

MAPLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2023

1:00 p.m.

Present: Seth Hershberger
Dana Newman
Andrea Berstler
Ashley Teagle
Michael Gannon
Irene Padilla
Sonia Alcantara-Antoine
Jenny Bakos
Megan Sutherland
Catie Hall
Christie Lassen
Debby Bennett

Absent: Ed Goyda
Kenneth Wayne Thompson

Ashley called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Approve January Board Meeting Minutes

Dana moved to approve the Minutes. Christie seconded. Approval was unanimous and the Minutes were approved.

Unfinished Business

- MAPLA Strategic Plan Update
 - Have received two proposals. On March 16 it was decided to resend an updated request for proposals to extend the timeline. Proposals are due April 17th and the strategic plan steering committee will meet May 2nd to talk about proposals. July 26th meeting will start the strategic planning TLW Strategy, leadership institute for compassionate change making – two bids.
 - We did not set a budget. All MAPLA members would need to vote to approve whoever is selected as the strategic planning person (can be via email).

New Business

- Review financial report
 - Irene asked if we are at a good/normal spot. Andrea said yes, pointed out that our revenue from this meeting isn't shown on this document, would show up next month.
 - Ashley asked about compass/the fees increasing (do the fees increase every year?). Andrea said we could potentially go out to bid, but we have a long

history/relationship with Compass and they're very institutionally wise when it comes to working with libraries.

- October meeting (two days) location
 - Ocean City
 - Queen Anne's County
 - Other?

Seth said he researched the Clarion.

Between Hyatt and Cambria. Michael mentioned that in the past we have negotiated so we don't have to pay for meeting room fees. Andrea state Jill can work on this moving forward, negotiating with meeting venues. Usually get a hospitality suite for networking.

Thursday/Friday is preferable to Wednesday/Thursday.

We should consider setting meeting dates for next year earlier. Ashley will set meeting dates as outgoing board president.

Christie asked if there is a certain focus for the October meeting.

Debby said typically the board meets prior to the October meeting in person. It's a good time to revisit doing some training. Elections for board positions. Typically Thursday would be the meeting with speakers, presentations, dinner. The board meeting is before the Thursday meeting. and then a Friday morning meeting for the annual meeting. Ashley asked what we will cover during the annual meeting. (Board meeting approve Board meeting Minutes, regular meeting Thursday, Approve July Minutes. Financial report. New board officers come up with their nominations. Approve new fiscal year budget. Draft budget for the following year. New president takes over at the end of the meeting on the second day. Some people bring speakers or activities for after dinner).

Review dues to see if they still cover what we need.

1:34 p.m. Christie motioned to adjourn. Dana seconded. Approval was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.