Delaware Library Association (DLA)
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June12, 2025 – 3:30PM
ZOOM

Attendees
- Scott Businsky – President, DLA
- Samantha Garlock – President, CRLD
- Stephanie Saggione – President, DASL
- Paul Weymouth – President, PLD
- Rachel West – President, YSD (2-year term)
- Theresa Hessey – Chair, Archives Committee
- Kaitlyn Tanis – Co-Chair, Communications Team
- Sara Thomas – Chair, Membership Committee
- Catherine Wimberley – Chair, Legislative Action Committee
- Katie McDonough – Chair, Scholarships, Awards, and Citations Committee

Meeting Called to order at 3:34 pm
No amendments for the minutes, minutes approved.

Officer Reports
President's Announcements
- DLA will have a table at the ALA Conference; handouts and giveaways are being prepared.
- Future budget meeting to be scheduled in July or August.
    - A budget line is available for the President's Program; exploring a program focused on Artificial Intelligence in libraries from a critical perspective. Jaclyn send budget communications.
- Ideas for a DLA social gathering were discussed (e.g., bowling, Blue Rocks game).
- On Monday, June 9 the Duck Creek Library held its ribbon-cutting ceremony

Conference Report
- Main complaints included elevator access and ongoing construction at the venue.
- Scheduling presented a conflict for attendees interested in youth services programs. Many of the sessions ran concurrently.
- 611 total registrations.
- The next two conferences will be held at the Hyatt in Cambridge.
- Appreciation extended to committee members for planning support.
- All Division Vice Presidents are expected to participate in future conference planning meetings.

ALA Councilor Report
- No report

Division Reports
CRLD
- Board meeting planned for July.

DASL
- Interest expressed by individuals in joining the division board.
- Discussed the value of AASL membership, considering whether to renew ($75/year).
- Division receives a $1,000 budget; requested feedback on how other divisions allocate funds.

PLD
- Outreach underway to coordinate regular board meeting times; the first meeting will likely be held in July.
- Exploring President's Program ideas and ways to increase division involvement.

YSD
- The YSD Executive Board met on June 2 to review conference feedback.
- President's Program: Planning still underway

Committee Reports
Archives
- No updates; work continues on legacy files.

Communications
- Division board updates should be sent to Kaitlyn Tanis.
- Content can be submitted via email or the DLA website's "Submit Content" form.
- DLA Communication Guidelines were reviewed: Communication Guidelines
- Next bulletin due in August; expect a call for articles shortly.

Intellectual Freedom
- Scott will follow up to develop an internal reporting mechanism for materials challenges to share with ALA.

Legislative Action
- LSTA FY25 funding looks strong; expect to receive an additional $300k in State Aid. The FY26 outlook is less clear.
- HB 119 was briefly discussed.

Membership
- New Chair, Sara Thomas, welcomed.
- Discussed the possibility of a tiered membership structure; this may require bylaw changes.
- Also reviewed options for out-of-state memberships.
- Reviewed Executive Board vacancies:
    - Vice President
    - Secretary
    - Handbook and Bylaws Chair

Scholarships
- Sue Gooden brought to DLA's attention that the Department of Education's partial tuition reimbursement program to help people become certified in "critical" areas, including school librarian certification, would be limited to teachers in STEM.
    - The board discussed whether scholarships could be used to help make up for the loss in funding.
    - Individuals seeking school librarian certification are not eligible for the Ada Leigh Soles Scholarship since the University of Delaware is not an accredited Master's Program.

Social Justice Committee
- Two individuals have expressed an interest in co-chairing the committee.
- Suggestion was made to have the committee lead DLA's participation in Pride events in Dover.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 17 @ 3:30 PM - Zoom