

**MiALA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 19, 2019 at 2:00pm**

**Attendance:** Paul Gallagher, Clayton Hayes, Gina Bolger, Jessica Sender, Caryn Noel, Mary Kickham-Samy, Beth Martin, Helen Look

**Absent:** Tina Ulrich, Heather Ladiski, Jen Fiero, Rebecca Renirie

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:03pm.

**Board Business Meeting:**

1. Approval of agenda - Noel made a motion to approve the agenda and Sender seconded. The motion carried.
2. Approval of Consent Agenda (agenda items within 2) - Hayes made a motion to approve the agenda and Sender seconded. The motion carried.
  - a. Approval of [February 19, 2019](#) board meeting minutes
  - b. Committee reports
    - i. Advocacy - See new business.
    - ii. Communications and Marketing -
    - iii. Executive -
    - iv. Membership -
    - v. Nominating
    - vi. Conference -
    - vii. Section Reports
    - viii. Administrative
    - ix. Collection -
    - x. User Experience -
  - c. Partner Reports
    - i. MCLS -
  - d. Treasurer's Report - Heard from Heather that we did get our savings accounts set up.
  - e. Policies and Procedures Manual -
  - f. Interest Group Coordinating Council -

**Old Business**

1. Any follow-up questions or discussion on reports?
  - a. Ladiski was able to set up the savings account and move the approved amount of funds into the new account as discussed at the February board meeting.
2. Board projects - no updates at this time.

**New Business**

1. 2019-2020 Budget Approval - Hayes will email the budget to the board members for an electronic vote.
2. Website organization - tabled until the April board meeting
3. LSTA and IAL Call to Action - A draft call to action letter was generated by ALA for MiALA to use. The Advocacy Committee will adapt the letter and send it to the board for an electronic approval.
4. COSLA Resolution - See [Resolution](#) and [FAQ](#) - Look made a motion to accept the resolution and Hayes seconded. The motion carried.
5. Annual conference discount for committee chairs and members - The annual conference discount was approved by electronic vote earlier in the month. Gallagher will communicate with Ladiski to add this information to the conference section of the policies and procedures manual for future conferences.
6. MiALA logo giveaways - Hayes presented information (below) about pricing for MiALA logo stickers and buttons to give out to conference attendees at registration. Kickham-Samy will pass this information on to the Communications and Marketing Committee so that they can order these items and have them ready for the annual conference.
  - a. <https://www.stickermule.com/>
    - i. 3"x2" vinyl sticker: \$128 for 300, \$104 for 200
    - ii. 1" round button: \$83 for 300, \$63 for 200
  - b. Pass this along to C&M Committee?

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

- MLA/MiALA Joint Committee
- Diversity Council/Committee/Task Force - This group will be called the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force.
- Scholarships and Grants
- On the Road/Environmental Scan/Listening Tour - Planning for this project will be on hold until after the membership survey is completed.
- MiALA's five-year anniversary in 2020
- Communication improvement between the board, the IGCC, committees, and interest groups

Gallagher made motion to adjourn and Sender seconded. The motion carried.  
The meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.

#### **Upcoming Important Dates:**

- March 20 - Technical Services IG meeting

- March 29 - Take Charge (Community College and Assessment IGs' co-sponsored conference at Northwestern Michigan College)
- March 29 - Library on a Dime - SEMLOL meeting at Davenport
- April 10-13 - ACRL Conference
- April 11 - Membership committee meeting

**Next Board Meetings:**

The third Tuesday of every month at 2:00pm.

- April 16, 2019
- May 21, 2019
- June 18, 2019

**Next Executive Board Meetings:**

The first Tuesday of every month at 2:00pm.

- April 2, 2019
- May 7, 2019
- June 4, 2019

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Dear Representative,

We are writing to urge your support for library funding under threat of elimination by the Administration's FY 2020 budget request to Congress. We urge you to sign two Dear Appropriator Letters supporting funding for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL).

Libraries play a vital role for communities across our state, offering free access to essential information on a wide range of topics, skills, and computing services. In many communities, the library is the only option for free access to Wi-Fi. Every day, libraries help veterans' transition to civilian life, help young children learn to read, engage youth in summer reading programs, help small businesses and entrepreneurs expand their business opportunities. In brief, the local library makes our communities more attractive and supportive for everyone.

With the recently enacted Museum and Library Services Act, Congress strengthened LSTA to support data driven tools to tailor services to address and meet community needs, help libraries prepare for and provide services after a disaster or emergency, enhance services for Native Americans, and recruit and train library and information science professionals from a broad range of backgrounds. The new law

also enables increases in the Grants to States program to be shared more broadly across states, while ensuring no state loses funding.

<<Add a paragraph about your state library organization.>>

For a modest investment (amplified by a mandatory state match), libraries provide a tremendous return on this investment. Libraries support growing businesses, literate students, gainfully employed veterans, and healthier citizens.

LSTA is the only federal program that helps public libraries with creation of technological infrastructure to increase services to a wide range of people. LSTA if focuses on lifelong learning, economic development, education attainment, access to knowledge and information across the country.

The deadline for signing the Grijalva-Young LSTA letter is **March 28 in the House** Please contact Norma Salazar in Rep. Raul Grijalva's to sign the LSTA Letter at [Norma.Salazar@mail.house.gov](mailto:Norma.Salazar@mail.house.gov) or 202-225-2435.

IAL is administered through the Department of Education and awards competitive grants to school libraries and national non-profits to provide books, high-quality literacy training, and evidence -based literacy programs to children and families in high-need communities. IAL is the only source of dedicated federal funding for school libraries.

The deadline for signing the Johnson-Young-McGovern IAL letter is **March 28 in the House**. Please contact Nawaid Ladak in Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson's office to sign the IAL letter at [Nawaid.Ladak@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nawaid.Ladak@mail.house.gov) or 202-225-8885.

Thank you in advance for your support.

YOUR NAME

YOUR ASSOCIATION