

**Delaware Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Delaware Division of Libraries  
July 21, 2009**



**In Attendance:**

Denise Allen, Janet Chin, Margie Cyr (left at 4:45), Peggy Dillner, Carol H. Fitzgerald, Pauly Iheanacho, Patty Langley, Mary Jane Mallonee, Donna Reed, Beth-Ann Ryan, Christel Shumate

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 by Delaware Library Association (DLA) President Peggy Dillner.

**Quorum**

A quorum was not present. There was discussion about the meaning of a “majority of voting members” as specified in the Bylaws. There was agreement that six of the ten officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, immediate past president, and ALA Councilor) and division presidents (CSD, CRLD, DSLMA, and PLD) must be present to form a quorum required for voting. Four officers and one division president were in attendance today. It is the Board’s intention to encourage the Bylaws Committee to clarify the wording of the Bylaws pertaining to voting and change the wording pertaining to meeting requirements.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the January and March meetings were distributed, but there was no motion to approve because there was no quorum.

**Introductions**

All present introduced themselves and stated their office and their employer.

**Reports from Peggy Dillner**

The Audit Committee currently has no members.

Delaware now has two ALA Councilors: Carol Rudisell represents the state, and Kay Bowes was elected as a Councilor-at-Large. Peggy emphasized how important it is to look at the ALA information posted in e-mails from Carol.

The Long Range Planning Committee is composed of all past presidents of DLA and is chaired by the most recent past president.

The office of DLA Treasurer is now out of sync with the Bylaws. A treasurer should be elected for a two-year term alternating with the secretary. This year the secretary was

elected for a two-year term, but a treasurer was also elected. After a brief discussion, it was proposed by the Board, and agreed to by the current treasurer, that next spring he would stand for election for a two-year term. The Board thanked Pauly for agreeing to do this.

Peggy would like to try using an e-mail program for some DLA Board meetings, especially during months when bad weather might be a problem.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Pauly received the treasurer's books from former treasurer Michael Gutierrez on July 8. Since then he has determined that he will begin this year with the balance of \$5,496.31. He has been tracking down information about problems with various checks and about the various DLA accounts. The name of the president on each account needs to be changed from Rebecca Knight to Peggy Dillner. Pauly would like to meet with Michael, Peggy, and Margie Cyr to determine the exact numbers for the DLA budget and for all ALA accounts. There was discussion about streamlining the process for members to pay dues. Board members feel that dues checks should go directly to the Membership Chairman and should be deposited immediately. Also, checks for jobs advertised on the DLA website should be received before the ads are posted. Beth-Ann Ryan, editor of the DLA Bulletin, suggested that the November issue should stress paying dues as soon as possible for the coming year.

### **Archives**

Mary Anne Farrell was not present. Patty Langley stated that the DLA archives, now stored at the Division of Libraries, would be moving with the Division on August 3-4 to their new offices in the Delaware Public Archives.

### **CRLD**

Janet Chin said that the division might have a fall program, depending on how much money is available. Peggy asked Pauly to ascertain from the treasurer's records how much each division will be given for their programs.

### **Handbook and Bylaws**

Christel Shumate intends to have a copy of proposed amendments to present to the Board at the next meeting. Christel, Janet, and others recounted how revisions to the Bylaws in 2000 were never properly passed at the next year's conference and therefore could not go into effect. A method to revise the Bylaws in less time is a goal of the committee.

### **Intellectual Freedom**

Donna Reed agreed to chair the committee. She and others mentioned a book that had been challenged during the past year in the Caesar Rodney School District, *Whale Talk*, by Chris Crutcher. The school board chose to retain the book in the library.

### **Membership**

Julie Brewer could not attend the meeting, but she e-mailed all Board members a membership profile of the 236 current DLA members and a list of members who had expressed interest in various committees.

**Program**

A detailed report on the 2009 DLA Conference by Marie Cunningham was distributed. A survey was also included that showed indecisive results about the preference for all-day or half-day conferences in the future.

**Public Relations**

Patty Langley had recently submitted a press release and was pleased that the Delaware State News and the Dover Post had picked it up.

**Publications/ DLA Bulletin**

As part of the publicity for DLA scholarships, Beth-Ann Ryan suggested mentioning what the minimum amount of a scholarship will be, so that students will know it is worth their effort to apply.

Peggy mentioned that there had been no applications yet for the Emerging Leaders award, but that Julie Brewer had volunteered to be on the selection committee. The deadline for applications is July 31. There is \$1,000 available for this award because it was not spent on the Book Festival or the Conference.

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, September 16, 2009, in this same building

**Meeting adjourned:**

5:22 p.m.

Approved September 16, 2009.

Mary Jane Mallonee  
Secretary