

## **MiALA Board Meeting Minutes**

### **October 13, 2017 at 2:00pm**

**Attendance:** Julia Eisenstein, Paul Gallagher, Stephanie Mathson, Jill Morningstar, Jessica Sender, Gina Bolger, Tina Ulrich, Mary Kickham-Samy, Beth Martin, Heather Ladiski, Rebecca Renirie

**Absent:** Kendra Lake

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

### **Board Business Meeting:**

1. Approval of agenda - Gallagher made a motion to approve the agenda and Martin seconded. The motion carried.
2. Approval of Consent Agenda (agenda items within 2) - Mathson made a motion and Morningstar seconded. The motion carried.
  - a. Approval of September 14, 2017 board meeting minutes
  - b. Committee reports
    - i. Advocacy - see [report](#)
    - ii. Communications and Marketing - no report
    - iii. Executive - no report at this time
    - iv. Membership - see below
    - v. Nominating - no report
    - vi. Conference - no report
  - c. Section Reports
    - i. Administrative - no report
    - ii. Collection - no report
    - iii. User Experience - no report
  - d. Partner Reports
    - i. MCLS - no report
  - e. Treasurer's Report - see below

### **Old Business**

1. Any follow-up questions or discussion on Reports?
  - a. Please submit reports on time for upcoming meeting agendas.
  - b. Kendra will present a report on the Communications Committee during the November meeting.
2. Membership renewal report (Jill Morningstar and Heather Ladiski) - Joshua Sanchez, Jill Morningstar, and Heather Ladiski are continuing to work on previously outlined tasks for the membership committee and are preparing a report with a statistics overview and ideas for how to diversify and expand the membership. Board members reached out to

members whose renewals were expiring and had some success. As of October 13, 61 memberships will expire this month and eight new members have joined the organizations. These changes will bring the total membership count to around 300 members. Some people who allowed their renewals to expire mentioned that it was an issue with paying the membership fee. The board will brainstorm ideas for dealing with situations like these at another time. Board members were encouraged to reach out to current members in June when the renewal process is just beginning. Also, Gina Bolger will add a reminder for this to the new master calendar she is developing from ALAO.

3. MLA Academic Librarian Interest Group - Kickham-Samy reported that MLA started offering interest groups about a year ago and has a group specifically for academic librarians. Gallagher and Eisenstein are members of this group and reported that future collaboration could be possible.
4. Financial records review (Jill Morningstar) - The annual review will be completed by the same company as last year and has been planned for in the budget. Morningstar will take the results and recommendations and report on them to the board in a few months. Ladiski and Morningstar agree that the financial situation of the organization is in excellent shape overall.
5. [Retreat outcomes](#) - Members reported on the progress made on the goals set at the summer strategic retreat and were encouraged to sign up for more tasks as appropriate.

### **New Business**

1. Approval of the [MiALA statement in Support of School Librarians/Media Specialists](#) (Beth Martin) - Eisenstein made a motion to approve the statement and Martin seconded. The membership voted unanimously for it and the statement was approved.
2. Discussion: Is there a way for the Advocacy Committee to assist an institutional member in joining the ACRL Diversity Alliance? Could the committee defer funds to assist with application fee of \$500? (Beth Martin) - Martin met with MiALA's Advocacy Committee to brainstorm ideas for how to be involved with the ACRL Diversity Alliance. They proposed the idea of MiALA funding the \$500 fee for an institution for one year with the understanding that they would then carry on paying for the fee beginning in the second year. The board members are interested in seeing more information from the advocacy group. Martin will ask the group for a proposal to submit to the board.
3. Section/IG meeting FAQ [document](#) (Heather Ladiski) - Ladiski asked for feedback from the board on changes she has made to the Section/IG FAQ document. Eisenstein suggested changing the wording on the mini-MiALA section to make clear that this was held in the past, but is not a regular event. Renirie and Ulrich recommended adding information about webinars or other types of events so that members will know that new events/ideas are accepted. Ladiski will make these changes and post to the MiALA website in multiple places.
4. Would it work to have a set day of each month to meet like the second Thursday of each month at 2:00pm? (Gina Bolger) - Bolger will create a Doodle Poll to ascertain whether a set monthly meeting date is possible for spring semester.

5. Conference rate swap with ALAO and the development of a new inter-state partnership (Paul Gallagher) [Link to draft MOU](#) - Gallagher reported on a partnership that is being developed with ALAO (Ohio's academic library organization.) The partnership will begin with a member rate swap for the 2018 conferences (Spring for MiALA and fall for ALAO). The date was incorrect in the draft MOU and Gallagher will correct it. Pre-conferences or conference extras do not have to be part of the rate swap and can be evaluated each year. This plan could be a way to expand the attendance at both conferences. Preference will be given to each organization's members for presenting at each conference. Board member should review the MOU and be ready to approve in during the November meeting. Gallagher will continue working with ALAO and will possibly form a joint committee to address more ideas for collaboration.
6. December in person board orientation with Sandra Yee (Paul Gallagher) - Gallagher is planning a half day in person board orientation for the December 15 meeting. Board members are encouraged to send any questions for the speaker ahead of time to Gallagher.

#### **Issue Bin / Future Agenda Items**

1. Lack of IG leadership for Education/Curriculum IG

#### **The meeting was adjourned at 3:02pm.**

Eisenstein made motion to adjourn and Gallagher seconded. The motion carried.

#### **Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

- November 8 - Administration Section

#### **Next Board Meetings**

- Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 2:00pm
  - Friday, December 15, 2017 at 2:00pm
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