

DLA Executive Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 3:30pm

Attendance:

- Scott Businsky, President
- Jaclyn Hale, Treasurer
- Stephanie Saggione, DASL President
- Kayla Abner, CRLD President
- Paul Weymouth, PLD President
- Rachel West, YSD President
- Meghan Palazzo, ALA Councilor
- Katie McDonough, Scholarships and Awards Committee Chair
- Susan Elizabeth Cordle, Nominating Committee Chair
- Theresa Hessey, Archives Committee Chair
- Catherine Wimberley, Legislative Action Committee Chair
- Sara Thomas, Membership Committee Chair

Minutes Approval and Announcements

- Minutes approved from the June meeting once specified adjustments are made.

Officer Reports

- President
 - Met with Josh Stone and MLA Executive Board yesterday. Reps from Sustainable Libraries Initiative presented to board - Scott will send out recording of a similar meeting from 1-2 years ago.
 - DLA MOU still required for joint conference
 - President's Program - idea is to work with Library Freedom Project to present workshop on AI in Libraries, tentatively, late October
 - Thank you to everyone who tabled, or stopped by to say hi, at the DLA table at the ALA Annual Conference in Philadelphia in June
 - Informal social gathering idea still on the table; NCC is doing a Blue Rocks night, bowling in Dover or trivia night are other potential ideas. Engage with library people outside of work and network with others.
 - Reaching out to Anne to store information in a centralized location for future DLA presidents to access
 - Surveyed board about meeting frequency and timing and discussed. Proposed change: Bi-monthly, 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3-5 PM. Next meeting would be September 16th, send updates in-between as necessary
- VP / Conference Committee - Conference Updates
 - Official conference meeting with MLA yesterday; introductory meeting, themes discussed but not finalized. Official minutes coming shortly.

- Will be held at the Hyatt in Cambridge, MD for 2026 and 2027
- Will be 15th anniversary of DLA collaborating with MLA for the conference
- Scott sent out MOU, will be signing an updated copy of the 2-3 year agreement soon
- Past-President / Long Range Planning
 - No updates at this time
- Treasurer
 - Report has been sent to the executive board
 - Schedule a budget meeting with board, new budget needs to be voted on - connect with Jaclyn to discuss changes to the budget so she can create a draft
 - Planning to meet with M&T Bank representative, see how we can earn more passive income
 - Will establish formal MOU with Festival of Words
- State Librarian
 - No updates at this time
- ALA Councilor
 - Lots of good discussion at the meetings at ALA Annual but no other updates at this time

Division Reports (as applicable)

- CRLD
 - Samantha Garlock is moving to Maine, Kayla will continue as President and the board will work on recruiting for next year
- DASL
 - Met with volunteers for the board - gave updates and brainstormed ideas
 - Planning October 10th PD for statewide school librarians with speakers
 - Could DASL and MD school librarians have joint conference
 - Document to share updates and ideas at individual schools with DASL
- PLD
 - Meeting July 30th to discuss plans for this year, including Showcase Showdown and other ideas
 - November for PLD President's Program presentation
- YSD
 - Aren't meeting until August 26th after Summer with the Library ends

Committee Updates (as applicable)

- Archives
 - No updates at this time - continuing work on legacy files
- Communications
 - Will send a call for updates soon for the next bulletin - due date is August 15th.
 - Business View magazine reached out to DLA - call with Scott, Catherine, and Alta (DDL) - hasn't been published yet but will be shared when available

- Handbook and Bylaws
 - Anne would like to meet to discuss updating this but no committee chair at this time
- Intellectual Freedom (via Elizabeth Mayer)
 - Wants to meet with Anne and Scott about internal mechanisms for tracking book challenges, and reporting these to ALA. NJLA has a model we could use
- Legislative Action
 - HB119 made its way out of the Senate, waiting for it to be signed
 - Governor's budget address - recreational marijuana money could be used towards libraries. The committee will discuss this at their next meeting in August
 - Everylibrary white paper on Cannabis tax policy
https://www.everylibraryinstitute.org/cannabis_tax_policy_and_libraries_whitepaper
 - School librarians in DE in crisis - committee is committed to getting a ratio bill out to the state
 - Expecting to face strong headwinds next year based on budget
 - Will discuss dates for next legislative action day in the fall (probably held in March)
- Membership
 - Listservs have been reviewed and expired members have been notified that they have until the end of this month to renew before they are removed from the listservs
- Nominating
 - Social Justice committee - potential chairs dropped their interest
 - From Scott: discussed ideas of recruiting people from library schools
 - Send individual names to Susan Elizabeth - recruit them and tell them the benefits
- Scholarships and Awards
 - No updates at this time
- Social Justice
 - LibGuide needs to be updated
- DLA Community Engagement Grants
 - Vote to confirm official standing committee - confirmed

New Business

Unfinished Business

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

Next meeting – September 16th, 3-5 PM