

Maryland Library Association

Agenda

Executive Board/Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Call to Order and Welcome: 1:03 PM

Changes to the Agenda: None

September Minutes Approved Via Email Vote: Approved.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$155,771.80 in our checking account as of the end of October. Josh is going to talk to Cheryl about the line with the out-clearing money from bill.com. Our current assets are closer to \$302,022 as a result. MLA received a \$67 donation in October. There was \$571.63 from programming in profit. The final comcast bill was finally paid. The net income was \$280.97 for October. MLA will be handling their own payroll beginning in January. There was a motion to file, pending audit, from Teonja. It was seconded by Lloyd. There were no objections.

Business Agenda

MLA Election Nominations: There are 4 candidates for secretary this year. We are waiting for nominations from LDD and BCMLA. December 8th through January 8th will be the approximate timeline for the petition process for nominees. Lou was a big help in assisting Tif.

Manual Revisions: David put forward a proposal for an Ad Hoc committee to complete manual updates. Mary Anne Bowman will chair the group and reach out to people to be on the committee. The goal is to have this completed by Leadership Day in June 2026. There was a motion by Conn to discuss the committee. Liz seconded. There was a discussion around group makeup and scope. The group voted to adopt the proposal.

MAPIG Discontinuance: David recommended discontinuing Maryland Adult Programming Interest Group under the advisement of Melissa, who is the president of Adult Services and Reference Division who oversees the interest group. Teonja motioned to discuss. Paula seconded. There was a discussion where ASRD confirmed they would be absorbing some of the activities traditionally done by MAPIG, such as conference programs. The group voted to adopt the proposal.

Code of Conduct: David presented a proposed Code of Conduct. He asked people to think it over and give feedback. The vote on it will most likely be in January. There was a discussion about the proposal.

ACRL 2029 Conference: ACRL must obtain support from the ALA state chapter to have its conference in a host city. Catherine motioned to discuss. Joe seconded. There was a discussion about the vote for support. The group voted to support the ACRL 2029 conference.

President's Report: David attended his first LATI graduation as well as the ALA Core forum. He will be attending the ALA Advocacy workshop.

Vice President/President Elect's Report: Connie attended MIG (and other groups). She is trying to ensure new members know what is in MLA for them.

Past President's Report: Teonja is developing an affinity network facilitator training in coordination with the EDI panel. She also worked with the Marketing Committee to create a wreath for the Kennedy Krieger's Festival of Trees.

Executive Director's Report: Josh gave a membership update. He is taking an association executive exam on 12/12. He attended an ICLAE meeting. Josh informed us that the Halloween shirt sale made \$678. He is working with Maryland Public Television to co-host a virtual screening of the Librarian documentary.

ALA Councilor Report: Joe reminded everyone that MLA is a chapter of ALA. Joe's report on the August/September special council meetings is in the Crab.

Legislative Update: The big focuses will be on SLRC funding and per capita library funds this year. Liz is meeting with Morgan soon to discuss details. Legislative Day is in February.

Conference Director's Report: The logo discussed. The ALA President is going to be the main keynote at the conference. Lisa Gotaucu (author) will be another keynote. The group is whittling down conference sessions now. Conference registration will open in January.

Unit Leader Reports

IFP: On 10/30 they had an online event (Nothing Scarier Than Banning Books). There may be Part 2 coming up. There have been many interview requests at the MLA office about book banning from students at both the high school and collegiate level.

PDP: Contact Anita if you need support for standalone programs.

EDI: They are advancing the MSLA EDI LibGuide audit, with members conducting link checks and resource evaluations across specialty areas. They are finalizing the affinity

network framework, including facilitator training materials, an evaluation rubric, and the oversight structure for launching new networks. They are preparing conference recommendations (reviewing EDI-focused proposals for potential sponsorship and developing intersectionality guidance for presenters in the 2026 cycle).

LDL: They met in September. Connii and Teonja spoke. They met in November with Sarah Nadaeu speaking about her career path. They are looking to narrow down conference sessions. There is an in-person program planned for February.

ASRD: They met in September and will meet again in December. December will have a hybrid meeting option. They are looking over conference programs.

YSD: They had their first program of the year in October (B.E.S.T. Picture Books). There were over 40 people in attendance. Kids are Customers Too is being planned. Ellen Oh will be the keynote.

ACRL-MD: They now have a president and a slate of candidates for next year. They spent some time reviewing conference proposals. They are in the infancy of program planning. The next meeting is 11/24.

Awards Committee: There are a lot of nominees. They are meeting next week to discuss.

MD Author Award: The winner has been chosen. The name has been sent to Josh.

OSIG: Sabine has been busy, so there is nothing to report.

LGBT: They are nailing down presenters for conference panels. They are gearing up for an MLA chat in January. They are also looking to do a standalone program.

TIG: They are having good discussions about program proposals.

MIG: They had a standalone virtual program in October and had over 30 attendees. The feedback from that program suggests that a basic program on reading a MARC record would be beneficial. They reviewed conference sessions.

SIG: The next meeting is December 18th from 3:00-4:00 PM. They received 5 program proposals and are reviewing by the deadline. Please note that Nicole has a new email address.

EAIG: They have a new chair and are working on meeting dates.

Crab: They put out the fall issue. Everyone is happy with the new publication schedule.

MSLA: They are still dealing with the fallout of the federal changes.

Adjournment: 2:59 PM