

**Delaware Library Association
Executive Board meeting
Delaware Public Archives
February 15, 2011**



In attendance: Margie Cyr, Peggy Dillner, Ed Hockersmith, Pauly Iheanacho, Jon Jeffery, Rebecca Knight, Patty Langley, Mary Jane Mallonee, Jim McCloskey, Annie Norman, William Simpson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Margie Cyr at 4:10 p.m.

Quorum

A quorum was present (7 officers and division presidents, including Ed Hockersmith representing DSLMA).

Minutes

Secretary Mary Jane Mallonee had previously distributed the minutes of the January 20, 2011, meeting electronically. The minutes were approved after corrections were made.

Treasurer's Report

Pauly Iheanacho reported that everything was the same as the report in January except that a contribution of \$100 to the Freedom to Read Foundation was included in the budget. No membership money has been received this month.

CRLD Report

William Simpson reported that the Division's spring event will be a program on the digital assets management program at Longwood Gardens on Friday, April 8. Graduate students will speak at the half-day program, which will start with a continental breakfast at 8:45 a.m. Admission is free and includes admission to the gardens. This event is limited to 50 people.

DSLMA Report

Ed Hockersmith reported that April is School Library Month, and he welcomed suggestions for celebrating it. He does not know of any further reductions in school librarian positions in the state.

Nominating Committee

Suzanne Smith was not present, but Margie will confer with her about the need for candidates for Vice President, Secretary, and ALA Councilor.

Old Business:

Annual Conference

Patty Langley passed out printouts of the registration form for the DLA/MLA Annual Conference. She will e-mail us a template for a solicitation letter for baskets/gifts for the

silent auction. She will obtain three estimates for buses to run Thursday and Friday to the conference, with one stop in each county. There was discussion about the virtual conference licenses being offered for special interactive programming during the conference. Margie mentioned that the 7:30 a.m. Friday DLA Executive Board meeting time in the conference schedule is only in case we need it.

Legislative Day

Jim McCloskey reported that postcards have been sent announcing the May 12 workshop. Denise Davis, of the Cecil County Public Library in Maryland, will speak at the workshop. Letters requesting an RSVP will be sent in April. It is Jim's opinion that the mailings, over 300 postcards and over 300 letters, should be funded by DLA rather than the Legislative Action Committee Chair's institution. Some Board members questioned the cost (\$2,000) of the food served last year and think the lunch should cost less. Pauly will check on the price paid for the food last year. There was discussion about involving more citizens who use libraries, not just librarians, in Legislative Day. Margie will talk with Beth Ann Ryan about some publicity aimed at Friends groups.

Handbook and Bylaws

Rebecca Knight asked for any suggestions, and there was discussion of a few of the changes made to the Bylaws. The DLA fiscal year will remain July 1 to June 30. Margie thanked Jon Jeffery and Rebecca Knight for their work on this revision of the Bylaws. The Board approved the Bylaws as revised. The Bylaws can be voted on at the Annual Conference without including the Handbook. The changes and revisions will be sent out prior to the Conference, with information specifying when the vote on them will take place. For the second required vote, a special meeting can be scheduled in the fall. There is no time specified in the Bylaws for sending out ballots for DLA offices.

Status of Delaware School Librarians

Ed Hockersmith said there are speakers available in all three counties to talk about retaining or hiring school librarians. There is also a good PowerPoint presentation for speakers to use, and Rebecca said she could post it on the DLA website.

State Librarian's Report

Annie Norman said that BTOP (Broadband Technology Opportunities Program) people are now in place. The Division of Libraries has hired new administrators. Delaware public libraries have received an award for teaching financial literacy.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, at 4:00 p.m.

Approved March 17, 2011

Mary Jane Mallonee
Secretary