



Delaware Library Association

Business Meeting

MLA/DLA Annual Conference

Ocean City, Maryland

Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Presiding Officer: Laurel Ferris, DLA President

Minutes Taken by: Adrienne Johnson, DLA Secretary

Meeting started at 8:00 am

Report from Laurel Ferris, DLA President:

1. Laurel noted changes to DLA business meeting. This year, the awards will be presented at the meeting, so the schedule would be the business meeting, then awards, followed by division meetings.
2. General Business: Annual report will be available soon and will include the accomplishments for the year, strategic analysis, and opportunities for improvement. The area with opportunities for improvement include the following:
  - a. Communication: between board, divisions, and members
  - b. Participation: more participation in committees, social events, and activities
  - c. Advocacy: Even more important for DLA to become advocates for the library communities - especially school library positions and the freedom to choose and access library materials.
3. Laurel thanked the following individuals for their work and support this past year:
  - a. Beth Kloetzer – VP DLA – commended her for hard the work she provided planning the annual conference. The conference has received great reviews.
  - b. Cathay Keough – you for the work on the conference and tireless support for the organization. Laurel said the organization would be very different without her dedication and support.
  - c. Annie Norman – for her dedication and support
  - d. Beth Borene – for her advice and help and for assuming the lead of the Long Range Planning Division.
  - e. All members – for collaboration among divisions to achieve goals and to continue to grow and thrive.
4. New Officers
  - a. Michelle Hughes, Dover Public Library – Vice President; Adrienne Johnson, Wilmington University – Secretary; Laurel Ferris, Delaware Technical and Community College, President; Ed Goyda, Lewis Public Library, Treasurer.
  - b. Thank you to all who voted.

5. Membership
  - a. All time high. Last year 215 members and this year 300.

#### Report from Executive Director – Cathay Keough

1. Cathay thanked the following people for their assistance this past year:
  - a. Molly Olney-Zide for her work on the Scholarship, Awards, and Citations Committee.
  - b. Michelle Feigin for her work on the silent auction. This is the biggest fundraiser for DLA and 100% of profit goes to DLA.
2. General Business:
  - a. Conference a great success
  - b. Please submit any ideas for workshops or programs for next year
  - c. Next year, new location: Hyatt regency in Cambridge, MD. Will try this location for a year. Would like to offer streaming options at conference for workshops, author talks, etc.
  - d. Thank you to Laurel and Beth for their work on the conference.

#### Scholarships, Awards, and Citations – Molly Olney-Zide

1. Nine awards given this year. Seven were presented at the business meeting.
  - a. Please see the following link for all of this year's exceptional award recipients  
<http://dla.lib.de.us/awards-citations/>

#### Final comments:

1. Laurel asked if there were any questions or comments.
  - a. Jessica Olin mentioned she was leaving her post as DLA secretary early so that she could lead the PR Committee. She is looking for volunteers.
2. Cathay asked for feedback about the conference.
  - a. Censorship program was exceptional, as was the program led by Joanna Martin.
  - b. Making Teamwork Work program had over 200 attendees
  - c. Lanyard will provide access to some conference presentations.
  - d. Laurel thanked C&RLD for the presentations offered this year.
3. Laurel reminded divisions to send in their annual reports and to include new officers for the new year.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 am.