

**Delaware Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Delaware Public Archives
January 20, 2011**



In attendance: Julie Brewer, Margie Cyr, Peggy Dillner, Carol Fitzgerald, Pauly Iheanacho, Rebecca Knight, Marilyn Kulkarni, Patty Langley, Mary Jane Mallonee, Maureen Miller, Annie Norman, Carol Rudisell, William Simpson, Jane Stewart

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Margie Cyr at 4:05 p.m.

Quorum

A quorum was present (10 officers and division presidents)

Minutes

Secretary Mary Jane Mallonee had previously distributed the minutes of the November 18, 2010, meeting electronically. The minutes were approved after Treasurer Pauly Iheanacho corrected the amount of the possible IRS fine to the exact amount of \$242.69.

Treasurer's Report

Pauly reported that the IRS has not imposed a fine on DLA for not filing Form 990 for several years, with the understanding that Form 990 would be properly filed from now on. The treasurer's report of income, expenses, and account balances had been previously distributed electronically. The financial review by First State CPAs LLC and the explanations and corrections to the treasurer's report by Pauly had been previously distributed. These were both accepted. Renewing DLA's membership in the Freedom to Read Foundation was briefly discussed. Carol Rudisell proposed adding the \$100.00 dues to the budget. Marilyn Kulkarni seconded the motion, and it was approved.

ALA Councilor's Report

Carol Rudisell distributed a list of ALA Midwinter Council actions. She pointed out several especially important issues: ALA Chapters are encouraged to raise money for the Spectrum Presidential Initiative, an effort to attract underrepresented groups into library schools and to develop leadership; individuals are encouraged to support Haitian libraries; a resolution commends Senator Jack Reed for recognizing libraries as Essential Community Organizations during disasters; and a free webinar will be available on February 2 to learn how libraries can participate in Money Smart Week @ your library, April 2-9, 2011.

Youth Services Division Report

President Maureen Miller reported that nominees for the Blue Hen Book Award were being assembled and that a workshop with a speaker would be held on March 11 at the Public Archives.

DSLMA Report

President Marilyn Kulkarni mentioned that Learning 4 Life programs, to give children 21st century literacy skills, were talked about at ALA in San Diego. The president of the American Association of School Librarians visited Central Middle School in Dover in December as part of her 50-state tour to meet with kids in schools.

CRLD Report

President William Simpson said that a program was being planned, maybe on a Friday in early April, to visit the library at Longwood Gardens.

PLD Report

President Carol Fitzgerald announced that she has gathered a slate of PLD officers for next year and that she will be retiring this year.

Intellectual Freedom Committee

Margie confirmed that the committee's chair, Donna Reed, has resigned because she felt undervalued and underused.

Nominating Committee

Margie will contact committee chair Suzanne Smith about DLA officer nominations.

Scholarships and Awards Committee

Committee Chair Kathy Graybeal sent a written report stating that the awards will be presented at the luncheon on Friday, May 6, at the MLA/DLA Conference and giving the status of applications and nominations.

State Friends Committee

Annie Norman said that this committee has not yet been re-activated.

DLA Directory Committee

Committee Chair Jane Stewart had no report and said that she will not be able to do any more work on the directory this year.

Old Business:**Annual Conference**

Vice President/Conference Chair Patty Langley said that projected expenses for the conference are under \$10,000 and that hiring a bus for transportation to the conference can be done. Maryland Library Association planners always refer inclusively to the conference as the MLA/DLA Conference. There was much discussion about the themed baskets for the silent auction fund raiser. There was a consensus that approximately \$500 of our profit from the auction should be donated to the Spectrum Presidential Initiative Scholarship Fund, and that the rest should go toward conference expenses. Baskets could be solicited from businesses and the Friends of various libraries. Each DLA division should provide at least one basket, and directors of each academic library should be

contacted and asked for a donation of a basket. Jane Stewart volunteered to be the project coordinator for the fund-raiser baskets.

Annual Review of DLA Finances

Pauly reviewed his explanations in response to the CPA's report. Margie commended Pauly for his detailed work and thanked him for the time he spent on analyzing the statements. Pauly recommended that a review like this should take place at the end of the fiscal year whenever the treasurer's office changes hands so that errors are not perpetuated.

Legislative Day

Margie asked for comments about the suggestions that Committee Chair Jim McCloskey had previously distributed electronically. Pauly suggested trying to stay within the \$2,000 budget allocated for the expenses of Legislative Day. The Library Standards Funding request was distributed to those in attendance. Marilyn also described proposed legislation asking for librarians in every school, phased in from high schools down through elementary schools. A motion to approve the sense of the written appropriation requests and Marilyn's oral proposal about school librarians was passed.

Membership Report

Committee Chair Julie Brewer distributed a membership profile from 2008 to 2011. At this early date, this year's membership numbers are still low.

Handbook and Bylaws Revision

Rebecca Knight distributed drafts of the Handbook and Bylaws and explained some of the changes proposed. Margie said that the hard work of the Committee (John Jeffery and Rebecca) was much appreciated. Margie asked us to schedule an additional meeting, in February, to discuss the revisions and whatever conference issues have arisen. February 17 was suggested as a meeting date. Rebecca asked us to bring our suggestions to the meeting.

New Business:

Publications Committee

Monifa Carter has relocated and resigned as committee chair. School librarian Suzanne Dix has volunteered to put together a paper DLA newsletter. The next newsletter will focus on the conference, membership, bylaws and handbook, and finances. The Board hopes that the issue can be published soon. The Board approved the appointment of Suzanne Dix as Publications Committee Chair. A suggestion was made that the issue publicizing the conference be sent via both mail and e-mail.

Address Change Resolution

A motion was passed to change the official address of the Delaware Library Association from a Post Office box number to 121 Duke of York Street, Dover, DE 19901. This was done at the request of the Delaware Division of Corporations.

School Librarians

Marilyn is forming a group of speakers within DSLMA who will promote librarians instead of libraries to various organizations in the state. Marilyn will also check on whether a quorum is required to change the division's name to Delaware School Libraries Association (DSLAA).

BTOP Report

Annie Norman reported that the 3-year grant of federal BTOP (Broadband Technology Opportunities Program) money will be used to create four job/learning labs in libraries in Wilmington, Dover, Georgetown, and Seaford.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. A special meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 17, at 4:00 p.m. [later rescheduled for Tuesday, February 15].

Approved February 15, 2011

Mary Jane Mallonee
Secretary