

MAPLA Board Meeting

October 3, 2019

Mr. Blackwell called the meeting to order at 11:02 am.

Present: Jackie Adams, Skip Auld, Michael Blackwell, Debby Bennett, Elizabeth Hulett, Irene Padilla, Anita Vassallo, Sharan Marshall, Joseph Thompson, Carrie Willson, Ed Goyda, Stephanie Szymanski.

Minutes of April 11, 2019

Ms. Wilson moved to approve the Board minutes of April 11, 2019. Ms. Marshall seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Financial Report

The Financial Report was reviewed by Ms. Szymanski. Ms. Vassallo moved to approve the Financial Statement. Ms. Hulett seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Review of proposed Slate of Officers for FY 2020:

Anita Vassallo, President

Roberta Phillips, Vice President

Michael Blackwell, Immediate Past President

Jackie Adams, Previous Past President

Debby Bennett, Secretary/Treasurer

Carrie Willson, at-large member

Skip Auld, at-large member

Sharan Marshall, at-large member

Elizabeth Hulett, at-large member

The vote to approve the slate will be taken at the general membership meeting on Friday, October 4. Ms. Willson suggested adding Mr. Goyda as an at-large member. He will be incoming President in two years.

Finance committee members

Debby Bennett

Michael Blackwell

Elizabeth Hulett

Old Business

Revised FY 20 Budget

Ms. Bennett presented a proposed revised FY 20 budget that includes moving LATI luncheon funds into contingency since those luncheons will now be paid for by MSL. She also reviewed the FY 20 dues schedule which was approved last year. The next dues schedule will be based on FY 18 statistics. There was some discussion about changing the dues in the future and it was noted that the Board wants to make changes a year ahead so members can also budget ahead.

New Business

Proposed FY 21 Budget and FY 21 Dues

Ms. Bennett presented these two items and said there are no changes recommended. Everyone agreed. Both documents will be presented for approval on Friday.

Bylaws Revision

Ms. Bennett said it is time to revise the Bylaws which haven't been updated since 2015. We are now doing things differently and need to update the Bylaws to reflect those changes. One change is to replace DLDS with MSL. Ms. Bennett will let the entire membership know that we will bring a revision to the January 2020 meeting and it will be sent to the membership 10 days before the meeting. A committee will be put together and chaired by Ms. Willson. Ms. Bennett agreed to serve on the committee.

Rules of the Game

There was discussion about the Rules of the Game and it was decided to change the document to Rules of Procedure.

Rules of Procedure

Ms. Bennett brought a proposed change to the Rules of Procedure. Carroll County Public Library (CCPL) provides more than administrative assistance to MAPLA. CCPL has an entire team that serves MAPLA and Ms. Berstler has asked that the document reflect actual practice of all the work CCPL does to include administrative, financial and IT assistance. MAPLA membership will need to approve the change to engage CCPL to provide these services.

Discussion of Upcoming Legislation

Ms. Marshall reported that she and Ms. Willson both participated in the Strategic Planning meeting with Compass. Relationships will need to be cultivated with the new senior leadership in Annapolis. Ms. Willson will play a huge part in the coming year. Topics for next year's legislature session: is this the time to ask for an increase in capital grant funding and funding for SLRC, library road signage – there was discussion on how to approach this and some ways innovative ways to tackle this issue, and the new problem of MacMillan's proposed embargo on library purchase of their ebooks that will start on November 1, 2019. There was a long discussion on the ebook issue that included drafting letters to state attorney generals, legal ramifications of exclusivity of certain publishers/vendors, information received from the Rhode Island Library Association who is looking to sue MacMillan. MLA President Andrea Berstler is

working on a letter on behalf of MLA on this issue. There was discussion on possible legislation on this issue and ways to defend libraries' ability to access ebooks in the future.

Upcoming meetings

- January 16, 2020: SLRC/ newly renovated Pratt Central, Baltimore
- April ?-?, 2020 Rocky Gap
- July 2020 New Annapolis (West Street) Branch
- October ?, 2020 Ocean City
- January 2021 Montgomery County's Wheaton Branch
- July 2021 St. Mary's new Leonardtown Branch

Adjournment

Mr. Auld moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Vassallo seconded. Approval was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.