



Minnesota Library Association  
**Annual Membership Meeting**  
Thursday, October 7, 2010 • 5:00–6:00PM  
Mayo Civic Center – McDonnell I

**AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions..... Kathleen James, MLA President 5:00PM
  - 2. Adopt Agenda..... Kathleen James, MLA President 5:05PM
  - 3. Approval of 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes ..... Kathleen James, MLA President 5:06PM
  - 4. Proposed Bylaws Change .....Lynne Young, MLA Secretary 5:07PM
  - 5. Draft Legislative Platform .....MLA Legislative Committee 5:27PM
  - 6. President’s Report..... Kathleen James, MLA President 5:37PM
  - 7. Treasurer’s Report ..... Mic Golden, MLA Treasurer 5:42PM
  - 8. MLA Board Election Results..... Chris Olson, MLA Nominations Committee Chair 5:47PM
  - 9. Member Questions, Memorials, Comments and Resolutions..... 5:50PM
  - 10. Adjourn ..... 6:00PM
- Parliamentarian .....Edward Swanson



Minnesota Library Association  
**Annual Business Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, October 15, 2009  
St. Cloud, MN

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. Quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion by Mark Ranum; seconded; Kathleen James seconded - Motion Passed.**

**Approval of Minutes of 2008**

Motion to approve with corrections from Lynne Young and Chris Beyerl; **moved by Mark Ranum; seconded Kathleen James - Motion Passed.**

**President's Report (Ken Behringer)**

- MLA Board discusses switch from direct hiring/supervision of MLA staff to association management model.
  - RFI Released by the MLA Board January 16, 2009
  - Response received from five firms
  - Executive Committee Review Process selected Nonprofit Solutions
- Important Terms of Agreement
  - \$3,800/month in 2009 - \$4,000/month in 2010
  - Nonprofit Solutions can charge reasonable expenses
  - Annual conference and up to 10 other events/year
  - Board variety of in-house staff skills/services

Behringer also entertained questions from the floor, including how long the current is contract with Nonprofit Solutions is (2 years) and did the electronic files come over during the transition (yes). He also discussed the building lease at MELSA and mentioned it was through 2010.

**Treasurer's Report (Robin Chaney)**

Chaney reported at the end of 2008, our net assets were \$150, 547. She also mentioned the board accepted a motion to allocate \$5 for each member in their respective divisions. Chaney also provided a membership report, as of 10/01 there were 610 members. This is down from previous years due to lapsed members and duplicates. She finished her report with a breakdown of the members and the sub-unit/division members.

### **Announcement of 2010 MLA Board Members**

Ann Hutton thanked all those who ran for office. The results of the election are:

President-Elect: Robin Ewing  
Treasurer: Mic Golden  
Legislative Chair: Michael Scott

### **Proposed Bylaw Changes (Lynne Young)**

Lynne Young mentioned the following motion was recently approved at the last board meeting "Since the proposed Bylaw amendments were distributed to the membership, some additional related changes that should have been made were discovered. Those changes do not meet the thirty-day notice requirement, and so cannot be considered at the annual meeting. The Board of Directors feels it would be more expedient to consider all the related changes at the same time, so on behalf of the Board, we move that action on the proposed Bylaws changes be postponed."

Young immediately presented the following resolution written by Parliamentarian Edward Swanson:

WHEREAS, In order for all members to have the opportunity to participate in such votes, the Minnesota Library Association Bylaws require that certain types of votes such as elections and referenda be conducted by mail; and,

WHEREAS, Since the Bylaws were established in 1979 methods in addition to postal mail have been developed that provide the opportunity for the entire membership to participate in a vote; and,

WHEREAS, Some of these methods can be conducted more efficiently than is true of strictly postal votes; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That votes of the Minnesota Library Association or any of its subunits that the Association Bylaws or a subunit's Bylaws require to be conducted by mail may be conducted by postal mail, by electronic mail or other electronic means, or by a combination, provided that in such a vote the information relating to the vote is distributed to all members at the same time; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That these same methods may be used in distributing other types of information to the entire membership.

**Lynne Young moved to accept the resolution on the definition of mail votes, as adopted at the October board meeting - Motion Passed**

### **Legislative Platform (Nick Dimassis)**

The draft MLA and MEMO 2010 Legislative Platform was adopted by the board and presented to the membership. Nick Dimassis provided additional explanation of the platform and fielded questions from the members.

The group discussed the State Plan and offered their opinions.

**Peg Werner moved to approve the 2010 Legislative Platform; seconded; after discussion- Motion Passed.**

## Member Questions, Comments, and Resolutions

- Mark Ranum and Lyndi Finifrock presented a resolution on 2009 Reauthorization of the USA Patriot Act, which was adopted at the October board meeting and recommended for presentation at the annual meeting.

Whereas, the Minnesota Library Association is committed to encouraging free and open inquiry by preserving the privacy rights of library users, library employees, and persons living in the United States;

Whereas, the Minnesota Library Association opposes governmental actions that suppress or chill free and open inquiry;

Whereas, Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act allows the FBI to secretly request and obtain library records for large numbers of individuals without reason to believe they are involved in illegal activity;

Whereas, Section 505 of the USA PATRIOT Act permits the FBI to obtain records from libraries by using National Security Letters (NSL) without prior judicial oversight;

Whereas, Section 215 automatically requires and Section 505 permits the FBI to impose a nondisclosure or "gag" order on the recipients, thereby prohibiting the reporting of abuse of government authority and abrogating the recipients' First Amendment rights;

Whereas, FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 25, 2009, that the FBI had used Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act 223 times between 2004 and 2007<sup>1</sup>, and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of the Department of Justice reported in March 2008 that the FBI had made 192,499 National Security Letter requests from 2003 through 2006<sup>2</sup>;

Whereas, the OIG reported in March 2008 that "the FISA Court twice refused to authorize Section 215 orders based on concerns that the investigation was premised on protected First Amendment activity, and the FBI subsequently issued NSLs to obtain information" without reviewing the underlying investigation to be sure it did not violate the statute's First Amendment caveat<sup>3</sup>;

Whereas, members of Congress have introduced legislation to restore privacy rights and address the concerns of the Minnesota Library Association such as: The Freedom to Read Protection Act (H.R. 1157 in the 108th Congress) and the National Security Letters Reform Act (S. 2088 in the 110th Congress and H.R. 1800); now therefore be it

Resolved that the Minnesota Library Association:

1. Oppose initiatives on the part of the United States government to constrain the free expression of ideas or to inhibit the use of libraries;
2. Urge Congress to repeal the USA PATRIOT Act's expanded National Security Letter Section 505 and Section 215 authorities that allow the FBI to demand information about people who are not targets of an investigation and to reinstate standards limiting the use of these authorities to obtain information only about terrorism suspects and agents of foreign powers.
3. Urge Congress to allow nondisclosure or "gag" orders of limited scope and duration only when necessary to protect national security and only upon the authority of a court, and ensure that targets of such orders have a meaningful right to challenge them before a fair and neutral arbiter.

4. Urge Congress to intensify its oversight of the use of the USA PATRIOT Act as well as other government surveillance and investigations that limit the privacy rights of library users, library employees, and U.S. persons;

5. Communicate this resolution to Minnesota's Congressional Delegation, the Minnesota Legislature, the Governor of the State of Minnesota, and the Minnesota State Librarian;

6. Urge its members, Minnesota librarians, Minnesota library trustees, and all library advocates to ask Congress to restore crucial safeguards protecting civil liberties.

The members had additional discussion. **Mark Ranum moved to accept this resolution as corrected for grammatical errors; Melissa Brechon seconded; Motion Passed.**

- Mary Wagner from the University of St. Catherine's thanks MLA and ALA chapter councilor for letter of support for accreditation.
- Jan Feye – Stukas presented the following memorial Lucile Roemer. "We would like to acknowledge the death of Lucile Roemer, Director of the Duluth Public Library from 1964 to her retirement in 1975. While Library Director, she was one of the incredible northeastern Minnesota librarians who were responsible for the establishment of the Arrowhead Library System. Mrs. Roemer graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1933 and began her library career at the University of Minnesota and later at the Library Division of the Minnesota Department of Education. In 1939 she moved to Duluth where in 1955 she became the first female elected to the Duluth City Council and also served at one point as the Acting Mayor of Duluth. Mrs. Roemer died on October 7, 2009 at the age of 99."
- Melissa Palank announced to the membership the Communications and Membership Committee will be resurfacing. There are many tasks for these committees, so she urged members to watch for an email soliciting volunteers.
- Ken discussed conference expenses and it appears we are doing well so far.

Ranum moved to adjourn at 5:56 p.m.; seconded by James; **Motion Passed.**

MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Unrestricted Net Assets:		
Support and Revenue:		
Conferences and Workshops	\$ 115,133	\$ 120,669
Dues and Other Support	60,507	68,596
Other Income	2,097	15,448
Grants and Contributions	14,464	10,369
Publication Sales	400	2,046
Interest	1,371	991
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:		
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	13,275	3,833
Total Support and Revenue	<u>207,247</u>	<u>221,952</u>
Expense:		
Conference	81,072	86,937
Professional Fees	64,294	27,107
Occupancy	9,806	11,117
Miscellaneous	8,350	3,390
Printing and Postage	3,899	769
Travel	3,131	1,500
Telephone and Internet	1,959	6,321
Insurance	1,375	2,061
Supplies	1,322	6,693
Depreciation	1,159	2,819
Dues and Subscriptions	585	420
Equipment Maintenance	164	1,143
Total Expense	<u>177,116</u>	<u>150,277</u>
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets from Operations	30,131	71,675
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:		
Contributions	10,500	6,608
Net Assets Released From Restrictions:		
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	(13,275)	(3,833)
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	<u>(2,775)</u>	<u>2,775</u>
Change in Net Assets	27,356	74,450
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	<u>150,547</u>	<u>76,097</u>
Net Assets - End of Year	<u>\$ 177,903</u>	<u>\$ 150,547</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements  
are an integral part of these statements.

MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 178,906	\$ 148,097
Accounts Receivable	275	3,872
Prepaid Expenses	2,714	2,714
Total Current Assets	<u>181,895</u>	<u>154,683</u>
Deposit	-	2,500
Furniture, Equipment and Software - Net	<u>-</u>	<u>1,158</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 181,895</u>	 <u>\$ 158,341</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 528	\$ 155
Deferred Revenue	3,464	7,639
Total Current Liabilities	<u>3,992</u>	<u>7,794</u>
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	177,903	147,772
Temporarily Restricted	-	2,775
Total Net Assets	<u>177,903</u>	<u>150,547</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	 <u>\$ 181,895</u>	 <u>\$ 158,341</u>

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## **2011 Legislative Platform**

### **Telecommunications**

MLA/MEMO supports continued, equitable, and improved high speed broadband connections for K-12 schools and public libraries. Sufficient Internet access is mission critical for schools and public libraries.

- Public libraries need broadband connections in order to manage collections, provide materials to customers, and also serve as public Internet access centers to citizens who do not have computers or Internet access in their homes. (RLTA)
- Media rich online educational content requires high levels of bandwidth for schools. In addition, schools need Internet access to manage daily operations, including food service, transportation, accounting, procurement and other aspect of administration. (T/I Equity Aid)

### **Regional Library Systems**

MLA/MEMO supports continued funding for the regional public library systems to meet the demands placed on public libraries that are seeing significant increases in the use of their materials, services, and technology.

MLA/MEMO supports continued funding for the multicounty, multitype library systems to support communication, resource sharing, staff development, and collaborative programming that connects all types of Minnesota libraries.

### **Minitex/MnLINK**

MLA/MEMO supports maintaining the current base budget of Minitex/MnLINK funding at \$6,031,000 for each year of the biennium.

MLA/MEMO supports maintaining the current base budget of the Electronic Library for Minnesota at \$900,000 for each year of the biennium.

### **Governor's Workforce Development Council**

MLA/MEMO supports legislation to require appointment of a representative of public libraries to the Governor's Workforce Development Council.

### **Library Accessibility and Improvement Grants**

MLA/MEMO supports legislation for a redesign of the Library Accessibility and Improvement Grants Program to promote important state policy goals, encourage innovation, expand funding, and improve administrative efficiency.

### **Legacy Funding**

MLA/MEMO supports an appropriation of a portion of the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund by the Legislature to the 12 Minnesota regional public library systems to provide educational opportunities in the arts, history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of Minnesota.

**As legislative opportunities arise, MLA and MEMO support:**

- Funding for the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library at a level that ensures its vital services and programs are readily available to the visually impaired and print disabled.
- Continued LGA/CPA funding as these programs provide significant and essential support for consistent local library services across Minnesota.
- Adoption by the Minnesota Department of Education of the 2009 MEMO Information and Technology Literacy Standards to support 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning.
- Minnesota Department of Education's technology planning process so that each school district has an effective technology plan
- School library media specialist with State Library Services
- Further review of findings from the Office of the Legislative Auditor's Report on Public Libraries