

Maryland Library Association

Agenda

Executive Board/Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

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

Call to order and Welcome: 1:01 PM

Changes to the Agenda: None

March Minutes Approved Via Email: Yes

Treasurer's Report: Josh reported for Cheryl. We had a total income of \$221,392.31 from the conference. Membership dues were a little behind where we wanted them to be. Year to date there has been \$12,666.36 of program income. There will be a better sense at the June meeting of how much we spent on the conference. April revenue was \$39,612.04. April expenses were \$24,488.00. The total in the bank account is \$345,336.60. The total assets were \$495,645.87. There was a motion to file the report for audit from William. It was seconded by Lloyd. All were in favor.

Membership Update: We have 4,066 total members. Most of our memberships come from affiliate memberships.

Business Agenda

VP Appointments: Conni announced appointments:

IF Panel: Andrea Boothby-Rice

EDI Panel: William Wallace

PD Panel: Paula Muciel

Leg Panel: Liz Sundermann & Allison Jennings Roche

Crab: AshLee Bass & Leah Snow

Melissa motioned to accept the appointments. Teonja seconded. All were in favor.

Leadership Day Update: It will be June 16th at Elkridge Branch of Howard County.

2026-2027 Budget Discussion: Cheryl has not had a chance to look at the proposed budget. Josh presented a draft and there will be a discussion and call for vote via email.

Amazon Prime Business Partnership: This is something we could add to an affiliate membership benefit. We could receive a very small amount of income from it. The question is whether we want to partner with Amazon. It's a 2-year partnership, and we can leave after that if it's not meeting expectations. William motioned to discuss. Conni seconded. There was a discussion. There was a vote to enter into the partnership. It passed.

MLLI 2027 Update: The contract was signed with the Maritime Conference Center. MLLI will return in 2027. It is scheduled for the week of March 22, 2027. The speakers and workshop leaders from last time are excited to come back.

President's Report: David enjoyed the conference. He thanked Paula and the conference committee. He reflected on the fact that some new policies and frameworks were put in place this year. In July there will be a discussion about ACRL-MD's probationary status.

Vice President/President-Elect's Report: Conni has been spending time chatting with people about appointments. She will start to plan Leadership Day shortly.

Past President's Report: Teonja has been working on EDI Panel and Affinity Networks. The facilitator of the new network has been trained. The submission form is open until June 10th for the next cycle of affinity networks. Once that closes, the EDI Panel will review submissions and bring suggestions to the Board in July. Teonja will be moving into the nominations committee role for the association next year.

Executive Director's Report: Josh has been spending time on contracts and the conference. The survey results from the conference are coming in. The primary complaints are about the price and quality of food (and the small size of some breakout rooms). Josh will write a letter to members to be published in the Crab to let people know we hear those complaints and let membership know what the challenges are with it.

ALA Councilor's Report: Joe was not in attendance.

Legislative Update: Liz was not in attendance. Allison had to leave the meeting early.

Conference Director's Report: There was good energy at the conference this year. The attendance numbers were on par with previous years, but still just slightly under 2019 numbers. Mike Kiel will be the Director this coming year. Meg Faller will be the co-director. The conference survey results were coming in. Paula will be PDP Officer next year and will be on the social committee.

Unit Reports

EDI: The panel has been working on the Affinity Networks. MLA is taking over their LibGuide. They want to do another survey and will explore an allyship training to coordinate with affinity networks.

IFP: They had 4 presentations sponsored and co-sponsored at the conference this year. Lloyd will be turning reins over to Andrea next year.

BCMLA: They did not have a meeting in May since it would have conflicted with MLA. They had a good reception and turnout at the conference. They did a Water's Edge Tour (in Oxford). They did a panel and 2 sessions that went well.

SSD: They had two sessions at the conference. Let's Talk About Stuff was another successful session. They have an upcoming session about managing organizational change. If they don't increase the registration, they will move it to the fall.

ASRD: They hosted 7 programs at the conference. They are hosting a program in June at Elkridge and need to get more registrants, so it is not postponed again.

ACRL-MD: Their upcoming program is set for the morning of June 3 at the AACPL branch in the Annapolis Mall. The program is called "Beyond Colleagues & Coworkers: Creating Sustainable Communities for Library Workers" and is targeted primarily toward academic library workers, but all library workers will find value and are more than welcome! The registration deadline is May 29th.

YSD: The Kids are Customers Too Conference took place on April 7 at the Miller Branch. There were around 98 attendees. They partnered with the Ivy Bookshop for Ellen Oh's book signing, and MLA received a donation of 10% back from book sales. The application period to apply for the 2027 Blue Crab Award committee has ended, and they received a good number of applicants. Jessica is working on securing co-chairs for the committee.

OSIG: They hosted 3 programs at the conference. There are 3 new people interested in OSIG.

MIG: They hosted successful conference programs. New attendees were at the latest meeting. There are professional development sessions in the works.

EAIG: They had a good conference. They want to bring back the EA Summit.

TIG: They suggested that MLA Connect needs a Closed Caption option. They used to hold their meetings on Discord, but some systems have Discord blocked on their computers.

Adjourn: 3:00 PM