

**MALiA Executive Committee Meeting
August 3, 2018**

Call to order:

Brandi Porter (ANU) called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

In attendance:

Brandi Porter, Sandy Smith, Steve Vest, Amanda Bailey, Janet Kirby, Jenny Horton, Phil Edwards, Sally Jones, Carolea Newsome, Shannon Steffey.

Minutes:

Minutes from the June 8 (spring) meeting were approved by Steve Vest (Botetourt Co.) and seconded by Janet Kirby (E&H).

Financial Report:

Janet Kirby presented the financial report. An amended report was sent by email on August 3. She mentioned that the budget for 2019 was the same as the budget for 2018. It was noted that increased salaries for the Business Manager and Contracts Administrator had been previously approved for FY2019. Janet will correct and resubmit.

Steve Vest made a motion to accept the financial report. Amanda Bailey seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

There are 3 vacant Board positions: 1 Public Library Representative. Sally Warburton was contacted concerning this vacancy but no response has been received. 1 School Representative and 1 At-Large Member. Janet will make a contact for the At-Large member.

New members have taken positions on the Programs committee (Sally Jones, Emily Correa, Phil Edwards)

Programs Committee:

There was a discussion about program offerings and possibly moving to one program per year format to encourage attendance. Schedules are crazy for academic libraries in Spring, regional meetings were suggested, many liked the idea of a combo meeting in person that is live streamed or recorded to be made available to a wider audience. Many expressed a desire to keep the 2 programs per year format but to change up the formats and locations. This discussion was tabled for the fall meeting.

Scholarship Committee:

The committee approved 3 applications for scholarships this year, 2 academic librarians and 1 program grant. Each academic candidate was granted \$1,500 and the program grant was for \$800. The scholarship for tuition has historically been \$1,000, but the budget is such that an increase is possible. A motion was made by Jenny Horton (Lynchburg) to approve \$1,500 scholarships moving forward. The motion was seconded by Janet Kirby and the motion carried.

Children's MALiA:

Amanda Bailey (WCPL) reported that Youth Services will meet August 24 at Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library and will include a tour of the Story Walk and Summer Reading Recap. In November they will meet in Bristol to encourage attendance from Tennessee libraries and hope to livestream with the new camera.

Contracts:

Carolea Newsome (UVaW) reported that contracts are in mid-cycle and she continues to answer questions as they arise. New companies have asked to participate in providing discounts without a contract. These will be posted to the non-contract vendor information on the website. She mentioned the detailed work of the RFP committee and her appreciation for the members. The Executive Committee members should be thinking about whether or not they wish to renew these contracts so that I can begin the RFP process in the Spring of 2019 if necessary. I will need a decision by the Fall meeting date in October.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Phil Edwards (MECC) moved to adjourn, Amanda Bailey seconded and the motion carried.