

MiALA Board Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2020 at 2:15pm

Attendance: Cynthia Simpson, Kate Langan, Beth Martin, Gina Bolger, Emilia Marcyk, Darlene Johnson-Bignotti, David Malone, Tim Peters, Brenna Wade, Carin Graves, Bethany Kennedy

Absent: Rachel Minkin, Heather Ladiski

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:16 p.m.

Board Business Meeting:

1. Approval of agenda - Martin made a motion to approve the agenda and Malone seconded. The motion carried.
2. Approval of Consent Agenda (agenda items within 2) - Johnson-Bignotti made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Wade seconded. The motion carried.
 - a. Approval of the [September 18, 2020](#) board meeting minutes
 - b. Committee reports
 - i. Advocacy - Emilia
 - ii. Communications and Marketing - Brenna
 - iii. Executive - Cynthia- Welcome our newest board member- Tim Peters, from CMU, as our newest Public University Representative
 - iv. Membership (Rachel) - MiALA Membership, in conjunction with IGCC, are ready to approach the IGs for “MiALA Meetups”. These meetups are monthly coffee/ happy/ whatever hours, centered around a short topic of discussion. Look for those coming soon!
 - v. Nominating - Beth
 - vi. Conference - Kate
 - vii. Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, & Accessibility - Darlene (Emilia can backup)
 - c. Partner Reports
 - i. MCLS -
 - d. Treasurer’s Report (Rachel) - I have received the latest updates (thank you, Heather!) and we are in good shape. We picked up a new institutional member: Michigan School of Psychology! (WELCOME!). We are waiting on LCC and Wayne State’s renewals. Also interested in adding a Donation feature to our web presence - Heather is checking the possibilities there
 - e. Policies and Procedures Manual -
 - f. Interest Group Coordinating Council - Posted the call for MiALA Meetups. IDEA has signed up.

Old Business

1. Placeholder for follow-up questions or discussion on reports

2. Academic Librarian of the Year Award update - Johnson-Bignotti reported that Sandra McCarthy of Washtenaw Community College has won the first Academic Librarian of the Year award. The ceremony will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. on Facebook Live. The committee members who chose the award winner suggested that the process begin earlier for this next year. They recommend starting the process in March or April.

New Business

1. 2021 Annual Conference - The MiALA Annual Conference chair, David Scott, would like guidance from the board about whether to hold the conference in person. After some discussion, Bolger made a motion to hold a virtual conference this year. Martin seconded and the motion passed with 10 affirmative votes and one dissent. Langan will inform the conference planning committee so that they can now look into technology platforms and keynote speakers for the 2021 conference.
2. Online voting/issue discussion - Kennedy suggested that the board consider an alternative way to hold votes in between meetings. The current email system is hard to keep up with while so many people are working from home. Board members will consider options for how to make this process smoother.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Issue Bin / Future Agenda Items

- Voting between meetings

Next Board Meetings:

The third Friday of every month at 2:15pm.

- November 20, 2020
- December 18, 2020
- January 15, 2021
- February 19, 2021
- March 19, 2021
- April 16, 2021
- May 21, 2021
- June 18, 2021

Next Executive Board Meetings:

The first Friday of every month at 2:30pm.

- November 6, 2020
- December 4, 2020

- January 8, 2021
 - February 5, 2021
 - March 5, 2021
 - April 2, 2021
 - May 7, 2021
 - June 4, 2021
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Tim introduction

Academic librarian of the year

Darlene

Winner of award - Sandra washtenaw

Thursday october 29, 6:30

Facebook live

MLA page

Most is prerecorded

Acknowledge David, Kate, Jane scales, heather ladiski, Cynthia

Suggest that next year they start in March or April

This was a tight deadline

Could explained to other types of awards

The committe has suggestions

Kate

Praise Darlene for her role

Cynthia praised Darlene too

Mixologist and musician

Cocktail hour on 6-6:30

Discussion rooms during this time

Moderator - Wesley Stace comedian and musician

Annual conference

David Scott wanted this discussed - in person or virtual

Other groups have moved online

What are thoughts right now

Kate - refunds for hotel?

Digital platform - what would we need?

They will look into what different conferences are using

Emilia too

Tim knows about the charleston conference - Pathable

Bolger called for a motion

Beth seconded

10 in favor

1 dissent (Brenna)

Brenna wants to leave the in person as an option

David shared that he has planned conferences and thinks this would not work with short notice

Darlene - cancellation policies

We do have the venue still

Might have to eat some cost

Loex is bumping up against our conference

Virtual would allow for people to attend both

We don't want to ask people to present in person

Kate is on committee

Lower cost to participate if virtual

Kate will take it back to the conference committee

Bethany

Remote work and voting online through emails

Hard to keep up with conversations

Other ways to consider those last minute items

She doesn't have a good solution

Talk next week?

Online poll for voting?

Any other issues?

Meeting called at 2:43