

Maryland Library Association

Executive Board/Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 PM

Call to Order and Welcome: 1:06 P.M.

Changes to the Agenda: At 1:45 P.M. Tamar from MSLA will pop in to give updates.

January Minutes Approved via Email Vote: Approved

Treasurer's Report: There was a problem with January reconciliation, so February bookkeeping is a bit behind. The total of all assets is \$306,000 which is up from this time last year. We are starting to take CALD membership payments again. We are starting to get money from conference registrations. There was \$37,000 in profit for January. Our expenditure was \$12,000. There was a vote to approve pending audit. Lou motioned. William seconded.

Business Agenda

MLLI Recap: The facilitators were excellent. It was a good program for being the first since 2019. Everyone raved about it.

Crab Editor: Julie is stepping down as editor. Anyone who is interested in taking over the role, let Teonja know. Julie will help with the transition.

Statements & Statement Frameworks: A lot of statements are being written and requested from many associations/organizations throughout the country. MLA will be working with CML, since they are putting out many statements currently. There will probably be a subcommittee formed to hash out where it makes sense for CML to take the lead and where it makes sense for MLA to take the lead.

Affinity Groups: The EDI Panel recommended the formation of an EDI Division. We need 10% yay votes from membership to get that up and running. So far, we have not gotten those numbers. We are going to leave the voting open through the conference. Conni presented a bylaws draft for affinity groups. There was a discussion about the draft. William, Conni, Teonja, and Laura will meet to flesh out all the comments.

MSLA: Tamar joined us. She informed us that there is an interim director for IMLS and that there is a request to reauthorize IMLS. MSLA will have funding through September 2026. MSLA will be issuing talking points about what the LSTA money funds.

Election Results: Teonja shared the election results.

President's Report: Teonja attended MLLI. She spoke to BCPL's Black Library Workers affinity group about MLA. She's been talking with PGCMLS on how to engage circ staff there with MLA. She also attended the MSLA board meeting.

Vice President / President-Elect's Report: David attended MLLI for speed mentoring. He attended the MSLA board meeting along with a UMD iSchool poster session.

Past President's Report: Tif is getting helpline rolled out and attended to MLLI.

Executive Director's Report: Josh is following up with an individual who did not show up to MLLI, did not tell anyone, and did not pay the money for the institute. MLA has a BlueSky account now. More news to come.

ALA Councilor's Report: Joe sent report via email which will also be in the next issue of the Crab. He will be asking for volunteers for Maryland Day at College Park.

Legislative Update: The SLRC bill did not cross over. It was flat funded and told to come back next year for one off funding.

Conference Director's Report: We are six weeks away! A group walked through the convention center. The escalators may not be operational. The presenter agreements will be going out soon. There is a slides template. If you have hotspots that you can bring, email Josh so he knows how many may be coming. Wifi may be spotty.

Unit Leader Reports

IFP: They're now using the new MLA-IFP listserv. Five IFP sponsored programs are scheduled for the conference, including two pre-conferences. See the schedule for details. They are watching the changes being proposed by the Somerset Co. School Board to their selection and weeding policy. MASL has sent a letter of concern and Teonja has been working on a letter for MLA.

RAIG: They have a meeting April 4.

MIG: They had a meeting on March 12th and practiced some of the future skills from the training in February.

BCMLA: They are planning a Top Golf in person meeting and also participating in a grant.

ASRD: They had a good meeting on March 13th. There will be a meetup at the conference. They are hoping to have a Helping Job Seekers Unconference on April 24th.

LDD: They had a good meeting. There is a new incoming president and vice president.

ACRL: They did not meet this month but are working on conference poster session planning.

LGBTQ: They are working on a program and panel for conference.

EDI: They are scheduling MLA chats about EDI topics.

SSD: They are meeting in Catonsville and working with a presenter on a program.

OSIG: The update was posted on MLA Connect.

PDP: We need more standalone programs!

TIG: They had 8 people and only 2 repeat attendees at the meeting on Monday. They talked about upcoming Summer Programs and talked about maybe starting to include "Ready Resume" skills in our teen programming at our libraries.

Adjournment: 2:53 P.M.

The next meeting is May 21, 2025.