

SWING
Spring General Meeting
Friday, May 20, 2011, 10:00 a.m.
Radford University, Radford, VA

MINUTES

Members present: Lorraine Abraham (Emory & Henry College), Danielle Backstrom (Tazewell County), Amanda Bailey (Washington County Public Library), Jan Beck (West Davidson), Blair Brainard (Radford University), Erika Brammer (King College), Sherry J. Bright (Buchanan County), Jane Caldwell (Emory & Henry College), Drusilla Carter (Blue Ridge Library), Alison Cockram (New River Community College), Brenda Collins (Carroll County Schools), Todd Eastridge (Washington County Public Library), Vickie Fields (University of VA/Wise), Glenda Francis (National College), Ronald Francis (Pittsylvania County), George Graham (Emory & Henry College), Cathy Hanshew (Business Manager), Jody Hanshew (Emory & Henry College), Carrie Hayden (Emory & Henry College), Melanie Hemingway (Galax-Carroll Library), Carol Henry (Emory & Henry College), Charles Justice (Virginia Highlands Community College), Janet Kirby (Emory & Henry College), David Lyons (Emory & Henry College), George E. Mattis (Wytheville Community College), Connie Medaris (Blue Ridge Community College), Nathan A. Neely (Radford Public Library), Carolea Newsome (University of VA/Wise/Contracts), Kelly Passek (Blacksburg High School), Bridget Rife (Buchanan County), Julie Roberson (King College), Laurie Roberts (Tazewell County), Joel Rudy (Virginia Highlands Community College), Naydine Shenk (New River Community College), Melissa Speed (Appalachian College of Pharmacy), Shannon Steffey (University of VA/Wise), Barbara Stepp (Blacksburg High School), Debbie Sweeney (Augusta County), Brenda Tester (Eastern Montgomery High School), Robert Turner (Radford University), Robert Vejnar (Emory & Henry College, Sally A. Warburton (Pulaski County Library).

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Lorraine Abraham at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 25, 2011 meeting were approved. (*Motion to approve by Robert Turner; second by Blair Brainard*)

Financial report: Business Manager Cathy Hanshew reported that the amount in the check and savings accounts and two CD's totals \$40,638.76.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of FY 2012 Budget: After looking over the proposed budget, members voted to approve it as presented (*Motion to approve by Brenda Tester; second by Laurie Roberts*)

Ratification of name change: President Lorraine Abraham went over the history of the organization's name prior to the ratification process. SWING (Southwest Virginia Information Network Group) has been the name since the group was started in 1989. Because of our growth beyond the Southwest Virginia area (we now have members in four states), and because of some dissatisfaction over the name

“SWING”, we have been attempting to come up with a more appropriate name. Following an unsuccessful contest last year, the Executive Board appointed a committee to work on creating a new name. As noted in an Addendum to the January 25, 2011 minutes, the Executive Board voted by email on March 30, 2011 to approve the proposed new name suggested by this committee. The new name is MALiA (Mid-Atlantic Library Alliance). The committee researched the name to make sure it was available as a domain name and to verify that it has no negative meaning in other languages. (Its only meaning in another language is “a perching bird” in Sulawesi, a group of languages spoken in Indonesia).

Prior to today’s meeting, the Executive Board voted by email (on April 26, 2011) and approved setting aside a \$4000 contingency fund for expenses associated with changing the name from SWING to MALiA. In a second email vote (on May 17, 2011), the Executive Board voted to approve having our website hosted by Coburn Creative.

Lorraine and Webmaster Jody Hanshew showed the group the logo that has been designed by Coburn Creative (a “perching bird” on a book) and also showed a preview of the new website for MALiA which is still in the development stage. The new URL will be MALiALibrary.org.

Following this presentation, members ratified the name change from SWING to MALiA by unanimous voice vote.

Ratification of revised By-Laws: Lorraine went over three suggested revisions for the By-Laws.

The first was the name change from SWING to MALiA.

The second change was to clarify descriptions of positions because the Executive Board, in practice, did not match what is currently written in the By-Laws. The position of Members-at-Large was modified and a position was created for an official representative for North Carolina (there are now 38 North Carolina libraries in the consortium).

The third suggested revision had to do with voting via phone or email by the Executive Board. The only change is what is shown in the underlined portion of the following sentence under Article V (Governance), Section I: “If no such conference call is requested, fax or e-mail votes on the motion will be counted by the President five working days after the sending of the motion, or when a majority of the Executive Committee has responded.”

Following the presentation of proposed revisions, members ratified the revisions to the By-Laws by unanimous voice vote.

Executive Board Officer Elections: Seven positions were open and the suggested slate was as follows:

VP/President Elect – Sarah Paulk (Wythe-Grayson Regional Library)
Secretary – Naydine Shenk (New River Community College)
Treasurer – Janet Kirby (Emory & Henry College)
Academic (4-year) Representative – Lisa Vassady (Radford University)
Community College Representative – Sandy Smith (New River Community College)
At-Large Representative (NC Rep) – Jan Beck (Davidson County Public Library)
At-Large Rep – Julie Roberson (King College)

There were no nominations from the floor, so by acclamation, members approved the suggested slate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lorraine introduced Drusilla Carter, who has agreed to serve as co-chair of the Programs Committee. She will be co-chairing with Alan Bobowski (Rockbridge Regional Library).

Janet and Julie mentioned an upcoming Book Repair Workshop, which will be held July 21-22 at Kelly Library on the Emory & Henry College campus. They passed out an information sheet on the workshop. Details are also available at the old SWING website.

Lorraine reported for Steve Vest (Scholarship Committee). He currently has no applications for the scholarships (for employees of SWING/MALiA libraries). July 1 is the next deadline, so members were encouraged to spread the word that these are available.

Carolea Newsome (Contracts Manager) reported that all contracts are in effect now. Serials and subscriptions and materials contracts are in mid-cycle. There is a vendor list on the website. There are also several vendors who did not respond to the RFP, but would still like to offer special discounts to consortium members, so there is information on the website about these vendors as well.

Julie Roberson announced that there was a change in one of the programs planned for the day because the speaker was ill. Instead of Ryan Bernard's talk on Cultural Diversity in Appalachia, Erika Brammer from King College would be talking about a user services program they are doing at King College for which they created five short videos using Adobe Captivate and Jing. The second program, a presentation by Jori Frazier from the U.S. Department of Census, would follow as originally scheduled.

The general meeting was adjourned at this 11:00 a.m. and the two programs followed.

Naydine Shenk
Secretary