

**Minnesota Library Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2006 11:30 am
MLA Conference Room**

Present: A. Betcher, K. Docherty, A. Hokanson, H. Hoks, M. McGraw, M. Moulton Janssen, V. Oleksowicz, W. Wendt, M. McPeak (by videoconference)

Absent: R. Byrne, C. Crane, S. Lederer, C. Olson, V. Peters

Also present: Barbara Vaughan

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:40 am
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Adopt Agenda
4. Approval of December 2005 minutes
Moulton Janssen/Hoks/carried. Wendt abstain (not at December meeting.)
5. Financial Report (Hokanson)
 - a. The accountant is working on the revising the balance sheet, and is developing a new chart of accounts for 2006. This includes moving all transactions to accrual as part of the clean-up. Once this is completed, the 2005 report will be available for the February Board meeting.
 - b. Developing a financial strategy for MLA to help establish fund balances to help with planning is a goal for 2006.
6. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Vaughan provided a written report to the Board.
 - b. Vaughan noted that she is working on connecting with subunits, and has asked each subunit to submit a member to serve on the membership and on the communications committees.
7. Action/Discussion Items
 - a. ARLD Day (Docherty)
 - i. ARLD day is April 28 at the Arboretum. The subject is "Games Librarians Play," including discussions on gaming and breakout sessions. Registration begins in late February.
 - b. Pawlenty's 70% proposal (Moulton Janssen)
 - i. Motion: MLA recommends that school media center expenditures be included within classroom expenditures for purposes of the proposed legislation. Moulton Janssen/Hokanson. Discussion followed about this issue, including reviewing a draft letter that MEMO co-chairs developed to send to Commissioner Seagren

with additional information on this issue. Called the question: carried; Hokanson opposed, Docherty abstain (not in room for discussion.)

- ii. Motion: MLA will draft a letter supporting the previous motion, in coordination with MEMO to be most effective, that supports their letter as it aligns with MLA's position. Hokanson/Oleksowicz/carried.
 - iii. Action: Vaughan will contact MEMO about the status of their letter, then will draft a letter, send to the Board for review, and share it with the Legislative Committee and Elaine Keefe for comment.
- c. Legislative Committee Issues (Oleksowicz)
- i. Legislative Day is March 30, and registration is on the MLA website.
 - ii. The capital budget recommendations from the governor include no funding for accessibility grants, and only provide funding for one library project (Century College.)
 - iii. Patriot Act Reauthorization has been postponed. ALA is setting up a national call-in day to legislators on January 25. Vaughan will add this to the MLA website.
 - iv. Follow-up discussion on the Seagren letter from the last Board meeting, including a discussion about how MLA might provide direction to the lobbyist if legislation is developed from this. Oleksowicz noted that the platform has already been set for this session.
- d. 2006 Conference (Vaughan)
- i. Vaughan is preparing information on including the banquet in the registration price for the February Board meeting.
 - ii. The program committee is meeting in late January.
- e. Communications (Betcher)
- i. Betcher noted that MLA currently has a Newsletter/Publications Committee and a Public Relations Committee in they bylaws, and she is interested in combining them into a Communications Committee with a representative from each subunit.
 - ii. Motion to combine Newsletter/Publications and PR committees into a Communications Committee. Wendt/Hoks/carried Moulton Janssen abstain (not in room for discussion.)
- f. Minnesota Librarian of the Year Award (Betcher)
- i. Betcher would like MLA to start a program to honor staff and gather stories about library accomplishments. Additional information will be provided at the February Board meeting.

- g. Board Members Adopt a Subunit (Betcher)
 - i. Betcher discussed ways to provide a connection for subunits that are not represented on the Board. This includes a potential meeting with subunit chairs, etc. Board members agreed to provide a link to specific subunits in 2006:
 - 1. McPeak: Small and Rural Libraries
 - 2. McGraw: Reader's Advisory
 - 3. Moulton Janssen: Diversity
 - 4. Docherty: Distance Learning
 - 5. Hoks: Children & Young People
 - 6. Wendt: Library Management
- 8. Liaison reports and Board reports (written)
 - a. Intellectual Freedom (Wendt)
 - i. Wendt provided information about a potential program, which was referred to the Program Committee.
- 9. Other Items
 - a. National Library Legislative Day
 - i. Information will be provided on the MLA website
 - b. ALA Conference Volunteering
 - i. MLA members attending ALA in New Orleans are encouraged to volunteer together on community projects.

The Board adjourned at 1:15.