

Minnesota Library Association
Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 4, 2012
Saint Paul, MN

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 5:38. Quorum was present with 126 members.
2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Carla Urban introduced the Association officers .
3. **Adoption of Agenda** – Mark Ranum moved to adopt the agenda. Ben Trapskin seconded – Motion passed
4. **Approval of 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes** – Mark Ranum moved to approve the minutes – Ben Trapskin seconded – Motion passed
5. **State of the Association** – Carla Urban provided highlights of the association activities for the past year. **NOTES FROM SLIDESHOW LOBBYIST RECONFIGURATION** A member inquired about joint efforts with MEMO and Urban noted that the possibility was raised, but that both groups expressed that they were not immediately ready to take concrete steps. She also provided a membership report, as of September 30, 2012 there were 711 members. The report concluded with Carla noting the breakdown of members and subunit/division members.
6. **Treasurer's Report** – Anna Hulseberg reported a strong financial position of the Association. At the end of 2011, MLA's net assets were **AMOUNT**. Membership as % of YTD. She noted a clean audit completed in X. The financial policies updated in 2011 continue to be implemented. A member inquired on the planned use of the strategic reserve and Urban noted that the Board has not formally determined plans to expend the funds.
7. **Proposed Bylaw Changes** – Jenny Trushenski provided an overview of the bylaw changes to the MLA members. **Jenny Trushenski moved to approve the bylaw changes as proposed by the Bylaws Committee and distributed to members for review in September 2012**

Trushenski clarified that the Member-At-Large and IFC Chair will be separate Board positions, with the former serving a 2 year term and the latter serving a 1 year term. A member inquired about the Legislative Chair being a Member-at-Large and Urban noted that the position is not currently denoted as a Member-at-Large.

Motion passed

8. **Draft Legislative Platform** – The draft MLA and MEMO 2013 Joint Legislative Platform was adopted by the board and presented to the membership.

Mark Ranum moved to approve the 2013 Joint Legislative Platform.

Mark Ranum provided additional explanation of the planks and fielded questions from the members.

Motion passed

9. **Plans for 2013** – Kristen Mastel discussed with the membership her initial plans for her 2013 presidency and the direction of the board.
10. **MLA Board Election Results** – Maureen Bell thanked all the Nominations Committee for their service and candidates for their willingness to serve the organization and congratulated the following:
 - Michele McGraw – President-Elect
 - Carla Powers – Secretary
 - Jim Weikum – Legislative Committee Vice-Chair
 - Kirsten Clark – Member-at-Large, Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair
11. **Member Questions, Memorials , Comments, and Resolutions** –
 - Urban noted a list of members of the MLA community who had passed in the last year.
 - A member noted the importance of the Association actively recruiting, engaging and mentoring young members of the profession.
 - A member requested the inclusion of the membership in any strategic planning process.
 - A request was made to consider distributing geographic locations of Board and Committee meetings.
 - Members requested review of committee and committee leadership structures.
 - **Chris Olson moved to thank Carla Urban for her service as President; seconded by NAME – Motion Passed by applause.**
12. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm. **Ken Behringer moved to adjourn the meeting – Motion passed**