

**The Maryland Partnership
Annual Meeting
October 5, 2005**

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by president George Sands at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Darrell Batson, Deborah Bennett, Denise Davis, Emily Ferren, Marion Francis, Micki Freeny, Gail Griffith, Dolores Maminski, Irene Padilla, Beth Pelle, Chuck Powers, Scott Reinhart, George Sands, Mark Thomas, Lynn Wheeler

Minutes

Minutes of 10/13/04 annual meeting were approved.

Financial Report

Darrell Batson and Beth Pelle presented the financial report.

Partnership Fund checking account balance as of 9/30/0 - **\$1,811.15**

Partnership expenses this year - **\$0**

Library Partnership Grants Completed 10/1/002 – 9/02/03:

• Bibliostat Software (#500942)	\$24,000
• Database Consortium (#500991)	\$26,262
• Maryland Advisory Council Strategic Plan (#500301)	\$25,076
• MLA Training(#501676)	\$15,748
• Technology Conference (#401708)	\$15,000
• TOTAL	104,086

Motion to approve financial report was made by Micki Freeny and seconded by Scott Reinhart. All approved.

The required annual audit will cost more than the amount in the treasury. In order to eliminate this problem in the future, subsequent federal/state grants will include a 4% administrative fee.

Current projects:

- Ninth House Statewide Contract
- Database Consortium
- Bibliostat

Also funds will be forthcoming to hire a speaker for the MLA Conference.

Current grants will be amended to include a 4% administrative fee.

Future Projects

Irene Padilla suggested that the Partnership form a committee to 1) determine projects to take on in the future, 2) consider a change to the dues structure, 3) look for other sources of grant funds beyond LSTA.

George agreed to consider this request and delegate responsibility to a committee. Irene expressed her willingness to help.

Irene suggested that the Partnership consider hiring a part-time executive director, similar to the Citizens for Maryland Libraries (CML) model.

In response to Marion Francis' question as to why the Partnership was formed, Chuck Powers answered that the non-profit corporation was formed in the early nineties at a time when an economic recession resulted in a very significant reduction in state revenue. There was concern that DLDS would lose its funding. The partnership was formed as a vehicle to hire staff, accept LSTA funds, offer economy of scale for projects, and act as an incubator for new projects.

Nomination and Election of Officers

George asked for nominations from the floor. Lynn Wheeler nominated Emily Ferren for president with a second from Micki Freeny. Darrell Batson nominated Denise Davis for president with a second from Marion Francis. Emily won by hand vote of the Board.

Only one candidate was nominated for each of the other board positions. All were approved by acclamation.

The FY 2005-06 Board will be:

Emily Ferren, President
Denise Davis, Vice President
Darrell Batson, Treasurer
Lynn Wheeler, Secretary
At Large Members
 Chuck Powers
 Mark Thomas
 John Taube

Darrell nominated George Sands to chair the new projects study committee. All approved by applause.

Adjourn – Deborah Bennett moved to adjourn, Micki seconded. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Submitted by Lynn Wheeler