

## **Maryland Library Association**

Agenda

### **Executive Board/Advisory Council Meeting**

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order and Welcome:** 1:01 PM

**Changes to the Agenda:** None

**January Minutes Approved via Email Vote:** They were approved and are posted on the website.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$198,040.51 in the operating account, which is down 8% from February 2025. However, we have more money in the long-term reserves than February 2025. In February we had \$21,042 in conference registration income. There has been \$32,860 in total conference income this year. We had \$750 in income from the legislation reception, \$50 in donations, and 3 job postings for \$300. Total income was \$50,425.65, and net expenses were \$23,192.90. There was a motion to file pending audit from Teonja. It was seconded by Conni. There were no objections.

**Membership Update:** Danielle shared a membership update. We have seen a 39% increase since March 2025. We have 3,932 members and are up 70 people since January. We have two new affiliate memberships (Dorchester and Kent).

### **Business Agenda**

**EDI Panel Affinity Network Recommendation:** There is a proposed Fat Librarians Affinity Network. The EDI Panel recommends it move forward. There was a motion to discuss from Conni. It was seconded by Paula. Discussion followed. There was a vote and the motion to adopt the new affinity network passed. The next call for Affinity Networks will happen in May at the conference.

**VP's Presidential Goals:** Conni shared her goals for the upcoming year. She wants to streamline units, develop opportunities for advocacy outreach, and develop new strategies for promoting leadership/membership in MLA. There were no comments. Conni will send a final version for a vote via email before the conference.

**Statement of Professional Ethics:** David shared a draft of professional ethics that is partially taken from ALA. 3 new bullet points were added and one modified. The preamble statement from MLA has been modified. There was a motion to approve the revisions from

Liz. Melissa seconded. There was a recommendation to add in a mention to the Maryland Freedom to Read Act. Conni motioned to approve the amendment. Lloyd seconded. The amendment passes and is part of the statement. The new statement of professional ethics passes.

**End of FY Report to Membership:** For the last few years there's been talk of sending out an end of year report to all members. Send any information to Josh (meetups, nonprogram related info, pictures, etc.). Josh will be following up via email.

**President's Report:** David released a statement on HR 7661. The Maryland Department of Education proposed COMAR language that targeted regulations around school library media programs that could be interpreted negatively. David wrote a letter in response. The state will re-think the language used. David was on a panel for the College of Information talking about reasons why MLIS students should get involved in associations. He attended the LATI graduation.

**Vice President/President-Elect's Report:** Conni is working on goals. She also sent an email about COMAR revisions.

**Past Presidents Report:** Teonja has been working with affinity network tasks. She is working with the marketing committee to think of ways to get word out about MLA.

**Executive Directors Report:** Josh went to an ALA Chapters Exchange meeting. He went to the SLRC conference. He's been busy with conference administrative tasks. We will have book sales at the conference this year and author signings. We will have an ASL interpreter for keynote speakers. He has been notifying award winners and scholarship winners. He attended an FSU iSchool board meeting. Josh also submitted written testimony for SLRC/MSLA funding.

**ALA Councilor's Report:** Jow will be writing information up to submit to the Crab. His articles summarize action items and how Joe voted to be fully transparent. He has been working on advocacy at the federal level. Joe encouraged people to participate in the national library legislative day in the future.

**Legislative Update:** SLRC funding passed house appropriations and ways and means. There has been no movement from Senate, but Liz has been assured that it will move. Public library capital grant program hearings have been held. The bill about having a student member on library boards has passed ways and means with amendments and the Senate. HB1277 is a bill to create an institute for literacy and equity (in partnership between Morgan State and UMD).

**Conference Director's Report:** Things are going well. Some sponsorships have come in. Paula has been focusing on making the conference inheritable, accessible, and fun. She is working on a conference orientation.

**Unit Leader Reports:**

**IFP:** Lloyd reached out to Mou and was able to get info from her on usage for the LibGuides page. Lloyd will send those numbers to Tif. IFP hosted a Virtual book group on "My Valentine Wouldn't Ban Books." They have 3 programs in the works for the conference.

**ACRL-MD:** They are close to submitting information for a program to MLA about mentoring/coaching/community building.

**YSD:** The Black-Eyed Susan Tapestry had about 45 attendees. Kids are Customers Too will have Ellen Oh as the keynote. They are expecting 100 attendees.

**SSD:** They solidified a standalone program in June about how to effectively manage organizational change at Arbutus branch. They are also preparing a conference basket.

**BCMLA:** They had a book discussion and also talked about voting issues. The group discussed recent changes to passport processing locations.

**ASRD:** They prepped and submitted a program for late April about services for patrons who are immigrants at Elkridge branch.

**Marketing Committee:** There are 3 winners for MLA excellence in marketing award. Alyssia Notified winners. They will have 2 programs at the conference.

**MD Author Award:** They had nothing to report.

**OSIG:** They are partnering with ASRD for a few programs. There was a meeting in partnership with MSLA. The new St. Michaels branch has a grand opening this Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**LGBTQ:** They got snowed out in January but finalized a panel for conference. They are putting together basket for conference.

**EAIG:** They had meeting with 9 people. Each month they are establishing a theme that gives ideas for people to take back to their branches. They are trying to have an informal meetup at conference.

**TIG:** They are mulling over how to have a statewide repository for repeatable lesson plans for Teen events and programs.

**RAIG:** They had nothing to report.

**MIG:** The meeting was cancelled in March. They are squaring away programs for the conference.

**Adjourn:** 2:46 PM.