

 **Executive Board Meeting**

**Friday, December 9, 2022**

**10am – 12pm**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

Attending: Noelle Boc (Personnel Issues), Joanne Lamothe (Past President), Meena Jain (Program Planners), Bernadette Rivard (Treasurer), Tina McAndrew (Secretary), Kristen Collins (Association Manager), Jocelyn Tavares (PR), Andrea Puglisi (LITS), Will Adamczyk (Legislative), Krista McLeod (NELA), Kim Hewitt (President), Michelle Filleul (Vice President), James Lonergan (MBLC), Andrea Fiorillo (IF/SRC), Laurie Lessner (Conference), Pam McCuen (Jordan Miller), Sarah Breen (Assistant Treasurer), Felicia O’Keefe (YSS), Ellen MJ Keane (Conference), Kelly Linehan, Anna Mickelsen (RA), Jen McGeorge, Susan Caufield(IF/SRC)

**Call to order** at 10:01am

**Motion to approve** the minutes of the October 14, 2022 meeting made by Noelle Boc and seconded by Michelle Filleul. All in favor.

**President’s Report** –Kim Hewitt

* Rebecca left MLA and Kristen Collins is taking over the role of Association Manager as interim until June 30, 2023 as well as maintaining her position as Conference Manager; the Administrative Committee will be working to meld these two roles together going forward

**Treasurer’s Report** – Bernadette Rivard

* Sarah Breen and Bernadette continue to meet to transition Sarah into taking over as Treasurer July 1, 2023
* Annual awards to Jordan Miller and NELA will be dispersed
* FY24 budget draft will be available soon; still tweaking some things and may end up being an email vote for approval

**Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report** made by Noelle Boc and seconded by Michelle Filleul. All in favor.

**Association Manager’s Report**

* Kim reported that Rebecca worked on transition materials and a responsibilities list before she left to aid Kristen in the move to interim Association Manager
* Kristen is now monitoring the email and phone messages

**Conference Update**

* Kristen discussed the increase in food and beverage which Ellen explained will necessitate an increase for meals at conference; $10 for each attendee and $10 for each exhibitor

**Motion to approve increase in cost of meals at annual conference** made by Michelle Filleul and seconded by Wil Adamczyk

**Committee Reports**

* Legislative Committee – Wil Adamczyk

The first in person Library Legislative Day since 2017 will be on March 15, 2023. Plans are underway to plan for buses to carpool people to the State House. Registration is now live, including for virtual attendance as well. Representative Balser will be presenting his new eBook bill to modernize library access to digital audiobooks and electronic books

* **Joanne made a motion to amend the approval to increase the cost of meal at the annual conference** to include a $20 increase for two day registration for regular categories, seconded by Michelle Filleul. All in favor.

**Update**

* **MBLC** – James Lonergan

MA Broadband Institute will provide outreach to the entire Library community

* **NELA** – Kelly Linehan

Von Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, VT on April 24th - 27th

* **Jordan Miller**– Pam McCuen
1. applications were received; the award is being given to Aldridge in Vermont, a high need community
* **IF/SRC**– Andrea Fiorillo

Presented at NELA regarding uncurated content in HOOPLA; Senator Lewis Jason facing harassment and challenges; Representative Sabadosa giving support against harassment and challenges; Andrea and Wil are meeting to see how MSLA, MLS, and MBLC will collaborate around challenge support and how to stay safe digitally

* **NELA**–Kim Hewitt

Discussion of the NELLS program through which each state association helps to fund 5 mid-career Tier 2 leadership program, this year it is being held April 24-27, 2023

Krista reported that in the past, when NELLS was founded in 2003, each state association gave money; when in 2010 MLA could not afford, monies were requested from the MBLC; Massachusetts gave a greater contribution and were given a few more slots than the other states for participants

In 2021 Krista stepped down, NELLS lost its facilitator, and many changes began occurring; Kim explained when she attended new librarians could learn from older but now the three tiers isolate each attendee at which level of career they currently are so there is no way to mingle and learn, no way to receive mentorship or gain experience;

Vote to approve funding will be postponed until James can speak to Rob Favini and discuss challenges

Wil mentioned that with the large director turnover in MA that 5 attendees is not sufficient, Krista seconded the idea that there is a huge need for mentorship; Andrea also volunteered that MLS is offering programs on leadership

**Old Business**

Andrea F. will share data points that librarians can use

Motion to adjourn at 10:50am made by Ellen MJ Keane and seconded by Bernadette Rivard

\*Next meeting: Friday, February 10, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Tina McAndrew

Secretary