

Maryland Library Association

Agenda

Executive Board/Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

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

Call to order and Welcome: 1:02 PM

Changes to the Agenda: We will move the guest speaker to before the Treasurer's Report.

November Minutes Approved Via Email Vote: This was done and sent to be uploaded to the website.

Immigrant Engagement Interest Group: Ana Ndumu came in to discuss the work she has been doing at Libraries, Integration and New Americans Project at University of Maryland. The group then discussed what Ana presented and discussed whether MLA should have an Interest Group based around this. There was a vote to approve the new Interest Group. More work will need to be done surrounding which Division it will be housed under.

Treasurer's Report: We are now halfway through the year. The assets and liabilities look good. There was income in December from the conference, Jobline, membership dues, and YSD BEST. The total income for December was \$21,060.01. There were expenses for the conference logo, a Sched fee, some credit card transaction fees, scholarships, telephone bill, and salaries. The total expenses for December were \$54,645.76. The net income for the year is \$6,880.22 for the year. Conni motioned to accept pending audit. Lloyd seconded.

Business Agenda

Code of Conduct: David shared final edits of MLA Code of Conduct. There are a vote to adopt the document. The vote passed. It will be placed on the MLA website.

Library Legislative Day: This will be happening on February 10th in Annapolis. Please RSVP if you plan on attending. There will be a training opportunity for those who RSVP for breakfast on how to perform library advocacy.

Intellectual Freedom LibGuide: The Intellectual Freedom Panel hosts a LibGuide through Salisbury University currently. It is out of date and needs a refresh. A discussion was had about where it should be housed and the content that should be on it. The panel will work on revamping the page with Tif. Content will be moved to an MLA website.

Annual Awards: The list of winners' names was given to the committee. A vote was had to accept the winners.

President's Report: The organization spent all educational grant funding for the year in September. At the Steering Committee in December, they decided to allocate more money for more grants. The Awards Committee will be looking at the applications for these grants. Candidates will be moving forward for the elections next month. There is a vacancy for the Leadership Development Division that will need to be resolved before July 1.

Vice President/President-Elect's Report: There is not a whole lot to report. Conni has been attending the conference committee and different unit meetings.

Past President's Report: Teonja has been working on submissions for affinity networks. She has been working with the EDI Panel on this.

Executive Director's Report: Josh gave a membership update. He has been working with Maryland Public Television and will be doing a virtual screening for documentary The Librarians. Josh has been working on Legislative Day and the MLA/DLA conference. He has also been working on doing bringing payroll in-house.

ALA Councilor's Report: Joe attended the ALA Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) meeting. There is an ALA Council meeting this afternoon (1/21) and the other two Council meetings take place over tomorrow (1/22) and next Wednesday (1/28). He will be submitting a report for the winter issue of the Crab. A set of recommendations from the Committee on Organization related to the consolidation of multiple ALA committees for efficiency and cost-savings is the most pressing topic this afternoon (1/21).

Legislative Update: The 2026 Maryland legislative session is now in session.

Conference Director's Report: The committee is actively seeking out sponsorships. Ignite proposals and poster sessions submissions close this week. They are working with Sched for different features to bring to the conference.

Unit Leader Reports:

IFP: They are working on the LibGuide. The next meeting is 2/4. There are 3 programs they are sponsoring for conference. Greenbelt cinemas showing librarians documentary in full on 1/22.

EDI: Affinity groups being worked through. The EDI LibGuide also being worked through.

LDD: The Leadership Development Division met earlier this month where 13 attendees were able to hear from Joe Thompson about his career and leadership journey. They are

getting ready for their standalone training in February at the Miller Branch and have several sessions that they are sponsoring at MLA this year.

SSD: They are putting together their standalone program for June on effective change management. They have 3 programs at conference.

ACRL-MD: They are making progress on their annual program. They are supporting ACRL's 2029 Baltimore conference location. They are meeting on 1/26 at 2:00 PM.

ASRD: They met in December as a hybrid. They are in the process of putting together a program about libraries being more than just books. They are working on their conference programs. They are working on changing ASRD meeting times to better suit members. 3/12 is the next meeting.

BCMLA: There was no meeting in December. They are actively seeking a sponsor for their conference reception.

YSD: They are having the BEST Spring edition and Kids are Customers, Too programs. They are sponsoring 6 presentations at the conference.

Marketing: They are working on getting excellence in Marketing awards out. They are picking 3 winners this year. They are going to propose an update to the social media policy and establish social media marketing calendar. They will be sponsoring 2 programs at conference.

Awards Committee: They are reviewing applications for educational assistance grants. They are tweaking award descriptions and writing an article for the Crab about award winners.

RAIG: RAIG met January 2nd and are offering 2 programs at conference and co-sponsoring a 3rd with TIG. They are also planning another in-person social, post conference.

MIG: They held a meeting on January 14th and are sponsoring 5 sessions at conference.

OSIG: St Michael's branch is opening in March. OSIG is holding a zoom meeting soon in partnership with MSLA marketing and outreach group.

EAIG: Tisha is meeting with many different people. She is trying to get a date/time going for meetings and hoping to do an adulting club program and other resource-based programs.

LGBT: They held a successful MLA chat about queer inclusion in libraries. They are sponsoring 3 programs for the conference. They want to do a standalone training and a social event in the future.

Adjournment: 2:55 PM.