

Minnesota Library Association  
**Annual Business Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, October 13, 2011  
Duluth, MN

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. Quorum was present with 147 members.
2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Robin Ewing introduced the 2011 Board of Directors.
3. **Adoption of Agenda** – Mark Ranum moved to adopt the agenda – Motion passed
4. **Approval of 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes** – Mark Ranum moved to approve the minutes – Motion passed
5. **Proposed Bylaw Changes** – Jenny Trushenski provided an overview of the bylaw changes to the MLA members. **Ken Behringer moved to approve the bylaw changes as proposed by the Bylaws Committee and distributed to members for review in September 2011 - Motion passed**
6. **Draft Legislative Platform** – The draft MLA and MEMO 2012 Joint Legislative Platform was adopted by the board and presented to the membership. Bob Boese provided additional explanation of the planks and fielded questions from the members.  
**Peg Werner moved to strike the second plank of the platform; seconded by Ken Behringer – Motion passed**  
**Ken Behringer moved to approve the 2012 Joint Legislative Platform as amended; seconded by Ann Hutton. The membership had additional discussion – Motion passed**
7. **State of the Association** – Robin Ewing provided highlights of the association activities for the past year. She mentioned the improvement of MLA communication, including the addition of the Roundup newsletter and more social media activity. Robin also informed the membership of the board activity to increase subunit participation, including the Summer Subunit Summit and the no-conflict scheduling of the subunit meetings during conference. Robin talked about the revisions the Association has made for conference planning. Finally, she recapped the work the Board has been doing with the annual bylaw review and policy and procedure overhaul.
8. **Treasurer's Report** – Mic Golden reported at the end of 2010, our net assets were \$203,891. She also provided a membership report, as of September 30, 2011 there were 726 members. The report concluded with Mic mentioning the breakdown of members and subunit/division members.

9. **Plans for 2012** – Carla Urban discussed with the membership her initial plans for her 2012 presidency and the direction of the board. She also thanked Nonprofit Solutions for their work over the year and mentioned what a good partnership it is. Carla also said Robin Ewing was willing to work with the board on strategic planning.

10. **MLA Board Election Results** – Mary Parker thanked all the candidates for their willingness to serve the organization and congratulated the following:

- Kristen Mastel – President-Elect
- Anna Hulseberg – Treasurer
- Mark Ranum – Legislative Committee Vice-Chair

11. **Member Questions, Memorials, Comments, and Resolutions** –

- **Carla Urban moved to accept a Memorial Resolution honoring Edward Swanson; seconded by Gretchen Wronka – Motion Passed**

*Whereas*, Edward Swanson, retired Manager, Minitex Contract Cataloging Program, University of Minnesota, and retired Coordinator of Library Cataloging and Principal Cataloger, Minnesota Historical Society, died on Friday December 10, 2010, after a brief illness; and

*Whereas*, He had a lifelong love of libraries, joining the Minnesota Library Association while he was still in high school, serving as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Board Member, and Parliamentarian extraordinaire, as Chair of the Technical Services Section, Editor of its *Bulletin*, recipient of the Centennial Medal in 1991 and in many other leadership roles; and

*Whereas*, He was lifetime member of the American Library Association, serving on ALA Council 1979-83, and later on the International Relations Committee planning group; and

*Whereas*, He served the ALA Resources and Technical Services Division, later to become the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services, as a Board Member, Parliamentarian, and on Nominating, International Relations, and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committees; and

*Whereas*, He contributed to the professional literature of cataloging, not only in his editing of manuals to assist catalogers in AACR2 application, but also as *LRTS* Editorial Board Member, Best of *LRTS* Committee Member, Special Editor, Book Review Editor, and Indexer of *LRTS*, and as Interim Editor of the *ALCTS Newsletter*; and

*Whereas*, He served on the Freedom to Read Foundation Board, representing the International Relations Round Table; and

*Whereas*, He was a contributor to librarianship on a world scale, serving on the Governing Board and in many leadership positions in the International Federation of Library Associations, with special focus on Cataloguing, Classification and Indexing, and Bibliographic Control; and

**Whereas**, He was active in many organizations, from local to international, from grassroots to government, with the purpose of increasing library access, library use, library quality, library standards, library cooperation, and library community; and

**Whereas**, He was ever gracious in his interactions with colleagues at all levels; and

**Whereas**, He was renowned for his dry wit, his generous celebrations, his kindness, his wisdom in deliberations, and his unceasing intellectual curiosity;

**Therefore be it Resolved**, That the Minnesota Library Association, on behalf of its members, (1) recognizes the remarkable achievements of Edward Swanson and gratefully acknowledges his many contributions to the profession of librarianship; and (2) expresses its sincere sympathy to the family of Edward Swanson, including his partner, Carsten Slostad of St. Paul, Minn., brother and sister-in-law David and Vivian Swanson of Willmar, Minn., sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Bob Rolfes of Mankato, Minn., and sister-in-law Mitsuko Swanson of Oak Harbor, Wash.

- **Bill DeJohn moved to approved the Resolution on Government Documents; seconded by Ann Hutton – Motion Passed**

**Whereas**, no-fee public access to government information is the foundation of an informed citizenry, and;

**Whereas**, the preference of this informed citizenry and of government agencies for digital government information has been shown in the movement of many governmental services and information to online formats, and;

**Whereas**, key access points to this government information are all Minnesota libraries, including the regional federal depository library at the University of Minnesota and selective federal depository libraries across the state of Minnesota, and;

**Whereas**, the University of Minnesota (UMN) regional federal depository library provides support not only for depository libraries in Minnesota, but depository libraries in South Dakota as an approved multi-state regional, and;

**Whereas**, the UMN regional federal depository library, in conjunction with the State Library of Michigan and the Government Printing Office, has worked for over a year to extend their regional service to the state of Michigan following the stepping down of the State Library as the Michigan regional federal depository library, and;

**Whereas**, the creation of a new extended model for multi-state regionals provides support for developing efficiencies and added value of virtual support of libraries separated by geographic distances, and such new models are imperative for streamlining operational environments for depository libraries, and;

**Whereas**, the success and potential of use of network technologies for access to digital content and virtual services not only enhances the work of libraries in Minnesota but also provides economic-based collaborative potentials within the Midwest, and;

**Whereas**, the University of Minnesota, in conjunction with the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), and the HathiTrust, is fulfilling a critical role of digitizing the corpus of legacy government publications in print furthering access and collection management savings;

**Be It Resolved That**, The Minnesota Library Association through the passing of this resolution show support for the UMN regional federal depository library in working with the United States senators of Minnesota in their being designated the regional library for Michigan, and;

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Minnesota's United States senators' offices.

12. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm. **Michael Scott moved to adjourn the meeting – Motion passed**