



**Delaware Library Association Executive Board**  
**Tuesday July 24, 2018**  
**Dover Public Library, Dover DE**

**Presiding Officer:** Sarah Katz, DLA President

**Minutes Taken by:** Lauren Wallace, ALA Councilor

**Members in Attendance:**

Sarah Katz – DLA President  
Alison Wessel – Vice-President/Conference Chair  
Michelle Hughes, DLA Past President  
Cathay Keough, Executive Director  
Catherine Wimberley – PLD President  
Joel Rudnick, DLA Treasurer  
Katie McDonough, Scholarships, Awards, Citations  
Lauren Wallace, ALA Councilor  
Kim Read – DASL President  
Molly Olney-Zide – CRLD President

**Meeting called to order 4:14 pm**

Officer reports

- President (Sarah)
  - Last meeting's minutes were updated and approved
  - Discussion of ideas for President's Program webinar
    - Want to make it fund itself.
    - Webinar last year was successful.
    - If we have ideas for speakers or topics, please send to Sarah.
    - We want something that will appeal to all types of libraries.
  - Ideas for DLA Gives Back
    - Meals on Wheels drivers
    - Park cleanup
    - Food Bank again
    - We will focus on community service instead of social events, but we could tack on a social event after the service event.
- Past President (Michelle)

- This year, Michelle and Allison will be co-conference chairs, splitting the duties. This is not in the handbook yet; they are exploring how it works.
- Conference theme this year will be space-related.
- Cutting down number of workshops due to feedback that rooms were either crowded or under filled last year. This year, every workshop room will be larger.
- Will do either six full-day or 8-9 half-day pre-conferences.
- Only asking divisions to do one workshop each. Promoting collaboration amongst ourselves and with MLA. They will try to bring similar topics together.
- There will be 72 programs this year (last year there were 96).
- Vice President (Allison)
  - Monthly meetings for conference planning are scheduled and on track.
  - *Cathay* - United for Libraries will do a program on Advocacy.
  - There might be a keynote with interview between Delaware First Lady Tracey Quillen Carney and Annie Norman.
  - Help is needed with silent auction.
  - Will be doing Ignite sessions - sessions with lots of short talks on the same topic.
  - If divisions want to do a social event at the conference, they can.
  - *Kim* - Brought up the issue that school librarians are not able to attend the conference because they do not get funding for out of state travel. Kim would like to take some kind of action to advocate for travel for school libraries.
  - *Cathay* - We might be able to target legislators about adding school librarian positions. MD did this successfully. With election coming up, we might be able to target certain candidates and get them to make statements about the value they see in libraries/school libraries. We could send things out on Engage to help DLA members become aware of their positions.
  - *Sarah* - The issue of school libraries and advocacy could be a topic for the President's Program.
  - *Cathay* - we did DLA questions for District 10 special elections; Hansen was the only one who responded.
  - Joel - they are doing an information literacy assessment at Del Tech. This could be a way to use some results as an example.
  - Allison - We could do a constituent coffee discussion with legislators and community members at libraries or Whereabouts Café.
- Treasurer (Joel)
  - Conference financials
    - We broke even on the 2018 conference.
    - Made about \$700 on the silent auction.
    - Will be receiving \$2,000 from DDL as a reimbursement for one of the conference programs.
  - Budget
    - We are raising the budget for divisions.
    - The budget is balanced for the year.

- Voted to approve budget. Voting members: Catherine Wimberley, Joel Rudnick, Molly Olney-Zide, Alison Wessel, Kim Read, Sarah Katz, Lauren Wallis
- Executive Director (Cathay)
  - Executive Director Report
    - Working on dividing conference planning duties
    - Alison and Michelle are going to start tracking duties and see if they can define them better.
    - 2018 conference workshop surveys are scanned if divisions want them.
    - Bylaws and Handbook Committee is finished; we need to get updates on the website.
  - Legislative Action
    - Currently getting a meeting set up.
    - Need to prepare for Legislative Day in April; figure out how to do ongoing advocacy.
  - Diversity Committee
    - DDL is supportive of the proposal for a Diversity Committee, which would be a standing committee.
    - Molly - there is potential for collaboration with UD Diversity Committee.
    - Sarah proposed creating a standing committee. Executive Board voted to approve. Voting members: Catherine Wimberley, Joel Rudnick, Molly Olney-Zide, Alison Wessel, Kim Read, Sarah Katz, Lauren Wallis
    - Sarah appointed Serena Deglin chair of the Diversity Committee.
- Officer reports, continued
  - ALA Councilor (Lauren)
    - Shared ALA Council Report from ALA Annual 2018, highlighted updates on controversy over Meeting Rooms: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights
    - ALA Executive Board approved an electronic vote to rescind the Resolution and establish a working group to revise the interpretation for a vote at or before Midwinter 2019. Lauren will keep DLA Executive Board updated about opportunities for DLA members to contribute feedback
- Recording of Meeting available [here](#).

Meeting adjourned 5:48pm.

Next meeting scheduled October 3, 2018, 4:00 pm; University of Delaware Library.