

## MCMLA Executive Committee Meeting

### MINUTES

February 11, 2011

9 am MT or 10 am CT

#### Executive Committee Members Attending:

- Sarah Kirby, Chair
- Claire Hamasu, Immediate Past Chair
- Betsy Mueth, In-coming Chair
- Melissa De Santis, Recording Secretary
- Peggy Mullaly-Quijas, Executive Secretary
- Holly Henderson, Chapter Council Representative

#### Leadership Attendance:

- Kate Anderson, Co-Chair, Research Committee
- Susan Sykes Berry, Chair, Membership Committee
- Rebecca Brown, MCMLA-L Discussion List Owner
- Liz Burns, Chair, Library Advocacy Committee
- Sue Fleming, Archivist
- Camilla A. Gentry, Co-Chair, 2010 Wichita, KS, Meeting Planners
- Jackie Hittner, Chair, 2011 St. Louis, MO Meeting Planners
- Cindy Logan, MLA Chapter Membership Liaison
- Marty Magee, Chair, Education Committee
- Amy Ritterskamp, Chair, Web Task Force
- Amanda Sprochi, Newsletter Editor & Chair, Publications
- Joan Stoddart, Chair, Awards & Honors Committee
- Darrel Willoughby, Chair, Governmental Relations Committee

#### Approval of MCMLA Executive Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2010

- Moved by Betsy, seconded by Holly
- Approved by Executive Committee

#### Discussion about loss of family members

Sarah asked what the Chapter has done historically when a member loses a family member. We have sent a card to the member from the Chapter. If a member passes away the Chapter has made a donation in honor of the member. Sarah volunteered to send a card to Nancy for her brother's recent passing.

#### Committee Goals

Sarah updated the group on the great work that many MCMLA committees have been doing:

- Annual Meeting TF – will put forward a motion to the May MLA Board for their May meeting to specifically define virtual meetings as in-person meetings.
- Bylaws – updated, committee doing well.
- Honors & Awards – seeking nominations for Chapter awards, working on micro-community travel award, working on Stars recognition program.
- Library Advocacy – has established a new award.
- Membership – working closely with Web Committee on getting members to renew online.
- Nominating – has completed the election slate.
- Endowment ad hoc – held their first meeting in late January.

#### Education Committee

- Currently surveying the membership to see what kinds of classes members might want to take in St. Louis.
- Planning to repeat the Sherpa event because it was successful in Wichita.

#### **Governmental Relations**

- Darrel is working on creating a list of Reps for each state in the Chapter so that it will be easier for members to contact their Rep.
- Many of the recent requests at the federal level having been for continuing resolutions and Darrel said it is harder to get the membership interested in that. Claire pointed out that continuing resolutions are important to the RMLs.
- It was asked if there were members from every state on the committee and Darrel said that there is not.

#### **Planning Committee**

- Not much new to report at this time. Jackie could confirm that the MLA Update will be presented by Jerry Perry.

#### **Newsletter Editor & Publications Committee**

- Amanda said the vacant spot on her committee has been filled by Darell Schmick.
- A call for articles has gone out to the membership.

#### **Research**

- The committee has been meeting monthly via Skype.
- They are planning to have a Research Roundup column in every issue of the MCMLA Express. The column will address some of the issues/barriers that members have expressed that prevent them from doing research.
- The committee is gearing up to do the judging of research papers and posters for the Chapter meeting.

#### **Announcements:**

- Peggy and Amy are working on refining the process of enrollment with the new website. At the next Exec Comm meeting they will talk about some of the features of the new website that could possibly help with communication within committees or to the membership.
- Peggy will be sending tax information to MLA.
- The Nominating Committee will complete elections this month and notify candidates of the results.
- Claire will be working on corrections for the Chapter Chair's Manual.

#### **Upcoming Executive Committee Meeting**

Friday, March 11, 2011 9 am MT or 10 am CT

#### **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa De Santis, Recording Secretary