

**MALiA Executive Board Meeting**  
**Friday, December 2, 2011**  
**Wytheville Public Library**

**MINUTES**

**Members present:** Lorraine Abraham (Emory & Henry College), Paula Alston (Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library), Amanda Bailey (Washington County Public Library), Drusilla Carter (Blue Ridge Regional Library), Brenda Collins (Carroll County Schools), Cathy Hanshew (Business Manager), Jody Hanshew (Emory & Henry College), Janet Kirby (Emory & Henry College), Carolea Newsome (University of Virginia's College at Wise), J. Sara Paulk (Wythe-Grayson Regional Library), Laurie Roberts (guest, Tazewell County Public Library), Naydine Shenk (New River Community College), Sandy Smith (New River Community College), Barbara Stepp (Blacksburg High School), Brenda Tester (Eastern Montgomery High School), Steve Vest (Botetourt County Library)

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Stepp at 10:30 a.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the October 14, 2011 meeting were approved. *(Motion to approve by Lorraine Abraham; second by Drusilla Carter)*

**Financial report:** Treasurer Janet Kirby reported that the current balance is \$47,299.87. She also reported that the group's taxes had been filed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Children's/Young Adult Services:** Chair Amanda Bailey reported that a meeting was held just before Thanksgiving and they had a sign language interpreter. The next meeting will be held in April at Montgomery-Floyd.

**Continuing Education:** Co-Chair Drusilla Carter reported that they are working on two ideas for the spring meeting: having a local author presentation, and having someone from the Legislative Committee speak on how to advocate for your library.

**Contracts:** Contracts Administrator Carolea Newsome reported that the non-compliance issues with MALiA contracts not being posted on the eVA webpage have been resolved, and that state institutions ARE eligible to participate in MALiA's contracts. There were also some problems with links being broken to the RFPs for the serials and subscription contracts on the webpage and that has been resolved as well. To access the RFPs, go to the contracts tab and select either serials or supplies and the RFP link will be there on the webpage. There is updated information on the webpage from two vendors: Advanced Educational Products and W.T. Cox. There is also some information from a non-contracted vendor (Library Ideas LLC) on the webpage. The current Evaluation Committee for contracts includes Carolea Newsome, Sandy Smith, Lorraine Abraham, and Janet Kirby.

**Membership:** Business Manager Cathy Hanshew reported that we now have 173 paid members. There were eight previous members who did not rejoin, but we have 26 new members.

**Scholarship:** Chair Steve Vest reported that there were three applicants for fall, one of whom was a repeat applicant. The committee would like to award to all three of them. There was some discussion on increasing the amount of the awards, and also on the criteria the applicants must meet. As a result of the discussion, two motions were made and approved. A motion was made and approved to increase the award from \$500 to \$1000 (*Motion by Naydine Shenk; second by Sara Paulk*) There was a second motion made and approved to award only \$500 to one of the current applicants who had previously received an award (*Motion by Drusilla Carter; second by Lorraine Abraham*). The website information on scholarships will be updated to reflect the changes.

**Legislative:** Barbara Stepp reported for Cy Dillon who said that the VLA Legislative Committee has asked Governor McDonnell to NOT cut state aid funds to public libraries. There is information for those wishing to voice their opinion on this at the following website: <http://voterveice.net/groups/vla>

**Web Page:** Webmaster Jody Hanshew reported. He asked everyone to let him know if there is anything that needs to be added to the MALiA webpage.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

(Contract issues, which were already covered in the report from Carolea).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

HAL (Holston Associated Libraries) project for exploring open source ILS solutions: Lorraine Abraham reported that the HAL consortium is exploring the migration of its four member libraries' shared catalog to an open source library automation system. This might be an opportunity for a partnership with MALiA because of its original mission, which was to lay the groundwork for a cooperative shared automation solution for its member institutions.

It was suggested that MALiA form a sub-committee to explore the whole open-source idea. The Library of Virginia is interested in pursuing this for the public libraries. It was mentioned that all Georgia libraries except the three biggest ones are on Evergreen, and that libraries in both North Carolina (19 libraries) and South Carolina (15 libraries) are also using Evergreen. Virginia Tech is doing a three-year project evaluating software and support for this type of system.

A sub-committee of those interested in working with HAL (just public and academic libraries right now) was formed to explore this. Sub-committee members are: Jody Hanshew, Janet Kirby, Drusilla Carter, Jane Paulk, and Lorraine Abraham.

Spring meeting: Drusilla mentioned the program ideas earlier in the meeting. The group discussed potential dates and conflicts. It looked like mid-April would be a good time. The program committee will work on a specific date and location.

Next Executive Board meeting: This is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on June 1, 2012 at the Wytheville Public Library.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. (*Motion by Barbara Stepp; second by Brenda Testerman*)

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Naydine S. Shenk  
Secretary