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Minnesota Library Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2015
4:00 – 4:20 PM
Via Telephone

Present: Pat Conley, Robin Ewing, Carla Lydon, Maureen Gormley, Jennifer Hootman, Michele McGraw, Amanda Mills, Laura Morlock, Tammy Schoenberg, Maggie Snow, Margaret Stone

Absent: Amy Wilde

Maggie called the meeting to order at 4pm. The agenda for this meeting is to prep for the annual conference MLA member meeting.

There will be a handful of motions for the annual meeting:

1. Adopt agenda.
2. Approve minutes.
3. Legislative Committee changes. (Pat won't be there; Barb will take her place.)
4. Phil will do the Nominations announcements.

Robin brought up that we should be prepared to actually do a count for the by-laws change. Parliamentarian Don Kelsey suggested not doing a voice vote but instead to do a show of hands and then voice and then paper if needed. We should be prepared with blank pieces of paper for paper vote, if needed. The motion needs a 2/3 vote. Talking points have been prepared. Laura and Jennifer will share some of those points. Tammy will be there for the meeting, if needed.

The Legislative Steering Committee has put out a request for information on lobbying activities. Question for the board: since the Committee has no power, beyond the partner agreement what is it we want to do. An RFI can be done more speedily, etc. MLA Board has the lobbyist contract and needs to make the decision. Save this for the Board discussion at the November meeting. It may come up as a topic of discussion at the annual meeting and we can let the members know that the Board will take this issue up in November.

Robin asked about the letter to the Librarian of Congress. Discussion from the last Board meeting was about writing a letter to President Obama in support of hiring a librarian or someone with library experience for the next Librarian of Congress. There wasn't a conclusion to that discussion. In the meantime, there has been much discussion on an ALA listserve. It has been decided to write a letter of support stating we'd like someone with library experience but not necessarily a librarian in that position. Maggie will draft the letter, after the conference, and send it to the Board on Monday for approval.

Frances asked about the PLD meeting tomorrow. Does anyone know where a copy of last year's meeting minutes from the Mankato PLD meeting are? Apparently no one was assigned to take minutes. Encourage Committee Chairs to use the MLA website for document storage. Maggie will follow up with leaders after the conference. They are also supposed to post annual reports, which are due before December.

MLA will have a booth/table in the exhibit hall. Stop by.

Motion to adjourn at 4:20pm by Maggie; seconded by Robin.