

**Delaware Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Delaware Public Archives  
March 17, 2011**



**In attendance:** Julie Brewer, Margie Cyr, Peggy Dillner, Pauly Iheanacho, Jon Jeffery, Rebecca Knight, Marilyn Kulkarni, Patty Langley, Mary Jane Mallonee, Maureen Miller, Annie Norman, Jane Stewart

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Margie Cyr at 4:06 p.m.

**Quorum:** A quorum was present (7 officers and division presidents).

**Minutes:** Secretary Mary Jane Mallonee had previously distributed the minutes electronically. The minutes were approved as distributed. Mary Jane contacted DLA Archivist Mary Anne Farrell after the emailed minutes were sent back as undeliverable. Mary Anne is unable to attend Board meetings because of her work schedule, but she intends to work on the DLA archives during the summer.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Pauly Iheanacho had distributed the report electronically. The report was accepted.

**Youth Services Division**

Maureen Miller reported that a workshop last week was well attended and that she is helping to prepare a program for the DLA/MLA Conference.

**CRLD**

Margie read William Simpson's report about the April 8 CRLD program at Longwood Gardens. So far 14 people from the division have registered, and it will soon be opened up to the general DLA membership.

**DSLMA**

Marilyn Kulkarni reported that the advocacy group for school librarians is continuing its efforts. There are rumors of more cuts to budgets for school librarians. There is no interest shown by school district administrators or the State Department of Education in hiring or keeping librarians, and school librarians are not making themselves visible to administrators and parents. Peggy Dillner suggested that a letter emphasizing the importance of school librarians from the president of DLA might be helpful. Margie asked Peggy to draft a letter, and she will sign it. Peggy will supply a list of school board presidents and school administrators. Marilyn emphasized that school librarians need to advocate for **librarians** for school libraries, not just books and computers.

**PLD**

Margie read a report from Carol Fitzgerald stating that librarians from Sussex County will provide two or three baskets for the DLA/MLA Conference silent auction.

**Nominating Committee**

Margie reported that Suzanne Smith is working on finding candidates for the upcoming officer elections.

**Public Relations**

Margie has heard nothing from Beth Ann Ryan.

**Publications**

Margie reported that Suzanne Dix is working on the newsletter.

**Scholarships & Awards**

Margie reported that Kathy Graybeal is working on recipients.

**DLA Directory**

Jane Stewart had nothing to report.

**Old Business:****Annual Conference**

Patty Langley reported that conference brochures had been mailed to current DLA members. There have been online problems with the new deadline for registration. There are no programs sponsored by DSLMA or CRLD because no committees came together to plan programs. Marilyn reported that the Brandywine School District will not pay for any librarians, teachers, or administrators to travel out of the state for conferences. Patty is working on providing bus transportation from all three counties but so far has not advertised the service on the DLA listserv.

**Legislative Day**

Jim McCloskey was not able to attend the meeting but had distributed an email giving the schedule for the speaker on May 12, Denise Davis, and asking for a copy of the 2012 legislative initiatives. Jim also asked for a consensus opinion about lunch and mentioned that Sonja Brown of DDL had been helpful with lunch arrangements in the past.

**Membership**

Julie Brewer distributed a DLA membership profile and reported that membership numbers were holding their own.

**Handbook and Bylaws**

Rebecca Knight reported that she and Jon Jeffery have not had time to complete the revision of the Handbook. She assured the Board that she and Jon will work on the Handbook next year. Some of the possible revisions were discussed, including a suggestion about the Treasurer's duties in regard to the yearly financial review. There was a discussion about the DLA listserv and whether it should be exclusively for DLA members. The decision was made to purge the distribution list of all old names and add only paid DLA members. The new Handbook will state that membership dues are due in

July. In the discussion about dues, it was agreed that dues need to be raised, but that an increase should be included with other Handbook changes, not as a stand-alone motion. Rebecca will prepare the Bylaws and the Handbook for separate votes on each at the Conference. It was determined that the revisions and the ballot for officers should be sent to members **by April 14** to comply with the Bylaws. The Board will need to approve the awards to be given at the Conference. Board members agreed to hold a meeting to approve awards and for other items of business on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. at the Public Archives.

**New Business:**

Margie reported that she was late in submitting the bill for the Association's annual franchise tax to Pauly, thus incurring a late penalty of \$100.00. The Board voted that the Association should pay the late fee.

Margie thanked the Board for working with her so well for the past two years and stated that she would be willing to be DLA President again in the future.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, at 4:00 p.m.

Approved April 5, 2011

Mary Jane Mallonee  
Secretary