

**MiALA Board Meeting Agenda**  
**May 21, 2019 at 2:00pm**

**Attendance:** Paul Gallagher, Clayton Hayes, Gina Bolger, Jessica Sender, Caryn Noel, Mary Kickham-Samy, Beth Martin, Helen Look, Rebecca Renirie, Heather Ladiski, Tina Ulrich, Jen Fiero

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

**Board Business Meeting:**

1. Approval of agenda - Martin made a motion to approve the agenda and Hayes seconded. The motion carried.
2. Approval of Consent Agenda (agenda items within 2) - Fiero made a motion to approve the agenda and Look seconded. The motion carried.
  - a. Approval of [April 16, 2019 board meeting minutes](#)
  - b. Committee reports
    - i. Advocacy -
    - ii. Communications and Marketing -
    - iii. Executive -
    - iv. Membership -
    - v. Nominating - see below
    - vi. Conference -
    - vii. Section Reports
    - viii. Administrative -none
    - ix. Collection - none
    - x. User Experience - none
  - c. Partner Reports
    - i. MCLS -
  - d. Treasurer's Report -
  - e. Policies and Procedures Manual -
  - f. Interest Group Coordinating Council -

**Old Business**

1. Any follow-up questions or discussion on reports? No.

**New Business**

1. Conference Update/Debrief/questions from the membership - thoughts for 2020?
  - a. How does MiALA plan to address accessibility and inclusion? The DEIA ad hoc committee is in development currently.
  - b. Concerns about coordination with IG events, timing, topic overlap
  - c. Fund balances, relationship to conference costs

- d. Bring conference presentations to the membership online/encores?
  - e. Members at community colleges are finding it increasingly difficult to take time off/find funding to go to the annual conference. This year only one session was directly related to them. More work will need to be done to make their attendance possible. Librarians at private or smaller universities are often in a similar position. This could be a task that the IGCC or leaders within the IGs can address.
  - f. A MiALA member who came to the annual conference because of a scholarship wrote an email (see below) thanking the board for giving her the scholarship. More people should take advantage of these scholarships. Perhaps a nominating committee could be formed in the future to find more possible recipients.
  - g. This year, the MMDP organization held their meeting after the MiALA conference. The MMDP meeting had 15-20 total attendees with only two people also attending MiALA. We might need to incorporate their meeting into the MiALA conference next year.
  - h. Some conference attendees mentioned that they would like the conference to return to a Thursday/Friday format.
2. Conference Location for 2020 - Ladiski is working with a couple of possible host locations and will update the board when more information is available.
  3. Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility ad hoc committee - Look has been working on a draft charge for this ad hoc committee and will share it with the board later in the summer. Ladiski will add the committee to the MiALA volunteer form and Gallagher will mention it in the June newsletter. The idea to make all chairs self-selected by the committees was discussed and will be considered in the future.
  4. Joint Meeting with IGCC? - New members of the IGCC will be elected in June and they will select a chair as their first task with the August retreat as their first in-person meeting. The chair will attend board meetings as a non-voting member so there is no need at this time for the current IGCC members to meet with the board.
  5. MCLS Contract - general terms (Executive Session) - All board members should review the contract over the next few days. Gallagher will call for a vote on Thursday.

Sender made motion to adjourn and Renirie seconded. The motion carried.  
The meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.

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

- Fund Balances
- MLA/MiALA Joint Committee
- 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
- Possibility of committee chairs being self-selected rather than elected

**Next Board Meetings:**

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

- June 18, 2019

**Next Executive Board Meetings:**

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

- June 4, 2019

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**Nominating**

Heather, Jessica, and the rest of the nominating committee are working on finalizing the slate. We are still in need of a community college board rep, a secretary, Advocacy and Communications & Marketing chairs, and the 1-year IGCC term. I have been in touch with several people throughout the day on May 20th, and believe that we will have at least one nominee for secretary and several for CC rep (as of 4pm on Monday). Heather and I discussed that the second vote getter in the IGCC election fill the 1-year term (currently only two nominees, both for the two year term). In the future, I highly suggest that committees are appointed-it has been notoriously difficult to find people to run for those, particularly advocacy.

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Dear MiALA Scholarship Committee & Board Members,

I wanted to say thank you for awarding me a scholarship to attend MiALA's Annual Conference. As a library support staff member at a community college with a limited budget, I would not have been able to attend this year's conference without the assistance provided. The knowledge I gained from the various breakout sessions and the connections I made while there are invaluable. I have so many new ideas on ways to enhance our services and engage our students that I cannot wait to share with my colleagues!

The overall experience was incredible as well! A special thank you goes to the Conference Committee for putting together such an amazing event, Saginaw Valley State University for hosting, and to the Food Service team for the incredible snacks and meals.

MiALA is an amazing organization and I am proud to be a member. I am aware that you had more scholarships to award than you had applicants, so if there is any way I can help spread the word (or provide a testimonial), please let me know.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity – I greatly appreciate it!