

**MALiA Executive Board Meeting**  
**Friday, January 27, 2017**  
**Teleconference**

**Members present:** Lorraine Abraham, Paula Alston (Montgomery-Floyd Regional), Amanda Bailey (Washington County Public), Jody Hanshew (Emory & Henry College), Jenny Horton (Lynchburg College), Janet Kirby (Emory & Henry College), Carolea Newsome (UVA Wise), Naydine Shenk (New River Community College), Sandy Smith (New River Community College), Shannon Steffey (UVA Wise), Barbara Stepp (retired Montgomery County Public Schools), Steve Vest (Botetourt County Public Library)

**Call to Order:** President Lorraine Abraham called the meeting to order at 10:08.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the last meeting were approved (*motion to approve, Sandy Smith; second, Janet Kirby*)

**Financial Report:** Janet Kirby emailed board members a copy of this report prior to the meeting. We are in good financial shape. She also reported that we now have 245 members (our largest number yet)

**Old Business:** To be covered under the Committee Reports (Programs)

**New Business:** Board Member Elections for FY 2018. Most of those serving agreed to continue in their positions or shift to different positions. We need people to fill the Vice President position, openings on the Program Committee, and possibly some representatives from states other than Virginia (other states with members are: West Virginia, Kentucky, Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Alabama). Our current rep for North Carolina (Jan Beck) has had to step down. Barbara Stepp agreed to serve as Legislative Chair. Brandi Porter will work on the Program Committee.

**Committee Reports**

**Scholarship:** Steve Vest reported that there were 3 applicants for the fall scholarships and all 3 were awarded \$1000.00 each. They were all people who had not applied before. The next deadline for applications is July 1, 2017. Jody will be posting information on the website (& sending emails?) asking people to encourage folks to apply for the scholarships.

**Children's MALiA:** Amanda Bailey reported that their last meeting was held in Bristol in December and their speaker was Newbery Medal winner, Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, who gave a wonderful presentation. Several librarians from Tennessee attended and expressed appreciation for having a program held in Bristol. The Children's MALiA group will meet again on April 21 in Christiansburg and will discuss statistics and summer reading programs.

**Legislative:** No report

**Programs:** Lorraine gave a report from Josephine Clarke, telling the group that right now the next program is scheduled for April 28 at Lynchburg College. The speaker will be Sergeant Craig Dowdy from

the Lynchburg Police Department and he will present an “active shooter” program. They are still hoping to schedule a second speaker and are looking for ideas. One possible suggestion was to have a program about DNA/ancestry. Ideas should be sent to Emily Krug (King University), Charlotte Parsons (Washington County Public Library, or Brandi Porter (Ferrum College).

**Website:** Webmaster Jody Hanshew requested that people let him know if there is anything else that needs to go up on the MALiA website.

**Contracts:** Contract Administrator Carolea Newsome reported that there are no issues right now. She will be sending out a vendor satisfaction survey in late February prior to beginning the materials contracts process in the spring.

**Announcements:** There were no announcements

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:35.

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Naydine Shenk, Secretary