

**MiALA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 11, 2018 at 2:00pm**

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

**Absent:** Mary Kickham-Samy

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:02pm.

**Board Business Meeting:**

1. Approval of agenda - Morningstar made a motion to approve the agenda and Renirie seconded. The motion carried.
2. Approval of Consent Agenda (agenda items within 2) - Morningstar made a motion and Martin seconded. The motion carried.
  - a. Approval of [April 13, 2018](#) board meeting minutes
  - b. Committee reports
    - i. Advocacy - no report
    - ii. Communications and Marketing - no report
    - iii. Executive - no report
    - iv. Membership - MiALA has two new members, four who renewed, and three who left. The current total membership is 362. Joshua Sanchez reported that the Membership Committee is continuing to work on the retiree membership program.
    - v. Nominating Conference - Currently, we have one candidate each for Public University rep to the board, treasurer, and UX Section at-large rep. Nominations Committee members are networking with colleagues to drum up more applicants and I have been approached by a couple of people interested in board positions. I have also contacted the current committee chairs to ask if they want to seek reelection, or if they have committee members they will encourage to run. Nominations Committee member Scott Garrison asked if committees should elect their own chairs for next year (though I know that contradicts our procedures). Scott also asked if the “word is out” about the potential transition away from sections and if that is a reason why nominations are lacking. During the Interest Group Transition meeting on Thursday, Breezy Silver reported that she knows some people will submit nominations for the Collections Section. I don't know how many nominations will be forthcoming.
    - vi. Section Reports - no report
    - vii. Administrative - no report
    - viii. Collection - no report

- ix. User Experience - no report
- c. Partner Reports
  - i. MCLS - no report
- d. Treasurer's Report - Our current revenue comes from registrations and sponsorships for the conference, with few expenses so far. Part of our expenses for the month of April include the travel grant for National Library Legislation Day, insurance for MiALA, and some small conference expenses. Those expenses will obviously go up over the next couple of months, but we can look forward to membership renewals at the same time. Our current balance is at about \$145,000.
- e. Policies and Procedures Manual - no report
- f. Section/IG Task Force - no report

### **Old Business**

1. Any follow-up questions or discussion on reports?
  - a. Membership - although three members have left, this will not have a large negative effect. The organization has reached an all time high of 362 members.

### **New Business**

1. Nominations update - As of May 11, 2018, only two members have entered their names to run for open positions, but more are expected to volunteer. Board members were encouraged to promote nominations and reach out to people they know who would be good in these leadership roles. Stephanie will be giving a speech at the annual conference encouraging members to run for positions. Concern was shared that people might be confused by the proposed changes to the section chairs and may not choose to enter their names if the positions will be gone next year. The Executive Board met with committee and section chairs on May 10, 2018 to clarify the proposal and transition process. Bolger will create a talking points memo along with the committee to distribute before the annual conference.
2. Membership meeting during the conference - Sender will be addressing the membership twice during the conference - once during the President's Welcome from 9:00am to 9:30am on Thursday and then again at the Membership Meeting from 10:15am to 11:00am on Friday. During the Membership Meeting, committee chairs will share reports and Sender will take some time to explain the IG Committee proposal and transition plan. She will then lead a question and answer time for the members to ask the IG Committee task force for any clarification. 230 people are registered for the conference so this will be a majority of the members.
3. The 2019 MiALA Annual Conference location - Sender announced that a library has volunteered to host the MiALA Annual Conference on May 13-14, 2019. Due to scheduling conflicts, the conference will be held on a Monday and Tuesday next year.
4. IG transition team - Sender will be forming the IG transition team and will be looking for volunteers. Board members are encouraged to contact her if interested in helping with this process.

5. The MIX conference is an event sponsored by the MiALA Instruction IG and will be held on August 17, 2018 at Mott Community College. An email was sent through MiALA to advertise the event and ask for presentation proposals.
6. Julie Garrison, chair of MiALA's Advocacy Committee, recently sent an email alerting the membership about three bills that would, if passed, require schools in Michigan to have a school library staffed with a certified library media specialist as well as staff to keep the library open when the library media specialist is unavailable. MAME would like MiALA to support them in this effort.
7. Summer schedule for the MiALA board - The board development webinar will be held on June 5. One more board meeting may be needed on June 8, 2018. Gallagher will take over as president on July 1 with Sender moving to the past-president position. The Strategic Retreat will be held on August 13, 2018 in Lansing. Gallagher will be meeting with the planning team to create the agenda.

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

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:32pm.**

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

1. Membership Roadshow
2. Procedure Manual Review

#### **Next Board Meeting**

- Friday, June 8, 2017 at 2:00pm

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

- May 16-18, 2018 - MiALA Annual Conference
- June 5, 2018 from 1:00pm-2:30pm - Board development webinar with Randy Dykhuis
- August 13, 2018 - Strategic Planning Retreat