

# **DLA Executive Board Meeting**

## **Via Zoom**

### **Thursday, August 15th, 2024**

#### **ATTENDING:**

Scott Businsky – DLA President

Elizabeth Miller - PLD

Theresa Hessey - Archives

Kayla Abner - CRLD

Katie McDonough - Scholarships

Rachel West - YSD

Anne Hiller Clark – DLA Past President/Long Range Planning

Beth Stevens – DLA Secretary

Jaclyn Hale - DLA Treasurer

Kathy Joseph - Membership

Harry Brake - WHS/DASL

Catherine Wimberley – Legislative Action

#### **Minutes Approval and Announcements – approved**

#### **Welcome – Harry Brake, Law for Librarians Overview (10 minutes)**

Law for Librarians – a lot of great speakers, many of them attorneys, were able to speak to legalese in relation to libraries. Intellectual freedom, Civil Rights, Protected Speech – very complex topics. In depth information to help with Right to Read or Book Challenges, etc. Harry can provide the resources to anyone interested.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/155EKvdYMAxpjkoFLEt36bnHOHqW0aZE?usp=sharing>

#### **Officer Reports**

- President – Scott Businsky
  - Voting Results for Urban Libraries Council. Will contact them to make sure DLA is included.
  - Budget vote – we will require an email or name on voting instead of anonymous. We have six yeses, so please vote if you have not yet
  - MOU update – Conference comp rooms our budget should be able to absorb that cost. Rachel asks if the joint conference is still our most valuable method of professional development. Scott would be willing to explore what other small states do for their own annual conferences. Would DLA members be interested in

Delaware trying to have their own conference in-state instead of partnering with MLA? It would take great resources without a big return (Anne Hiller Clark).

- VP / Conference Committee - Vacant
- Past-President / Long Range Planning – Anne Hiller Clark
  - Meeting next week for conference committee.
  - No updates for Long-Range planning
- Treasurer – Jaclyn Hale
  - See sent budget via email
  - Highlights – membership dues and a refund from conference cost (from MLA) for cost of one hotel room. Sent money out to Dolly Parton Imagination Library, YSD, PLD (ALA divisions) for membership
- State Librarian
- ALA Councilor - Vacant

### **Division Reports (as applicable)**

- CRLD – Kayla Abner
  - Looked into joining ACRL, but found not worthwhile (more geared for institutions), but we may be able to partner with other local ACRL groups.
  - Budget – Still planning to sponsorships at the conference
  - Matthew Wareick Johnson – program offered as webinar
- DASL – Harry Brake
  - No updates since have not met yet.
  - Newsletter will be coming out soon
- PLD – Elizabeth Miller
  - Showcase Showdown starting in September
  - Presidents program will happen sometime in the fall
- YSD – Rachel West
  - Exec Board met
  - YALSA OUST – joined as members
  - Will not be hosting a Presidents program this year; will instead put that towards conference
  - YS staff share / showcase instead to give people a chance to talk about what they are doing
  - Blue Hen book award - have not been getting a lot of participation or book nominees for that
  - Meetings - Dover Oct 24 / Mar 6 TBA (maybe Duck Creek Library) / mini meeting at MLA/DLA conference in May

### **Committee Updates (as applicable)**

- Archives – Theresa Hessey - NO UPDATES

- Communications – Kayla Abner (bulletin)
  - Bulletin publishing next Friday. Skipping the fall bulletin.
- Handbook and Bylaws
- Intellectual Freedom
- Legislative Action – Catherine Wimberley
  - Candidate surveys for Delaware primaries. Press release will be going out.
  - No major issues.
- Membership – Jaclyn Hale (reporting) / Kathy Joseph
  - Software – officially launched August 14 2024
    - Help with membership being able to renew, update information, etc
    - Also hope to explore what else it can do
  - Payment still goes through PayPal but also goes through MembershipWorks platform to get stored and sorted there.
  - On user end, it does not look like you can get your free division choice (other divisions are \$5). Right now the software is charging \$5 for any, including the first (which should be free)
  - Still have concerns that non-Delaware library staff and friends could join from out-of-state (to get membership in the Federal Employees Credit Union). Could also make our voting requirements increase when voting on issues. Right now we do not have a policy strictly prohibiting out-of-state members.
- Nominating
- Scholarships and Awards – Katie McDonough
  - Delaware Community Foundation getting ready to give money
  - Have heard from several scholarship winners that do not need the scholarship due to other monies being received. Those funds would remain with DDL for next year.
- Social Justice
- DDL Community Engagement Grants

## **New Business**

### **Unfinished Business**

- Vacancies
- Records management software
- Membership software
- Proposal for Administrative Coordinator (Long Range Planning team)

**Next meeting – September 19th, 2024 at 3pm - ZOOM**