legislative Committee Chair – Robert Boese, *retired (former director of East Central Regional Library)*.
- 9.4. Rolling Membership (James and Palank) – James informed the board the membership committee needs to start putting together a plan and materials regarding changing our membership terms from annual to rolling (expiring December 31 vs. expiring 1 year from the date of your renewal). Palank reviewed the details of rolling membership with the board. She and James will work with the membership committee on a proposal for the board to approve by August.
- 9.5. Arboretum Update (Ewing) – Ewing received a call from Sylvia at the MN Landscape Arboretum regarding a promotion they are offering through the end of December for 20% meeting and event packages. She mentioned this may be a good location for other subunit meetings or library events. For more information, contact the MLA office.

10. Pending Agenda Items

- 10.1. Conference Policy Updates – Brechon will provide her updates to the conference policies at the July board meeting. Meeting w/ Pat Smith from TX Lib Assoc.
- 10.2. Twin Cities RFPs for 2012 – The MLA office will issue RFPs for metro area locations to be presented at a future board meeting.
- 10.3. Capitol Hill – Lobbyist Contract – Dimassis will provide an updated contract to the board for review at the July board meeting.

11. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 11:47 am. **Golden moved to adjourn the meeting; Ewing seconded – Motion passed**

Next meeting: Friday, July 16, 10:00am – 12:00pm at MELSA – St. Paul