

MAPLA Board Meeting via Zoom

October 22, 2020

Present: Anita Vassallo, Debby Bennett, Michael Blackwell, Roberta Phillips, Skip Auld, Elizabeth Hulett, Carrie Willson, Ed Goyda, Tamar Sarnoff, Andrea Berstler, Stephanie Szymanski.

Call to Order

Ms. Vassallo called the meeting to order at 10 am.

Minutes of October 3, 2019 Minutes

It was noted that Mr. Goyda is part of the Finance Committee. Ms. Willson asked that a spelling error be corrected. Mr. Blackwell moved to approve the Minutes as amended. Ms. Hulett seconded. Approval was unanimous.

FY 21 Revised Budget & FY 22 Proposed Budget

Ms. Bennett reviewed the approved FY 21 Budget with adjustments to MLLI and MACO support and moved those funds to MAPLA Speakers to accommodate the Margaret Sullivan presentation at today's MAPLA meeting.

For the proposed FY 22 budget no change to dues is recommended. The contingency for reserve is high due to the COVID-19 pandemic cancelling events, but it gives some flexibility for the future, which may include some lean years. Recommending to leave funding for Legislative Day, MLLI, and MACO support, after a conversation with MLA Executive, Margaret Carty. There was discussion about speakers for FY 22. Also, the board would like to continue the change of general meeting agendas, removing the in-person reports that are being so well presented by Tamar Sarnoff, MSL, MLA staff and SLRC staff via email. Ms. Bennett gave credit to Anita Vassallo and Roberta Phillips for their thoughtful ideas to bring in a presenter for today's annual/general meeting. Ms. Berstler said she would like us to hear from our members, from the industry, and have information about nationwide trends.

The Budgets will move on for approval at the General Meeting.

MOU MAPLA/Carroll County Public Library

The MOU with Carroll County was reviewed. Carroll has been providing, administrative, financial, and website and technical support for many years. For some years, the administrative assistant was paid \$1000 annually. This agreement will recognize all the support that Carroll gives MAPLA and will pay the system \$3000 for their work.

Ms. Bennett moved to approve the MOU with Carroll County Public Library. Ms. Willson seconded. Approval was unanimous.

It was noted that the document repository on the MAPLA website will be updated.

Ms. Willson gave information on the work with Compass Government Relations Inc. There have been some concerns about Compass' performance, but Ms. Willson said she is very happy with work that Isaac Meyer and Hannah Garagiola have provided this year. They helped us navigate the situation with the fine free legislation. Ms. Willson recommended keeping Compass.

Mr. Blackwell moved to continue with Compass. Ms. Phillips seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Intergovernmental (IGR) Committee members were proposed:

Gordon Krabbe, Tonya Aikens, Mary Hastler, John Venditta, Morgan Miller, Roberta Phillips, Irene Padilla, Andrea Berstler, Anita Vassallo. There was discussion if everyone was comfortable with the group.

Ms. Bennett moved to approve the IGR group. Mr. Blackwell seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Slate of Officers for FY 21 MAPLA Board

Roberta Phillips, President
Ed Goyda, Vice President
Anita Vassallo, Immediate Past President
Michael Blackwell, Previous Past President
Debby Bennett, Secretary/Treasurer
Carrie Willson, at-large member
Skip Auld, at-large member
Elizabeth Hulett, at-large member
Open, at-large member (Sharan Marshall retired)
Open – member-at-large (was Ed Goyda)
Stephanie, Szymanski, Administrative Assistant to MAPLA

- Discussion about whether or not assistance/deputy/associate directors could serve on the board as at-large members, which would help diversify the board. Items the board approves always move to the general membership for a vote. The board decided to ask the membership to approve the following change of the Rules of Procedures by adding this sentence: **MAPLA Board at-large members shall be a diverse representation of the full body of MAPLA. Assistant/Associate/Deputy directors may serve on the Board.**

Everyone discussed possible MAPLA members who could fill at-large slots. Mr. Auld said he could give up his seat if others can be found to fill it.

Finance committee members as decided by the Board:

Debby Bennett
Michael Blackwell
Elizabeth Hulett
Ed Goyda

Other - Upcoming Legislation

Ms. Willson and Ms. Berstler reported on the Veto Override letter requests for HB1000/SB524, please send them to Isaac Meyer at Compass; work is being done with Compass on creating a virtual legislative day; and it was noted that one system is looking at a possible union bill.

Other Business

Ms. Hullet mentioned that there was a lot of discussion at the winter meeting about who was in attendance at the meeting. It may require a sensitive conversation about making it clear on who is welcome to attend, depending on the topics that are discussed at meetings. Ms. Hullet will bring up the matter on the MAPLA directors listserv.

Adjournment

Mr. Blackwell moved to adjourn. Ms. Willson seconded. Approval was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 11:27 am.