

**WVLA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 24, 2016**  
**Morrow Library, Marshall University, Huntington, WV**

Attending: Emilee Seese, Gretchen Beach, Beth Royall, Jamie Bayne, Majed Khader, Melissa Brooks, Jessica Tapia, Charles Bagley, Karen Goff, Megan Tarbett, Brenna Call, Judy Rule, Eva McGuire, Amy Stover, Brian Raitz

Emilee called the meeting to order at 10:35am. Jamie's name was spelled incorrectly in the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes stood as corrected.

**President's Report, Emilee Seese:** Emilee distributed the final committee list, see attached. Megan moved we approve the committee appointments. Brenna seconded. Motion carried. Jessica will update them on the website. The request for proposal form for the annual conference is ready, see attached. The next meeting will be Friday June 3 at Glade Springs at 10:30.

David Trowbridge, history prof at Marshall presented information to the Executive Board about Clio: <http://www.theclio.com/web/>

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report, Gretchen Beach (see attached):** The conference committee is ready, but she needs at least one more person for local arrangements. Mary Strife was suggested as a possibility. The food committee will meet at Spring Fling.

**Treasurer's Report, Brian Raitz (see attached):** Brian reported that more people seem to be renewing online. However the funds for additional roundtables and divisions as well as donations have continued to remain almost non-existent. Beth moved to approve checks 1103-1114. Majed seconded and motion carried. The budget didn't change since the December meeting. Brian moved to approve the budget. Motion passed.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Report, Megan Tarbett (see attached):** The renewal process has not been going smoothly. Jessica suggested that Olivia attend the next board meeting, so Olivia, Megan, and Brian can work out the procedures. People have been dropped off of the WVLA listserv, and it isn't clear how people are being added. Megan suggested making the 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president position a two year position, but this would require a bylaws and handbook change. The consensus is that this recommendation should wait until after the Executive Assistant Task Force presents their recommendations at the next Board meeting. The board would like for the executive board listserv to begin defaulting to "reply" rather than "reply all."

**Trustee Division, Charlie Bagley:** The Trustees division has secured a speaker, Dennis Taylor, for Spring Fling.

**Public Library Division, Amy Stover (see attached):** Adult coloring book bags will be given to all Spring Fling attendees. Several people have asked if vegetarian and gluten free snacks will be available, but the cost is prohibitive. Amy will let them know that the snacks will not be gluten free. The next public division chair may want to look at holding Spring Fling somewhere other than Flatwoods. The Summersville Convention Center would like to bid.

**Academic Library Division, Melissa Brooks (see attached):** The Academic division summer meeting will be held on July 22 at WVU Tech at Beckley.

**Roundtable Reports, Brenna Call (see attached):** The technical services roundtable is working with the Academic division on the summer meeting. The preservation roundtable is meeting at Spring Fling to discuss programming for the fall conference. The directors roundtable will also meet at Spring Fling to discuss ideas for a workshop at the fall conference.

**ALA Councilor, Majed Khader (see attached):**

- ALA would like to hear about advocacy initiatives in state chapters. Emilee will create an ad-hoc committee for advocacy, including someone from the public relations committee, social responsibilities roundtable, legislative committee, Friends division and/or the Trustee division to explore options including whether or not WVLA should create an advocacy committee.
- Another initiative that ALA is trying to promote is a student membership rate for joint membership in both ALA and WVLA.
- ALA is seeking nominations for an award available for friends and trustees who attend National Library Legislative Day. Congress will be in recess during NLLD this year. If you are a member of ALA, be sure to vote.
- The election ends mid-April.

Melissa moved that Megan pursue a joint student membership with ALA. Brenna seconded. Motion carried.

**Federal Relations, Jane Levitan (see attached):** National Library Legislative Day will be held May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**SELA Representative, Breanna Bowen:** No report.

**WVLC Secretary, Karen Goff (see attached):** There is no news on the 2016 or 2017 budget, but additional cuts are possible. The legislature will need to go into special session. The cuts are more like to come from general funds from taxes (people, utilities), rather than lottery funds (programming). The WVLC is still hiring several positions. Despite everyone's best efforts, the two library-related bills that passed will not benefit libraries, and the ones that would have benefited libraries either saw no action or died in committee. The directors' academy will be held the day before Spring Fling. There are 14 new directors since this time last year. Fiber

transfers are moving along. Six commissioners were reappointed. Three new appointments were made to Chuck Julian, Dave Nalker, and Debra Sullivan. Phil Turner from the University of North Texas will be promoting the MLS program here in June.

**Newsletter editor, Jamie Bayne (see attached):** The first electronic only newsletter is ready to go. It took a lot of time to set up templates. The biggest challenge is lack of content. The newsletter will be published every other month. Marshall Digital Scholar will be hosting the newsletter.

**Legislative Committee, Judy Rule:** There was no luncheon or reception this year for legislative day. The legislative committee may meet at Spring Fling.

**Site Selection Committee, Eva McGuire (see attached):** The committee recommends that the 2017 conference be held at the Greenbrier on November 8-10. SELA will help provide programming. Megan moves we accept Eva's recommendation pending further negotiations by Eva about meeting rooms and authorize Emilee to sign a contract and issue an invitation to SELA to have a joint conference. Beth seconded. Motion passed.

**Awards Committee, Jessica Tapia:** The nomination form will go out next week and nominations will be due May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Old Business:** The executive assistant task force will report back at the June meeting.

**New Business:** none

Meeting adjourned at 1:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Tapia