

## **MiALA Board Meeting Minutes**

### **Thursday, April 10th, 11am**

**Present:** Mies Martin, Ed Eckel, Darlene Johnson-Bignotti, Julie Garrison, Mariela Hristova, Kalyn, Huson, Denise Leyton (guest), Kelli Herm, Gina Bolger, Shelia Garcia Mazari, Samantha Minnis, Jessica Hronchek and Rebecca Tull

**Absent:** N/A

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:03am.

### **Board Business Meeting:**

1. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve - Eckel
  - b. Seconded - Johnson-Bignotti
  - c. The motion passed.
2. Approval of [Minutes from March Meeting](#)
  - a. Motion to approve - Johnson-Bignotti
  - b. Seconded - Minnis
  - c. The motion passed.
3. Approval of Consent Agenda:
  - a. Motion to approve - Johnson-Bignotti
  - b. Seconded - Eckel
  - c. The motion passed.
  - d. Committee reports
    - i. Advocacy – No updates (Eckel)
    - ii. Awards – One nominee for the ALOTY award so far. Deadline is April 25. Will try one more promo push and hope more will come through at the last minute! (Darlene)
    - iii. Conference Planning– Conference preparations continue. As of last meeting, 50 people had registered for the conference.
    - iv. Communications and Marketing – Many thanks to Jon Jeffryes and Kalyn Huson for alerting the Board and working hard to resolve tech issues which have helped to boost/resume newsletter “open” rates to higher than 50 percent. Thanks, also, to the committee for their suggestions and edits tailoring the MiALA flyer for the upcoming Library Advocacy Day in Lansing on 4/30. (Rebecca)
    - v. Executive – Media Training with LoM and U-M School of Information. Training was led by Thom Fladung, managing partner at Cleveland’s Hennes Communications. (Mies)
    - vi. IDEA – No report. (Rouan)
    - vii. Membership – No report.

- viii. Nominating – 1) Our first meeting was very productive! We determined a timeline for the nominations and election process. Nominations will open April 21 and close May 27. Voting will occur June 2 -June 16. Ballots will be tallied, winners and runner-ups contacted, and results announced to the Board and general membership June 17-18. There are no by-law amendments or proposals this year. 2) Due to concerns expressed last year, we will add an option to abstain to all categories on the ballot. 3) Kudos to Kalyn and Board members Jessica, Katrina, and Samantha for creating an improved [volunteer form](#) which has been added to the soon to be updated Elections Central website. (Darlene)
- ix. Ad-Hoc Committees:
  - 1. Partnerships Committee (Ed, Mies, Katrina) - No report
- e. Partner Reports-
  - i. [LoM Report](#) (Mies)
  - ii. [State Librarian's Report](#)
- f. Treasurer's Report – No report.
- g. Interest Group Coordinating Council – The IGCC has reviewed and approved a funding request by the Fine Arts IG. We are also preparing a document of the top ten tasks for new IG leaders to be able to provide as the terms switch over. (Mariela)
- h. Board Actions via Email –
  - i. Joint Statement from Michigan Libraries, Museums, and Archives (Mies)

## Old Business

- 1. [MiALA Strategic Plan Draft](#) and Next Steps

After discussion, the Board agreed to adopt Option D, mission and vision statements centering library professionals with an additional values statement regarding values consistent with ACRL.

**Motion:** MiALA Board approves the draft strategic plan and the recommended next step for adopting a final plan. - Martin

Seconded - Johnson-Bignotti

The motion passed.

*Action: Invite Strategic Planning Team to May meeting.*

- 2. [Budget Proposal Draft for FY26](#). Caveat: we will not have a MCLS contract amount estimate until April 18.

**Motion:** Approve Budget Scenario #2 as the operating budget for next year when the MCLS contract budget is applied - Garrison

Seconded - Eckel

The motion will be voted on via email later this month.

3. [Service Agreement Renewal](#) Update (Mies)
4. On-Boarding for the 2026 Annual Conference (Mies)

Martin - Garrison, Hronchek, and Martin met with new co-chairs, Thad Dickinson and Christina Radisauskas. Garrison agreed to help lead them through the first part of their transition until next year's vice president is in place.

### **New Business**

1. ACRL Chapter Topics Newsletter (Mies)

Martin will draft something and share it with the Board for feedback.

2. Upcoming interview with reporter re: IMLS – feedback and thoughts from the Board?

Garrison meeting with the reporter this afternoon and has prepared talking points based on the facts.

Motion to adjourn meeting - Johnson-Bignotti

Seconded - Garrison

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16pm.

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

1. Student Liaison Position

### **Upcoming Board Meetings:**

Thursday, May 1, 1pm

Thursday, June 5, 1pm