

MiALA Board Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2020 at 2:15pm

Attendance: Cynthia Simpson, Kate Langan, Beth Martin, Gina Bolger, Emilia Marcyk, Darlene Johnson-Bignotti, David Malone, Tim Peters, Brenna Wade, Carin Graves, Bethany Kennedy, Rachel Minkin, Heather Ladiski

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:21 p.m.

Board Business Meeting:

1. Approval of agenda - Johnson-Bignotti made a motion to approve the agenda and Malone seconded. The motion carried.
2. Approval of Consent Agenda (agenda items within 2) - Langan made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Wade seconded. The motion carried.
 - a. Approval of the [October 16, 2020](#) board meeting minutes
 - b. Committee reports
 - i. Advocacy (Emilia) - the Advocacy Committee met on September 18. They are working on ways to keep abreast of legislative issues in Michigan, gathering advocacy resources, and finding ways to collaborate with library organizations around the state.
 - ii. Communications and Marketing - Brenna
 - iii. Executive - Cynthia
 - iv. Membership (Rachel) - By the time we meet Friday, we'll have had the first MiALA Meetup. Membership is excited to see how these work! Additionally, membership is still interested in mentoring programs and scholarships. More to come on these topics as the year progresses.
 - v. Nominating - Beth
 - vi. Conference - Kate
 - vii. Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, & Accessibility - Darlene (Emilia can backup)
 - c. Partner Reports
 - i. MCLS -
 - d. Treasurer's Report - Our net income increased by about \$11,850 in October! Primarily a result of one institutional renewal coming through at the last minute (Wayne State, welcome back into the fold!), we also picked up a smattering of new individual members and individual membership renewals. We will take a little bit of a hit in November, to the tune of approximately \$4000.00 as we need to pay a cancellation fee to the 2021 conference venue.
 - e. Policies and Procedures Manual -
 - f. Interest Group Coordinating Council - See new business

New Business

1. New voting tool for board decisions between meetings - Ladiski created a form to allow the to vote on proposed motions in between meetings. The secretary will send out the link as needed and then inform the group of the outcome.
2. A charge for the Advocacy committee - The board would like the Advocacy committee to determine the most important issues to address and then work on those. Minkin will meet with the committee in the future to share their history. The MiALA website also contains information.
3. IGCC discussion of a Staff IG - Instead of developing an interest group specifically for library staff members, the IGCC members suggest they join the interest groups that are already formed. Wade will work with the IGCC to talk to members and work on ideas for how to incorporate library staff into MiALA.
4. IGCC discussion of possible rewards for chairs of IGs - The IGCC would like to award IG chairs with some kind of award. Ladiski will work on creating a certificate. Other awards could be created and given to members at the annual conference. A task force will be formed by Wade, Malone, Johnson-Bignotti, and Langan.
5. Statewide Library Ecosystem - Librarians in Michigan are working to build a statewide library ecosystem. Minkin is working on this project and will keep updating the MiALA board. Simpson will also hear about this project at the Library of Michigan quarterly meetings.
6. Seeking ways for members to connect or socialize per membership meeting - The first online members meeting was held on November 20th and members who attended expressed interest in having some online social meetings in the future.
7. Land acknowledgements - Many institutions are publicly acknowledging the previous indigenous owners of their current land through acknowledgments. Johnson-Bignotti will ask the IDEA group to include this at future annual conferences that meet in person.
 - a. [Indigenous Land Acknowledgement](#)
 - b. [Land Acknowledgement](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.

Issue Bin / Future Agenda Items

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Next Board Meetings:

The third Friday of every month at 2:15pm.

- December 18, 2020
- January 15, 2021
- February 19, 2021
- March 19, 2021

- April 16, 2021
- May 21, 2021
- June 18, 2021

Next Executive Board Meetings:

The first Friday of every month at 2:30pm.

- December 4, 2020
 - January 8, 2021
 - February 5, 2021
 - March 5, 2021
 - April 2, 2021
 - May 7, 2021
 - June 4, 2021
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