



Minnesota Library Association

**Annual Membership Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, October 8 • 5:00–6:00PM  
Verizon Wireless Center, Reception Hall; Mankato, MN

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by President Michele McGraw at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was present with 148 members.
- 2. Welcome and Introductions** – Jayne Blodgett was introduced as parliamentarian.
- 3. Adoption of Agenda** – Motion by Mark Ranum, seconded by Kim Edson, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Approval of 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes** – Motion by Mark Ranum, seconded by Kim Edson, to approve the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. State of the Association** – McGraw recognized current MLA board members and thanked committee members. She said there have been two major initiatives this year: changing association management companies and beginning to implement the strategic plan that was drafted last year. McGraw recognized the members of the strategic planning committee who were in attendance. She outlined the four key areas of the plan: strengthening our organization, engaging our members, developing and equipping our leaders, and educating and activating a library support network. She shared membership comparisons between 2013 and 2014. Currently the Association has over 900 members. Divisions and subunits have grown after last year's decision to eliminate the \$5 fee to join subunits.
- 6. Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Jennifer Hootman shared her report. Net assets by year are down slightly due to greater investment in membership and transitions costs to new management company. Budget targets for conference are expected to be met.
- 7. Proposed Bylaws Change** - Secretary Carla Powers outlined the proposed changes to the bylaws. Motion by Powers, seconded by Carla Urban, to approve the changes as outlined. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8. Draft Legislative Platform** – Legislative Committee Chair Jim Weikum thanked the members who participated in the Legislative Forum in July. Incoming Chair Pat Conley explained that the platform should be viewed as general concepts outlining the issues that MLA supports and expects to work on in the coming session, and she cautioned that much can change between now and when the legislative session is over. Motion by Mark Ranum, seconded by Kim Edson, to adopt the platform. There was discussion about methods by which the platform will be shared with members. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Plans for 2015** – President-Elect Maggie Snow noted efforts by the Association to engage the membership year-around, including last year's un-conference, ARLD Day and PLD Day. She intends to "stay the course" with the work that has begun already. Work will continue on internal procedures and policies, and the transition to the new management company is complete.

**10.MLA Board Election Results** – Nominating Committee Chair Peg Werner introduced the nominations committee, recognized the members who agreed to run for office, and announced the new board members for 2015. An appointment will be made to fill the remainder of the term for ALA Chapter Councilor, which Michael Scott will be vacating as he takes a job out of state.

**11.Member Questions, Memorials, Comments and Resolutions** – Ken Beringer presented a resolution in honor of Chris Olson, seconded by Barb Misseltdt. Resolution passed unanimously.

**12.Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Next year's meeting will take place at the River Center in St. Paul on Oct. 8 and 9, 2015.