



## **MLA Transition Meeting**

**Friday, June 10, 2022**

10am - 12pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attending: Joanne Lamothe (President), Noelle Boc (Secretary), Kim Hewitt (Vice President), Rebecca Beckley (Association Manager), Nora Blake (Past President), Sarah Breen, Ellen Rainville (Bylaws), Tina McAndrew, Michelle Filleul (Conference), Jocelyn Tavares (PR), Desiree Zicko (Paralibrarians), Laurie Lessner, James Lonergan (MBLC), Anna McGrath (Paralibrarians), Emelia Thibeault (Personnel), Andrea Puglisi (LITS), Jennifer Harris (Legislative), Andrea Fiorillo (IF/SRC), Susan Caulfield (IF/SRC), Will Adamczyk (Legislative), Sharon Shaloo (Mass Center for the Book), Sarah Sogigan (MLS), Maura Deedy (LAMS), Meena Jain (Program Planners)

### **PART ONE: Business Meeting**

**Call to Order** 10:05am

**Motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2022** Executive Board Meeting made by Kim Hewitt and seconded by Nora Blake. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report**-Bernadette Rivard –No report given at the meeting due to absence.

### **May 2022 Conference Review**

Still working on receivables and expenses, so nothing definitive to report right now. An email was sent out to attendees with the link to the recordings and to please review the conference sessions.

### **Updates**

- **MBLC**—James Lonergan  
State budget is now in conference committee; House and Senate are proposing different numbers for state aid. We are also hoping for a bump for Center for the Book. Ideally should have an end of June budget. New statewide databases start on July 1<sup>st</sup>; contact MBLC if you have questions.
- **MLS**—Sarah Sogigan  
Don't worry about rising fuel costs and its effect on delivery—it is locked into the contract.
- **IF/SRC**—Andrea Fiorillo
  - Introducing Susan Caulfield from Newton Free as the new co-chair.
  - Republican Secretary of State candidate Rayla Campbell is attacking schools and libraries very vocally on their LBGQTQ+ displays and is particularly focused on the book Gender Queer. IF/SRC sent out helpful links for dealing with this situation.
  - Everyone from staff through trustees need to have some preparation. MBLC has deep dive trainings on intellectual freedom for the trustees coming up next week.
  - Be aware of misinformation being circulated about particular drag queens to try and stop libraries or towns having a Drag Queen Story Time.
  - Statement will be crafted by MLA. Discussion around maybe having a statement for libraries to use if they are contacted by reporters and have it contain talking points. Advice to avoid going toe to toe about a specific title or item. Remember that us providing materials is a first amendment right.

- **Program Planners**—Meena Jain  
Donation button is on the website to donate to the fund to give scholarships to students for memberships and/or conference attendance. If you'd like to donate to it, you can click on the donate button on their page.
- **Legislative**—Will Adamczyk  
House Bill on e-books has been sent to study, which means it is dead for the year, but it hasn't been outright killed, so it can be picked back up next year. Budget situation: prepping a message to go out next week that will be for us to send to our legislators.

## Old Business

## New Business

**Future Meeting Dates**—will be posted on the calendar by Rebecca.

## **PART TWO: Transition Meeting MLA Conference & Section Chair Training**

Introductory Remarks -- Joanne Lamothe and Kim Hewitt

Outline of the day's events

Introduction of officers - explanation of roles and duties—Joanne Lamothe

- President
- Vice President/President Elect
- Past President
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Secretary

MLA Budget

- Budget timeline - submit October, discuss December, vote February

Introduction of MLA staff - explanation of roles

- Association Manager - Rebecca Beckley
- Conference Director - Kristen Collins

Important documents - overview of Google Drive—Rebecca Beckley

- By-Laws
- Section mission statements
- Strategic Plan: <https://mla.wildapricot.org/Strategic-Planning-Info>
- Calendar (including future meeting dates)
- Budget

Masslib.org website - where to find meeting info (Rebecca)

Google Drive

Contact List for Organization

Annual Calendar

Social Media Policies and Guidelines

Introduction of Committees, Sections, Liaisons & Archivist - explanation of roles and expectations

- Expectations
  - Attend Executive Board meetings - One vote per section
  - Create and submit a budget
  - Prepare reports for EBoard meetings (6 times a year)
  - Prepare an annual report for Annual Meeting (happens at Conference)
  - Hold regular section meetings/programs
  - Supply association manager with information for posting
  - Appoint a liaison for Conference Committee and ensure that person attends Conference Committee meetings
  - Appoint a liaison for Public Relations Committee and ensure that person attends PR Committee meetings
  - Prepare programs for Annual Conference
  - Maintain accurate information on Masslib.org
  - Regularly review your area of the website

Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 11:24am by Ellen Rainville and seconded by Kim Hewitt

Respectfully submitted,  
Noelle Boc

MLA Secretary