

MiALA Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 5, 1pm

Present: Mies Martin, Katrina Rouan, Samantha Minnis, Edward Eckel, Julie Garrison, Mariela Hristova, Kalyn Huson, Darlene Johnson-Bignotti, Jessica Hronchek, Rebecca Tull, Sheila Garciz Mazari, Kelli Herm, Gina Bolger

Absent: N/A

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:02pm.

Board Business Meeting:

1. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve - Garrison
 - b. Seconded - Johnson-Bignotti
 - c. The motion passed.
2. Approval of Minutes from [May Meeting](#)
 - a. Motion to approve - Eckel
 - b. Seconded - Hristova
 - c. The motion passed.
3. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - a. Motion to approve - Johnson-Bignotti
 - b. Seconded - Garrison
 - c. The motion passed.
 - d. Committee reports
 - i. Advocacy –
 - ii. Awards – The 2025 ALOTY winner is Liz Svoboda (University of Michigan-Flint). Rachel Ash from MLA and Kalyn are coordinating with Liz on logistics for the Michigan Library Awards ceremony in October. Kendra Lake (North Central Michigan College) placed second and received Honorable Mention. A letter of acknowledgement was sent to the third place nominee. A folder has been added to the 2024-2025 Board Google Drive with the award rubric and other information to assist next year's committee. (Darlene)
 - iii. Conference Planning– 2025 conference has concluded. No update to report regarding 2026 planning.
 - iv. Communications and Marketing – Report given at conference. No other updates.
 - v. Executive – No Updates (Mies)
 - vi. IDEA –
 - vii. Membership – Met on May 7th. Discussed timing of the Mentorship Program and decided to collect feedback from those who did it this past year first and plan for another round next year. Jessica shared Kalyn's

research on how MemberLeap could handle a Job List through its classified feature, and the committee asked that she bring it to the Board for feedback.

- viii. Nominating – The Nominations period has been reopened and extended through June 4 to solicit candidates for President-Elect, Community College Rep (2 year term), and IGCC Member at Large (one year term). All other categories have at least one candidate. The Election Central page has been updated with the revised timeline. (Darlene)

- ix. Ad-Hoc Committees:

- 1. Partnerships Committee (Ed, Mies, Katrina) - No updates.
- e. Partner Reports- No Updates (Mies)
- f. Treasurer's Report – No Updates
- g. Interest Group Coordinating Council - Katie Edmiston has volunteered to chair the IGCC in 2025-26. No other updates (Mariela)
- h. Board Actions via Email – None (Mies)

Old Business

- 1. 2025 Conference wrap up

Garrison - Please share thoughts via the survey or send an email to me. The 2025 committee is working to schedule their wrap-up meeting.

- 2. Committee interest/transitions (Jessica, Samantha, Katrina) [Timeline update in Procedures manual \(pg 12\)](#), June 16, 1:00 committee planning meeting.

Hronchek - This is the time of year when we want to enact some intentionality around setting up next year's leaders. We have pre-scheduled a date/time to take committee volunteers and build out these committees. Anyone on the Board is welcome to join us.

Garrison - August 14th is the date for the Leadership Retreat.

Garrison - We should consider either closing the volunteer form at certain times of the year or making sure submissions are reviewed more regularly.

Minnis - We did work to update the language on the form so it is more clear that this is only reviewed at certain times and encourage participation in IGs as an option.

Garrison - Do we send formal letters when individuals are appointed to committees?

Hristova - The IGCC sends certificates of thanks to all IG leaders.

Eckel - We have lots of templates through the IGCC. I will draft a template letter that could be used to acknowledge service on committees.

Hronchek - Ahead of the June 16th meeting, liaisons should ask if the committee has new leadership appointed, remind members to fill out the interest form if they want to continue, and if there is need to appoint or fill a leadership void let the President and President-Elect know.

Johnson-Bignotti - I'll mention the form in the reminder to vote email that I send on Monday.

New Business

- 1. Membership Committee - Interest in a Job Posting board for Michigan academic library positions.

Hronchek - It is possible to turn on a feature called classified ads within our webspace to advertise postings. The Membership Committee wants to know if there is interest in having a members-only space to post positions in a way that makes postings available publicly.

Garrison - Are we saying this would be a member benefit? Or would we be asking for a fee to post positions?

Hronchek - The idea is that this would be free.

Johnson-Bignotti - I think this would be valuable for our early career members and even student members.

Garrison - If it is free, it's a nice benefit for those of us recruiting for positions at our institutions.

Martin - I think it would be great as long as it is easy to use.

2. Nominations and Elections update. (Darlene)

Johnson-Bignotti - There is a full slate of candidates! The one exception is the IGCC one-year term. Our precedent would be to offer the one-year term to the runner-up. I want to thank Kalyn for handling all our emails and back and forth on this. Because we extended the call, we will have a shorter voting period this year. Voting opens on Monday and will close the following Monday.

Motion to adjourn - Johnson-Bignotti

Seconded - Mazari

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56pm.

Upcoming Board Meetings: TBD