

MiALA Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, January 9th, 1pm

Present: Mies Martin, Julie Garrison, Darlene Johnson-Bignotti, Katrina Rouan, Jessica Hronchek, Shelia Garcia Mazari, Ed Eckel, Gina Bolger, Mariela Hristova, Kelli Herm, Rebecca Tull, Denise Leyton (guest), Gina Bolger, Sheila, Kalyn Huson

Absent: N/A

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:04pm.

Board Business Meeting:

1. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve - Garrison
 - b. Seconded - Johnson-Bignotti
 - c. The motion passed.
2. Approval of Minutes from [December Meeting](#)
 - a. Motion to approve - Johnson-Bignotti
 - b. Seconded - Eckel
 - c. The motion passed.
3. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - a. Motion to approve - Eckel
 - b. Seconded - Tull
 - c. The motion passed.
 - d. Committee reports
 - i. Advocacy – Committee is not active due to no one being interested in leading this committee. (Eckel)
 - ii. Awards – Seeking the Board’s blessing to solicit entries and proceed with an ALOTY award for 2025. See item # 1 under New Business. (Darlene)
 - iii. Conference Planning– Planning continues to go well - presentation and poster proposal submissions are open, the committee is finalizing a conference logo and considering options for conference swag, the keynote speaker is confirmed and the committee is hoping to have contracts signed and to announce in January, as of Dec. 13, we had secured 2 Premiere, 1 Platinum, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze sponsorships in addition to the \$5,000 LSTA grant
 - iv. Communications and Marketing – “Official” budget request for swag coming from the committee soon, likely in the next day or two. (Rebecca)
 - v. Executive – No Report (Mies)
 - vi. IDEA – No Report (Katrina)
 - vii. Membership – No Report (Jessica)

- viii. Nominating – Not getting many bites in terms of potential members. Will step up on recruiting individuals. Please send anyone that you feel would be a great addition my way, including yourself. (Darlene)
- ix. Ad-Hoc Committees:
 - 1. Partnerships Committee (Ed, Mies, Katrina) - - no report. Will depend upon information that comes out of strategic planning process.
- e. Partner Reports - No Report (Mies)
- f. Treasurer's Report – No Report (Jessica)
- g. Interest Group Coordinating Council – The new Deans and Directors IG has adjusted its name to be more inclusive – Deans/Directors/Leaders. Kalyn has updated the website and Mariela has updated the spreadsheet. (Mariela)
- h. Board Actions via Email – None.

Old Business

1. Strategic Planning - [update on progress](#) - (co-chairs Julie Garrison & Denise Leyton)

Leyton - Completed recent visioning retreat with MCLS. Strategic planning team spent time with the resort, drafted visioning statements, and identified 5 strategic direction areas. More information to come in February.

Eckel - The strategic area of advocacy stands out because it's an area where we feel very unsure.

Leyton – We have heard the lack of clarity for advocacy has been a barrier to members seeing themselves in this work.

Garrison – We have two small teams of volunteers focusing on additional work. One is working to frame and perfect the vision statement. The second is looking at the five goal areas and making sure they don't overlap. The language will be smoothed out before the February membership meeting.

Martin – We will have both the strategic plan draft and service agreement plan to review in February. We will need to make sure these work together and align so that next year's Board can carry this work forward. Please take the time to look at these documents and make recommendations.

Leyton – It will be a quick turnaround for the first draft (February), but there will be time to continue to refine before the final product is due.

Tull – Advocacy could be framed as a way to look at our partnerships. The strategic plan should drive how we approach the MCLS agreement.

Leyton – We don't have full scale project plans for these areas, but we may want to propose ownership of some of this work throughout the organization.

Tull – I like that the language is active and specific.

Leyton – I appreciate the reminder on the responsible parties and that there will be many rounds of review. The entire plan also has DEIA woven in throughout.

2. [Proposal](#): Board and Nominating Committee Tasks to Support Committee Volunteer and Leadership Transition - (Jessica, Samantha, Katrina)

Hronchek - reviewed proposal

Eckel – The timing of when liaisons get the list of the interested committee members is important. Previously, there has been a significant gap..

Garrison – We often don't know who is chairing the committees early on. Maybe we need to move that up.

Johnson-Bignotti – The issue is the timeline for elections is too late in the year.

Hristova – The more that the conference can include functional meetings for committees and IGs, the better.

Hronchek – We need to move the leadership selection/transition prior to June. Is there a person on Nominations who can help lead the call for committee volunteers?

Johnson-Bignotti – Probably, but I'll need to check the bylaws.

Garrison – We can set the date for the leadership orientation prior to people standing for election..

Martin – That usually falls to the new President to arrange.

3. Service Agreement Renewal - Update (Mies, Gina, Ed, Rebecca, Jessica (auxiliary))

Martin – We met this week and will meet again on the 27th. The goal is to have a draft to the board at the February meeting. We need to separate event planning from the administrative support section. We can make roles more clear for MCLS and MiALA.

4. Advocacy Committee Report

Garrison – Are there any committee members? Or is the issue that no one is willing to chair?

[Eckel had to leave so not able to address.]

Minnis – This is a great argument to include advocacy in the strategic plan. It will clarify the work.

Johnson-Bignotti – This committee was originally modeled after MLA's advocacy committee and advocacy in an academic setting is different.

Garcia-Mazari – Denise and I went to Advocacy Day in Lansing last year representing MiALA. The focus was trying to increase school librarians. As an academic, I was able to give context about the lack of these skills being built before higher education experience.

New Business

1. 2025 ALOTY Award- (Darlene)

Johnson-Bignotti - I have become the de facto chair of this committee. I would like to update the form for nominations and start thinking about this award cycle now.

Hristova – It would be nice if the MiALA website highlighted past winners names and/or photos.

Issue Bin / Future Agenda Items:

1. Student Liaison Position

Motion to adjourn - Johnson-Bignotti

Seconded - Garcia-Mazari

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26pm.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Thursday, February 6th, 1pm

Thursday, March 6th, 1pm