

Mid-Atlantic Library Alliance  
Executive Board Meeting  
February 8, 2019

Present: Brandi Porter, Steve Vest, Marci Myers, Sandy Smith, Carolea Newsome, Jody Hanshew, Shannon Steffey, Phil Edwards, Lorraine Abraham, Amanda Bailey, Janet Kirby, Jenny Horton

Brandi asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the fall meeting (date). Janet Kirby moved to accept the minutes, Shannon Steffey seconded and the motion carried.

Janet Kirby noted that we are in good financial standing and that there would be no financial report as she was unaware of the meeting until moments before. A new budget will be presented and approved at the Spring Meeting.

#### Old Business

Open positions on the board and upcoming elections:

1. We will need a nomination for Vice-President as elections happen in Spring
2. We need a 2nd school representative
3. Steve Vest is retiring but will stay on as a member of the Scholarships committee
4. Brandi will ask Emily Correa if she will stay on the Program Committee

#### Committee reports

Scholarship Committee - One scholarship was awarded this cycle to Emily Metrock, the Children's Librarian at Salem Public Library. She received \$1,500.00. The next deadline is July 1. No grant applications were received this cycle. Janet asked for the web address to be added to the application form as an update. Brandi asked for Jody to send out scholarship information to the distribution group before the deadline.

Children's MALiA - met in December at Bristol Public Library and had updates from the Library of Virginia. Their next meeting is set for March 22 in Christiansburg.

Amanda asked about a rolling deadline for scholarships since Children's Services operate heavily in the summer months. With a July deadline, the bulk of the work is already over for that season. Brandi suggested quarterly. Jenny agreed that quarterly is better for the committee to have set times for review. All agreed to make the next deadline April 1 to accommodate more applicants.

Program Committee - Spring Meeting is April 5 at Washington County Public Library in Abingdon, VA. The topic for the meeting is to allow libraries that received MALiA grants to present on their projects. Recipients will be contacted to participate including scholarship recipients for a varied program. The program committee recorded the fall meeting to an iPad and it may be lost. Phil discussed creating a YouTube channel to upload our future videos to keep them available for viewing to a wider audience.

Contracts Committee - Carolea mentioned that June 30 is the end of the supplies and serials contract and that the Executive Board approved the renewal through 2020. There had been a discussion with EBSCO and the City of Chesapeake over the percentage of discount in the contract, but that has been resolved and new contracts with EBSCO may need to identify the exact percentage and not a range or estimate to eliminate such discrepancies.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Horton, Secretary