



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 9th, 2020 at 1:45pm

Conducted via ZOOM

Attending: Nora Blake (President), Esme Green (Past President/ALA Chapter Councillor), Will Adamczyk, Joanne Lamothe (Vice President), Noelle Boc (Secretary), Bernadette Rivard (Treasurer) Rebecca Beckley (Association Manager), Marissa Antosh (YSS), Jennifer Harris (Legislative), Michelle Filleul (Conference), Krista McLeod (NELA), Callan Bignoli (Library Information Technologies), Pam Aghababian (Readers Advisory), Kristen Collins (Conference Director), Maura Deedy (MBLC), Kim Hewitt (Leadership & Management/Conference), Laurie Lessner (Membership), Andrea Fiorillo (IF/SRC), Ellen Keane (Conference), Andrea Puglisi (PR), Pam McCuen (Jordan Miller), Aimie Westphal (Archives), Jennifer Varney (MSLA), Sarah Breen (RUSS), Sarah Sullivan, Kat Lewin (YSS), James Lonergan (MBLC), Sarah Sogigian (MLS), Jocelyn Tavares (PR)

Call to Order at 1:45pm

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2020 Executive Board meeting is made by Joanne Lamothe and seconded by Esme Green. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report—Bernadette Rivard

June isn't quite closed out yet, but we're almost there. We have over \$17,000 in the account. We had received the PPP loan and will now apply for forgiveness for it. It will be a tough fiscal year and we will likely need to transfer more funding. The board will be updated when the year has been closed out.

Conference Committee Report - Michelle Filleul, Ellen Keane, Kim Hewitt and Kristen Collins

The committee has met about how to move forward with the programs that had been left hanging from the cancelled conference. New program proposals will still be requested, maybe in the fall. Looking at options for virtual, hybrid, or in person for the conference for next spring and Kristen is working with the hotel on the Cape to define what their protocols are. Decisions will be made on what is best, but we are assuming everything will go forward in some capacity. The committee will be meeting again on July 24th at 10am. New representatives for conference should reach out to the co-chairs to get put on the email list.

Note: Nora will be reaching out in general to everyone to help with bolstering up committees and sections

Updates

- **MBLC**--James Lonergan
 - State budget is month to month right now; MBLC has been advised to not spend any discretionary funds at this time.
 - Construction bond bill right now is stuck at \$115 mil
 - MBLC will be partnering with ALA on a couple of programs
- **MLS**--Sarah Sogigian
 - In regards to delivery: ILL will be coming sooner than later, depending on your network. It will still take a few weeks to get delivery running back to 100%. Most of the public libraries are getting delivery right now; schools are closed so they aren't.

- Virtual Town Hall is up on their resource guide
- Strategic plan is still in the works
- **NELA**—Krista McLeod
 - hoping NELLs will be back next year
 - NELA conference will be all virtual. The conference will be going on for about 10 weeks, with half day events. It is free for NELA members. Starts in August. When you register, you are registering for the entire conference and will get updates about the events as they go.
- **MSLA**--Jennifer Varney
 - Focused on what will happen to school in the fall and how to support members.
 - Don't know what their conference will look like next year.
 - Many members are looking at how to deliver anti-racist content to their communities

Old Business

- Strategic Plan—Nora Blake
 - A survey is being built to provide feedback from both members and nonmembers to be able to really pinpoint areas of need. Cindy Roach has been consulting with us to help develop the survey. Goal is to have feedback done in September and a draft of the plan will be ready for more feedback for the December meeting.

New Business

- Will there be any changes to membership dues or conference fees? We don't know yet while we are still closing out this year's budget. We can talk about again in September.
- PR committee can remind members that that you get a joint membership with NELA with your membership. You can also upgrade your current membership to include NELA. The NELA membership stays with the MLA membership date.
- A statement regarding the Woburn Public Library's situation is being worked on and should be ready in a couple of days.
- YSS has a new board: Kat Lewin is the new Chair, Katrina Ireland will be the Conference rep, and the new Secretary is Audrey Snowden. Marissa Antosh will be past Chair.

Motion to Adjourn by Bernadette Rivard at 2:41pm

Respectfully submitted,

Noelle Boc
MLA Secretary