

## **MLA Technical Services Section - Meeting September 11, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 am by Chairperson Meredith Crosby.

In attendance were Meredith Crosby, Danielle Savin, Heather Edmonds and Jill Blair. Absent were Lois Bacon and Nick Szydowski.

A motion was placed by Heather Edmonds to approve the previous meeting minutes. It was seconded by Danielle Savin. Minutes voted on and approved.

### **MLA Eboard Notes**

- Meeting was held on August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Membership numbers are as follows:
  - 949 MLA members
  - 669 active
  - 443 overdue for renewal
  - 253 lapsed

Focus is to have the members that are overdue renew their membership.

- A representative from the MLA will attend the Small Library Program held in western MA on September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- An idea to generate additional revenue was explored - Better World Books, a company that recycles discarded books, would partner with participating libraries and share proceeds with MLA.
- Any future TSS conference programs posted on the MLA website will be password protected for members only.

### **Vice Chair**

- The theme for the conference this year is Expedition Library: Let's go!
- Program proposal forms are due September 27. Please give completed form to Danielle by September 20<sup>th</sup>. The conference committee will meet in October to approve the proposals. Planning/Speaker forms are due in mid-October.

- Intellectual Freedom may be considered for a pre-conference day topic. Otherwise, if there are enough program speakers, the pre-conference day may turn into a third day of conferences.
- Program ideas from several committees include:
  - So you want to be a library director?
  - Teen Program put on by Youth Services Committee
  - Technology Playground
  - Race to the top – fostering childhood learning
  - Intergenerational program

### **2014 Conference Program Ideas - TSS**

*Collection Development* – Meredith

Panel of experts – mix of large and small libraries – asked specific questions

*Accidental Archivist* – Heather

Speakers with different perspectives – libraries that have/have not received grants

*Mobile Apps* – Danielle

Possible panel discussion – Apps created by librarians – how to download and use apps

*Digitized Collection* – Nick

Further communication between committee members will continue through email.  
The next meeting is TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Blair  
Secretary