

Maryland Library Partnership

Minutes/Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 2000

6:30 p.m. Ocean City Branch Library

Attendance: (Libraries represented) Howard, Southern Maryland Regional, Frederick, Anne Arundel, Cecil, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Enoch Pratt, Carroll, Charles, Maurice Travillian

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Kozlowski.

Last year's minutes were accepted.

Linda Mielke as Chair of the Nominating Committee put forward the following slate of officers and Board members:

President, Ron Kozlowski, Anne Arundel

V. President, George Sands, Caroline

Secretary, Emily Ferren, Charles

Treasurer, Darryl Batson, Frederick

Member-at-Large, Linda Brammer, Cecil

*John Taube, Allegany

*Jean DelSordo, Dorchester

*These slots are 3-year terms ending in 2003.

It was moved by Norma Hill and seconded by Linda Brammer that the slate be accepted. The vote passed unanimously.

Maurice Travillian introduced four new projects for consideration.

The first one is the Gates Library Foundation. Maryland would be eligible for funding in 2003. A coalition of Maryland library leadership is required to implement grant funds. It is approximately one million for the state of Maryland and approximately six new computer labs. A public model of Technology Centers was given as an example. Eligibility is based on poverty levels. By consensus, the group agreed that the Maryland Library Partnership would function as the Coalition of Md. Library leadership. The group will begin functioning in that capacity in Spring 2001. The computer labs will be approved by the state library agency—the labs must be used for training the public. The criterion is population of 100,000-300,000 residents.

The second project was a major technology conference in March or April 2001. It will be held at Johns Hopkins with Cas Taylor as one of the speakers. It is by invitation only with a limit of 150 participants. Each system and regional will be able to send three people. There will be a \$25 registration fee. The Maryland Library Partnership agreed to handle the registration fees, help in planning the event, and co-sponsor the technology conference overall.

The third project is another round of digital books. One digital book would be provided for each library system. The same company now owns both the RocketBook and the SoftBook. The Maryland Library Partnership will request the grant funds. DLDS will order the equipment for each public library system.

The fourth project was in the form of a written request for Bibliostat. Carroll County will handle the grant funds on this project.

It was decided that an assessment fee was not done last year. The treasurer will send out bills to each member agency of the Maryland Library Partnership at the rate of \$10 per agency.

The Maryland Library Partnership now has a new logo in yellow and red. The letterhead will be used to send out correspondence from the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Ferren, Secretary