

MiALA Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 5th, 1pm

Present: Mies Martin, Julie Garrison, Darlene Johnson-Bignotti, Katrina Rouan, Jessica Hronchek, Shelia Garcia Mazari, Ed Eckel, Gina Bolger, Mariela Hristova, Kelli Herm, Rebecca Tull, Scott Garrison (guest)000000000000000000

Absent: Samantha Minnis, Kalyn Huson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:04pm.

Board Business Meeting:

1. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Moved to approve - Eckel
 - b. Seconded - Johnson-Bignotti
 - c. The motion passed.
2. Approval of [Minutes from November Meeting](#)
 - a. Moved to approve - Johnson-Bignotti
 - b. Seconded - J. Garrison
 - c. The motion passed.
3. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - a. Moved to approve - J. Garrison
 - b. Seconded - Johnson-Bignotti
 - c. The motion passed.
 - d. Committee reports
 - i. Advocacy – No leadership for this committee. (Ed)
 - ii. Awards – Nothing to report. (Darlene)
 - iii. Conference Planning– planning continues to go well, the letter requesting LSTA funds from the Library of Michigan has been submitted, sponsorship request letters have been sent out, the call for proposals is live with the deadline of January 10, 2025 for submissions, the conference will continue the 2024 conference format by offering workshops, 45-minute presentations, and lightning talks. (Julie)
 - iv. Communications and Marketing – Nothing to report (Rebecca)
 - v. Executive – No Report (Mies)
 - vi. IDEA – No report. (Katrina)
 - vii. Membership – No Report (Jessica)
 - viii. Nominating – Placed second plea in November newsletter; thanks to Mies for the additional plug! Will begin recruiting after the holidays. Please forward names of anyone that you think would be good for this committee. (Darlene)
 - ix. Ad-Hoc Committees:

1. Partnerships Committee (Ed, Mies, Katrina) - no report. Will depend upon information that comes out of strategic planning process.
2. [Committee chairs and committee appointment process](#) (Jessica, Samantha, Katrina) - Linked is a document that drafts our thoughts about how to be more intentional with Committee formation and leadership transition. We would like to discuss this with the board at the January or February meeting.

Strategic Planning - The committee conducted its Visioning Retreat with MCLS on November 22, 2024 and is working to develop a draft vision statement, key strategies, and goals for Board review in January. The group's work is heavily influenced by stakeholder feedback and the environmental scan [reports](#) from MCLS Consultants. The survey and stakeholder discussion reports have been shared with the membership.

- e. Partner Reports- No Report (Mies)
- f. Treasurer's Report – No new business. Jessica will begin reaching out to Committee and IG leadership early next year concerning their anticipated needs to begin FY26 budget planning.
- g. Interest Group Coordinating Council - No updates (Mariela).
- h. Board Actions via Email – None.

Old Business

1. [MCLS contract](#) discussion
 - a. [Discussion ideas](#)
 - b. Determine timeline for decisions and new contract signed
 - c. Executive Committee to review and suggest updates and changes to the Service Agreement with MCLS.

Martin - Sent S. Garrison a link to our discussion ideas document.

S. Garrison - Current agreement expires June 30th. If we want to renew as is, we need to take care of it no more than 30 days before.

Martin - MiALA has a lot of things in progress right now so we want to be sure we get this conversation started.

Johnson-Bignotti - Motion to move to committee as a whole.

Eckel - Seconded.

The motion passed.

Eckel - Motion to move out of committee as a whole

Johnson-Bignotti - Seconded

The motion passed.

Johnson-Bignotti - Propose a subcommittee to review MCLS current agreement and propose changes to the Board at the February meeting.

Martin - Timeframe of draft at February Board Meeting. Rework in March. Finalize in April.

MCLS Agreement Working group - Mies Martin, Jessica Hronchek (auxiliary), Gina Bolger, Ed Eckel, Rebecca Tull

Mies - We will meet in early January.

Eckel - I will get the agreement into Google docs so that we can begin commenting, making suggestions, etc.

New Business

1. [Select conference locations and dates – 1st and 2nd choices](#) - December meeting

J. Garrison - Motion for 2026 conference to be held May 13-15 (1st choice) and May 18-22 (2nd choice).

Bolger - Seconded.

The motion passed.

J. Garrison - Motion for 2026 conference RFP to Lansing (1st choice) and Traverse City (2nd choice).

Eckel - Seconded.

The motion passed.

J. Garrison - I will help Kalyn operationalize this.

Issue Bin / Future Agenda Items:

1. Student Liaison Position

Johnson-Bignotti - Motion to adjourn.

J. Garrison - Seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16pm.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Thursday, January 9th, 1pm

Thursday, February 6th, 1pm