

CMLA Board Meeting  
March 17, 2022  
Held virtually on Zoom

In attendance: Jason Homer, Erin Redihan, Andrew Jenrich, Becky Plimpton, Lisa Cheever, Bernadette Rivard, Rebecca Morin, Ryan Donovan, Betsy Perry, Sharon Bernard, Brittany McDougal Bialy, Rob Favini, Cheryl Donahue

The meeting was called to order at 10 am by President Lisa Cheever.

Ryan Donovan made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Becky Plimpton. Vote was all in favor, motion passes unanimously.

**President's Report:** Legislative Day for Central Mass libraries is April 7, 2022.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Starting balance \$5624.41. Membership brought in \$460. Expenses were \$8.32 in credit card fees. \$6076.96 balance.

Ryan motioned to accept treasurer's report, Jason seconded. Vote was all in favor, motion passes unanimously.

**Subcommittees**

**Bylaws Subcommittee:**

Andrew reported that he and Bernadette met to go through the by-laws article by article. Their suggestions are as follows:

**Article IV – Officers and Duties**

Bernadette is suggesting that the Treasurer's three-year term be broken down into 3 positions. In year one, the person becomes Assistant Treasurer and work with the Treasurer to learn the association's finances. In year two, they become the Treasurer and become responsible for Treasurer's Reports, Bank Statement Reconciliation and Tax Preparation. In year three, they become Past Treasurer and are responsible for reviewing the Treasurer's reports and Bank Statements, as well as be available to the Treasurer to ensure the smooth transition of the association's finances. This structure will make it easier for whomever moves into the position to be successful at keeping the association's finances in order. We will need to work out the language for the change in Article IV, Section 4.1 and how it will effect Article V – Board of Directors.

**Article VI – Committees, Section 6.2**

The current bylaws only list Bylaws, Membership and Nominating as Standing Committees. Do we want to add PR/Communications, Programming and Legislative Breakfast as Standing Committees or just keep them under the "other committee deemed necessary" part of Section 6.2.

**Article VIII – Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 8.3**

This section states expenditures exceeding \$200.00 shall be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors. I am not sure that this has been strictly adhered to. We should either adhere to it or consider changing it to either a higher amount or eliminating it from the bylaw all together.

#### Article VIII – Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 8.4

We discussed what this section means and decided it means that any part of the bylaws that require us to give notice of meeting dates (like for the annual meeting) can be waived, but are unsure who has the authority to do so.

#### Article X – Amendments, Section 10.2

Any proposed bylaw changes that we decide to bring to the membership must be made available to the membership seven days before the meeting where voting will take place.

#### Appendix B – Initial Term for Office for Board Members

We propose it be updated, or more effectively eliminated as the content is covered in Article IV, Section 4.1.

Everyone will take the next month to consider the proposed changes and we will discuss again at the April meeting.

#### **Communications/PR subcommittee**

No report.

#### **Legislative Breakfast subcommittee**

Legislative breakfast in Worcester went very well. We're not planning on holding another event in the near future.

#### **Membership subcommittee**

Ryan is looking at the next step of recruiting new members.

#### **Nominating subcommittee -**

Bernadette made a motion to elect Stephanie Young to fill the Director-At-Large term vacated by Robin Shtulman through Fall of 2022. The motion was seconded by Ryan. The vote was unanimous, motion passes.

#### **Programming subcommittee**

Youth writing panel on March 30 has 46 registrants, Pronouns 101 program on April 7 has 100 registrants.

#### **New Business**

Worcester has cancelled Hoopla (waiting out the 90 day period specified in the contract) and is considering discontinuing their business with Midwest Tape. Jason has had conversations with the management about the content concerns, subject term issues, and lack of curation on the Hoopla platform.

Bernadette, Sharon, and Lisa attended a webinar on Intellectual Freedom in Libraries. Bernadette is putting together a letter and program for people to have an opportunity to discuss their experiences with challenges.

Ryan was in touch with Michael Zeller from Shrewsbury about the periodical subscription pool that some libraries are participating in with NewsBank. Ryan will put together a letter to recruit interested libraries to join.

Rob Favini reports that the MBLC is hosting workshops on March 29 and 30 on welcoming deaf and hard of hearing patrons to your library. They are using ARPA money to do a series of access trainings in April and May.

### **Old Business**

none

Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jason seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 am.