

MI-ALA Board Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2015 @ 2:00 p.m.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

Attendance: Rachel Minkin, Barbara Bolek, Paul Gallagher, David Scott, Mary Beeker, Christina Radisauskas, Stephanie Davis, Stephanie Mattson, Dawn Winans,

Absent: Sandy McCarthy, Scott Garrison,

Consent Agenda items

- I. Approval of September 4 meeting minutes
 - Christina made a motion to approve the minutes and Dawn seconded. The motion carried.
- II. Approval of agenda
 - Mary made a motion to approve the agenda and Paul seconded. The motion carried.
- III. Committee Reports
 1. Communications
 - There was no report.
 2. Executive
 3. Membership
 - There was no report.
 4. Nominating
 - There was no report.
 5. Conference (report sent separately)
- IV. Section Reports
 1. Administrative Section
 - There was no report.
 2. Collections Section
 - The Vendor Relations Interest Group was approved this month. Nothing else to report.
 3. User Experience Section
 - The User Experience Section Board held a conference call recently. They will be sending a note to Interest Groups to tell them to start thinking about conference programming. Other Board liaisons should consider contacting their Sections on this as well.
- V. Budget Report
 - No report.

Partner Reports

- VI. MCLS

Old Business

- VII. Bylaws Committee
 - The Bylaws Committee met yesterday (September 17).
 - The Committee has gone through two draft revisions.
 - They are still struggling with some definitions and structure. Should the Interest group contact person become the Chair? How much structure should the IGs have?

- The Committee will want to send a copy of what they are working on to the Procedures Committee to hammer out some issues and determine what should be in the bylaws and what should be in the procedures manual.
- The Committee wants to get a draft to the Executive Board by November 2 and come out with a revision by December.

VIII. Conference planning

- Sponsorship Levels
 - We need to determine a scale for sponsorship. The Board agreed on the following: \$1500 for platinum level, \$1,000 for gold level, 500 for silver level and \$250 for bronze level.
 - Other conferences were in that range or actually charged more. could we go higher? We decided that, as a state conference and, it being our first conference, these were the appropriate levels to start with.
 - How to recognize them for their sponsorship will be discussed further by the Conference Committee.

New Business

IX.. Committee/Section Chairs

- Should we invite to future Board meetings? How often?
 - Should we have a purpose for the invitation (such as do you have items to discuss with us or bring to the Board's attention? We don't want to make attendance mandatory, just extend the invitation.
 - We will set aside time at one upcoming meeting for Committee Chairs and another for Section Chairs.
 - Paul will draft an e-mail to contact section / committee chairs and run it by the Board first He will give out the upcoming meeting dates (through December) to the Section / Committee chairs and pick the dates where the majority can attend.
 - There will be a place made for them on the agenda of the meeting chosen for them to attend.

X. Building relationships with other established organizations

- Library associations in Michigan after task force is formed we begin 2 reach out to these groups. longer term topic. have conversations with our members about.
- Reaching out to professional librarians
 - Building relationships with associations and other professional librarians is a long-term topic, along with advocacy.
 - After the advocacy task force is created, we should begin to start reaching out to these groups.
 - We should have a broader conversation about this with members. What does advocacy really mean? Is it just about lobbying for dollars, or much more than that? This may be a topic for the Conference. The task force could be assigned the task of getting a speaker for the Conference to discuss advocacy.

XI. Strategic plan

- There was no discussion, this was tabled for now.

XII. Advocacy

- Setting up a task force for advocacy.
 - Scott's letter to MI-ALA members regarding volunteering for the advocacy task force will go out soon. It is being edited now by the Executive Committee.

Issue Bin

- **Inviting Section / Committee Chairs to Board meetings.**

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Next Board Meeting

- Friday, October 2, at 11:00 a.m.

Next Executive Committee meeting

- Wednesday, October 7, at 11:00 a.m.