

Maryland Library Association Steering Committee Minutes
August 15, 2023

- Changes to the Agenda
 - Voted to move ALA Councilor's report up in the agenda in the interest of time
 - Voted to table Divisions and Interest Groups in the interest of time.

- July Executive Board Meeting
 - Conni sent out a draft of the July 19th EB meeting on 8/21

- Treasurer's report
 - Balance sheet comparison looks good – nothing unordinary to report.
 - Total income for July \$4,731. Expenses for July \$5,170.21.
 - Joe motioned to approve the budget for audit, Nay seconded, budget voted approved for audit.

- Affiliate membership update
 - 15 Affiliate members as of right now, most of which are public libraries.
 - Considering ways to engage individuals under the affiliate memberships.
 - A welcome letter from the President, webinar or video on making the most of your membership, etc.
 - Working to move the website to direct more people to the user-friendly MLA Connect until a new AMS is obtained for the website.

- Centennial
 - Registration opened for bowling event. 8 people registered so far.
 - Carnival event has a caterer with good pricing – finalizing logistics then will open registration.
 - MLA will have a welcome table (not a games booth)
 - 6 systems registered for booths, but sponsorships are looking good.

- Special election closed on the 20th. Teonja Jung won the election.

- ALA/State of Libraries
 - We haven't received feedback from anyone in the state asking for us to pull away from MLA, so MLA does not plan to make a pre-emptive statement at this time.

- Educational grants:
 - Tiff made a motion to approve PDO's suggestions for awards and Joe seconded. Nay abstained. The vote passed.

- Legislative Panel/LAIG
 - Looking into ways that the Legislative Panel can move towards disseminating information and providing training.

- Currently still no LAIG lead.
- ALA Councilor's Report
 - Joe connected with David Dahl about the turnover.
 - Joe/MLA will be at LibLearnX, bringing more information about how to get more involved in MLA.
- President's Report
 - Focusing on advocacy training and division re-adjustments and engaging affiliate members.
 - Will put together a workgroup for programs to engage affiliate members, and will add engaging new affiliate members to next Executive Board meeting.
- Executive Director's Report
 - Working on Manager's Summit and Academy.
 - Looking into exploring Affiliate Memberships for Community Colleges.
 - Attending MACO.
 - Will sit on Advocacy Advisory Panel for Florida State University's iSchool
- Past President's Report
 - Regular meetings with President and Executive Director.
 - Working with Dr. Kelly Clark to re-energize LGBTQ+ Interest Group
 - Finishing work with Library Journal for their Manager Training
 - Accepted into NNLM's Driving Change Through Learning: Racial Equity Pilot Program, to begin in September
- Conference Director's Report:
 - Set a date of 9/5 for program proposals e-mail, due end of October.
 - Focusing on fresh and new presentations, with the understanding it's okay to turn down folks in favor of bringing in fresh voices and ideas.