

**MI-ALA 2016 Annual Conference  
Business Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2016  
9:00 a.m.**

**Call to order:**

- The meeting was called to order at 09:10 a.m.

**I. Approve the agenda**

- The agenda was approved.

**II. Bylaws**

- We had a quorum for voting.
- Mary made a call for a motion to approve the bylaw revisions. Lee Ann Rumler made the motion to approve the edited bylaws as they stand. Beth Martin seconded.
- Rachel discussed how the changes were largely due to changes required by new nonprofit rules. There were some other important changes made (such as allowing for electronic voting). Other than Rachel's remarks, there was no further discussion.
- A vote was called for by LuMarie Guth. Member voting began and ballots were collected.

**III. Budget**

- Membership renewals will go out soon.
- Highlights were shared from the budget report for 2015-16.
- Our goal is to build a 100 percent fund balance in case we cease to exist in the future we can cover our expenses. We are within reaching our target.
- Right now MI-ALA has 23 institutional and 301 individual memberships. We picked up five student members this year.
- We will be starting next year with \$32,500 starting the year with. If we maintain or increase memberships, we will have \$82,462 for next year.
- Our expenses will be \$35,100 leaving us with a fund balance of \$47,362 (over 100 percent).

**IV. Future**

1. Nominations

- We received 27 nominations so far which is a big increase from last year.
- Nominations are open through today.
- We have a couple positions in need of nominations: Conference Chair, and Communications Chair.
- The elections will open from May 16 through May 30. Members will have to login to the members only section to vote.

2. Advocacy

- The Advocacy Task Force Report is available.
- The task force discussed partnering with organizations like MAME to support K-12 education.
- The task force will participate in a Strategic Planning meeting (with the old Board, New Board Members, Committee and Section Chairs) that is planned for June 30-July 1. We will talk about what next year will look like so far as advocacy and other matters are concerned..
- Rachel visited with students at the University of Michigan's School of Information and Wayne State University's Library and Information Science Program and spoke to students about their needs and concerns. (A membership discussion on Advocacy followed)
  - Concerns were raised by members regarding diminishing numbers of library students nationwide. Are we advocating that schools rename or go with a more traditional library education?
  - K-12 or 16 is an important area. Is there someone who advocates for community colleges (a representative)? We currently do not.

- MIX one-day conference in August is looking for partners.
- There is a decline in state academic funding....we may need to get involved in this politically. Also the lack of school media specialists in schools.
- More library specific courses need to be added into Information school programs
- MI-ALA should actively try to recruit more students as members and encourage them to become involved in advocacy.
- Can we hire a lobbyist? MLA has lobbyists.

3. Logo

- MI-ALA should have a logo and we are in the process of tweaking one (a set of logos) and determining which style from the set to use on the website and which ones will be used on official communications. We will be rolling it sometime this summer.

V. **Vote Results**

- With 21% of members attending, there were 65 votes tallied. There were 65 votes in favor of the bylaw revisions and no votes opposing. The Bylaw revisions were approved.

**Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.