

## **MiALA Board Meeting Minutes**

### **June 18, 2021 at 2:15pm**

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

Absent: David Malone, Emilia Marcyk

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

### **Board Business Meeting:**

1. Approval of agenda - Martin made a motion to approve the agenda and Bignotti-Johnson seconded. The motion carried.
2. Approval of Consent Agenda (agenda items within 2) - Bignotti-Johnson made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Langan seconded. The motion carried.
  - a. Approval of the [April 16, 2021](#) board meeting minutes
  - b. Committee reports
    - i. Advocacy - Emilia - no report
    - ii. Communications and Marketing - Brenna
    - iii. Executive - Cynthia
    - iv. Membership - Got some renewals rolling in but otherwise nothing immediately new! -Rachel
    - v. Nominating - Election results are in. **Carin Graves** is VP/Pres. Elect, **Clayton Hayes** is Secretary, **Jeremy Barney** is Private/Independent Representative, **Krysta Vincent** is the Community College Representative, **Mary O'Kelly** is the Publicly Funded University Representative, **Caitlin Benallack & Andrew Lundeen** are two year members of the IGCC, and **Ida Martinez** is the Member-at Large, 1 year term IGCC. See New Business to elect another Member-at-Large, 1 year term for IGCC. -Beth
    - vi. Conference - Kate
    - vii. Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, & Accessibility - The BIPOC membership initiative drew fewer applications than hoped for but resulted in a total of nine new MiALA members, and reinstating one lapsed membership. Of this group eight are enrolled in a graduate library program and two are library workers. One application did not meet the baseline requirements as the individual does not identify as BIPOC. This information has been shared with Rachel and Dawn W. and the committee is working with Heather to contact the individuals as well as promote the results.- Darlene
  - c. Partner Reports
    - i. MCLS -

- d. Treasurer's Report - Still haven't checked in to higher yield accounts but will do this! Not moving ALL of savings into this, a portion... to spread the "eggs" into different baskets.
- e. Policies and Procedures Manual -
- f. Interest Group Coordinating Council - IGCC will be sending out certificates of appreciation to IG leadership

## Old Business

## New Business

1. 2022 Conference site
  - a. Possible sites for the 2022 and 2023 conference have been identified. Preliminary discussions are taking place with the 2022 site for meeting locations and capacity. Decisions will need to be made soon about meeting in-person and how many virtual options to provide. ALAO shared the survey they completed of what their membership desires regarding in person or virtual. The MiALA conference committee could survey the membership now with similar questions.
2. ALOTY award
  - a. MLA is once again the lead on this event, which will be virtual on October 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. They have begun promoting the event/awards through this site: <https://www.milibraries.org/michigan-library-awards>
  - b. We are not reinventing the wheel and will stick with award/criteria we have in place.
  - c. The deadline for nominations is currently June 25, but the board agreed to extend it to July 9. The ad hoc awards committee this year will consist of Johnson-Bignotti, Langan, Ladiski, Bolger, and Simpson. If the board would like to make this a permanent committee, the bylaws will need to be changed.
3. Elect a Member-at-Large (1 year term) to IGCC
  - a. The vote was unanimous to appoint Dawn Winans as a Member-at-large of the IGCC.
4. Leadership Retreat
  - a. Ladiski and Langan are planning a virtual event in August for the new leadership.
5. Committee member appointments
  - a. Here is a list of [volunteers and their committee choices](#). Motion by Martin, seconded by Langan to approve list of committee members for 2021-2022. Ladiski will contact committee members.
6. MAME request for MiALA to sign on to letter
  - a. Motion by Minkin, seconded by Martin to approve signing letter of support provided by MAME. Simpson will sign letter and forward to MAME contact.