

**Delaware Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Delaware Public Archives
November 18, 2010**



In attendance: Margie Cyr, Peggy Dillner, Carol Fitzgerald, Pauly Iheanacho, Jon Jeffery, Marilyn Kulkarni, Patty Langley, Mary Jane Mallonee, Annie Norman, William Simpson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

Quorum

A quorum was present (8 officers and division presidents)

Agenda

President Margie Cyr noted that she would send out the Annual Review of DLA Finances later.

Minutes

Secretary Mary Jane Mallonee had previously distributed the minutes of the September 16, 2010, meeting electronically. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Pauly Iheanacho mentioned that the treasurer's report will be revised to recognize interest income. He has contacted the Internal Revenue Service because Form 990 for tax-exempt organizations was not filed for several years, although it was filed last year. The IRS will let Pauly know if DLA will have to pay a possible \$242.69 fine because of this lapse. Margie mentioned developing a new form for recording actual income and expenses.

CRLD Report

CRLD President William Simpson reported on a successful van trip to the U.S. Naval Observatory Library in Washington, DC, on November 16. Participants toured the largest astronomical library in the United States and enjoyed meeting its enthusiastic librarian. Ideas for a spring program were discussed during the rainy ride to Washington.

DSLMA Report

DSLMA President Marilyn Kulkarni would like the division to be known as the Delaware School Library Association, dropping Media from the name. School librarians are hoping for legislation asking for funding for school librarians, starting with high schools and working down to elementary schools. The Delaware State Education Association, PTA representatives, and legislators will be meeting about this issue on December 1. There was some discussion among Board members about a November 9 *News Journal* article in which school librarians were undervalued by school administrators.

PLD Report

PLD President Carol Fitzgerald helped organize two programs for the 2011 conference: “Civic Reflection for Library Personnel” and “The Delightful World of Virtual Reference.” She is working on a slate of PLD officers for next year.

Legislative Action Committee

Margie received an e-mail report from Jim McCloskey stating that Legislative Day has been scheduled for May 12, 2011. He recommended looking at the ALA website for legislative information. He would like to have lists of Library Friends groups from which he could solicit supporters of legislation favorable to libraries and librarians.

Membership Committee

Margie reported for Julie Brewer that membership renewal forms will be sent out during the first week of December. Margie would like these forms to be sent out by mail rather than online. Margie also raised the question about whether job opportunities should be sent out via the DLA electronic mailing list as well as posted on the DLA website.

Scholarships and Awards Committee

Margie reported for Kathy Graybeal that scholarship information will be sent to Rebecca Knight for posting on the DLA website.

Old Business:

Annual Conference

Vice President Patty Langley distributed a handout listing the program sessions for the 2011 MLA/DLA Joint Conference at the Clarion Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. In addition, she noted that the schedule for DLA meetings on Friday, May 6, would be 7:30 a.m. for the Executive Board meeting, 8:00 a.m. for the general business meeting, and 8:30 a.m. for the division meetings. The proposed budget for putting the program sessions online would be approximately \$5,000 from MLA and \$3,000 to \$4,000 from DLA. Honoraria will be paid to the two nationally-known speakers, Stephanie Gerding and Kathy Shalk-Greene. DLA does not have money to pay any officer or speaker travel expenses this year. There might be money to help pay for a bus to the conference-. DLA will not be paying any expenses for the conference venue this year. Money can be earned by DLA at the conference’s silent auction, where profits garnered by themed baskets sponsored by DLA divisions, county libraries, academic libraries, etc. may be kept by DLA. The pre-conference day on Wednesday, May 4, starts at 9:00 a.m. From 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. there will be a Battle Decks game in the hotel bar; a jam session then starts at 8:30. On Thursday, orientation starts at 8:30 a.m., with the keynote session at 9:00. On Thursday evening there will be a pub quiz.

Handbook and Bylaws Revision

Handbook and Bylaws Committee Chair Jon Jeffery presented a draft of changes to the *DLA Handbook*, which he and Rebecca Knight have been revising.

There was discussion about the use of money allotted to each division under the Bylaws, Article II, Part B. Should a division's funds be used for any purpose the division deems appropriate, or is there an expectation that some or all of the funds will be used to provide a speaker for the annual conference? Margie said that the question cannot be definitely answered until after the conference, when DLA's financial situation is clearer. Peggy Dillner suggested that philosophically the annual conference should pay for itself and that division funds should be used for division programs or awards. The sense of the Board was that each division should spend its funds according to its own wishes, following the objectives of the division. The wording of this instruction in the *Handbook* will be left up to the Committee.

There was discussion about consensus groups under the Bylaws, Article II, Part C, and whether there is a need to have this mechanism for subgroups to be formed under DLA. The Board decided that the Committee should consider this provision and make a decision about retaining it.

Under Bylaws, Article III: Part A, Officers, Section 5, and Part B, Executive Board, Section 7, both dealing with vacancies in offices, should somehow be combined.

Under Bylaws, Article III, Part C, Elections, Section 4: limiting notifying the membership by mail should be changed to provide for a "mail ballot or other means approved by the Board."

Margie questioned Article VI, Part C, Section, 5, requiring that amendments to the Bylaws must be approved at two consecutive meetings of the Association. There was a brief discussion, with some Board members mentioning that many organizations have such requirements in their bylaws.

Margie brought up a **New Business** topic that related to the discussion of the Bylaws. Donna Reed has resigned her position as Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair. The reason is that she felt her work as a committee chair was not appreciated because she did not have a vote on the Executive Committee. Article III, Part B, Section 1 states that standing committee chairs are non-voting members of the Executive Board. There was discussion about the difference between elected members and other members of the Board, and there was agreement to leave Section 1 as it stands. Margie will talk further with Donna about this.

Margie suggested that the revisions discussed today be included in a final revision that could be discussed at our January Executive Board meeting. A meeting could then be scheduled to vote on amending the Bylaws. Jon was not sure that a final revision could be ready by January.

Margie said that approval of legislative initiatives would be on the January agenda.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held at the Public Archives at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2011.

Approved January 20, 2011.

Mary Jane Mallonee
Secretary