

**Delaware Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Delaware Division of Libraries  
September 16, 2009**



**In attendance:** Julie Brewer, Monifa Carter, Janet Chin, Margie Cyr, Peggy Dillner, Mary Anne Farrell, Carol Fitzgerald, Barbara FitzPatrick, Terra Hudson, Pauly Iheanacho, Rebecca Knight, Patty Langley, Mary Jane Mallonee, Donna Reed, Carol Rudisell

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 by Delaware Library Association (DLA) President Peggy Dillner in the new location of the Delaware Division of Libraries at the Delaware Public Archives.

**Quorum**

A quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the January and March meetings were approved as previously distributed. The minutes of the July meeting were approved as corrected.

**Introductions**

All present introduced themselves and their offices held.

**Treasurer's Report**

Pauly Iheanacho submitted a report of the balances in the accounts at the end of July and August. He has concluded that we do not have much money, but we also do not have many expenses. Pauly submitted a budget for 2009-2010, but he felt that it was not proper for only one person to formulate the budget. Peggy asked Pauly to put together a budget process, including a committee, a timeline, and goals. At the present time, our budget is based upon the anticipation of dues and conference registrations being paid. Barbara FitzPatrick was in favor of a budget process that the Divisions could follow.

**Report from President Peggy Dillner**

Peggy suggested that some type of orientation meeting is needed for the new Board, soon after each annual conference, for continuity of operations. Rebecca Knight mentioned that she has a copy of an orientation manual from another state that we could refer to for ideas.

**Report from Vice President/Program Chair Margie Cyr**

Margie has scheduled a Program Committee meeting for November. Peggy explained that the vice presidents of the divisions are on the Program Committee to plan the annual conference. The Committee must recommend to the Board the scale of the upcoming conference (whole day, half day, etc.). The necessity of raising the conference fee was

discussed, but no figures were mentioned. Margie asked that any ideas we have pertaining to the conference be passed on to her.

**Report from ALA Councilor Carol Rudisell**

Carol, Rebecca Knight, and Cathy Wojewodzki would like to implement a page on the DLA website about key legislative concerns with links for contacting legislators and the media. A message should be sent via the DLA list notifying recipients when the page is available. ALA will pay for this legislative action page.

**CSD**

Terra Hudson reported that Terri Jones is president of the division, the division's vice president has resigned, and the secretary/treasurer will probably become the vice president.

**CRLD**

No report from Janet Chin.

**DSLMA**

Barbara FitzPatrick reported that she and Jane Stewart are co-presidents of the division and that the other officers' positions are now filled.

**PLD**

Not represented at this meeting.

**Archivist**

Mary Anne Farrell had no report.

**Continuing Education**

Not represented at this meeting.

**Handbook & Bylaws**

Not represented at this meeting. Christel Shumate is working on a draft of the handbook and bylaws.

**Intellectual Freedom**

Donna Reed suggested that she would like to have selection policies or collection development policies from all school and public libraries. She would also like to have photographs of any displays our libraries have about banned books or intellectual property issues.

**Legislative Action**

Carol Fitzgerald is planning for the projects to promote for 2011. She needs information as soon as possible, because the budget goes to the Governor by November.

**Long Range Planning**

Rebecca Knight will look at last year's report and decide whether we need an ongoing committee.

**Membership**

Julie Brewer reported that DLA currently has 238 members and that there have been no new volunteers for committees.

**Nominating**

Not represented at this meeting.

**Public Relations**

Patty Langley passed on a suggestion from Jim McCloskey that a specific day be designated for all libraries to keep statistics on usage.

**Publications/DLA Bulletin**

Not represented at this meeting. The Fall 2009 issue of the DLA was recently published electronically.

**Scholarships & Awards**

Not represented at this meeting.

**State Friends**

Not represented at this meeting.

**Old Business**

Peggy announced that Monifa Carter of the University of Delaware Library has received the Emerging Leaders Award from the DLA committee that considered nominations. The committee members were Janet Chin, Peggy Dillner, and Christy Payne. ALA will also announce winners.

Denise Allen has obtained permission from the State Department of Education to use Elluminate as a way to hold DLA Executive Board meetings via Internet. She has established times on Monday, November 2, and Tuesday, November 10, for Board members to practice connecting to the Elluminate website. The November Board meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, with participants invited to log in after 4:15.

**New Business**

Donna Reed mentioned that Bancroft School (K-5) in the Christina School District needs a librarian. There are still some spaces available on the bus leaving from Newark High School for the National Book Festival on September 26. Signs with Board members' names on them would be helpful to have at meetings.

Rebecca Knight urged all librarians in Delaware to sign up for the DLA e-mail discussion list. Click on the dla-l list button on the DLA homepage for instructions.

Peggy explained how a letter from Governor Jack Markell, reprinted in the DLA Bulletin, was a tongue-in-cheek response to the author M. T. Anderson's new book *Jasper Dash and the Flame Pits of Delaware*.

Peggy also expressed her appreciation for the Board members' attendance at the meeting, and she asked that we continue to send her publicity about our libraries.

**Next meeting**

4:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 18, via Elluminate.

**Adjournment**

5:15 p.m.

Approved January 20, 2010.

Mary Jane Mallonee  
Secretary