

**\MALiA Executive Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Zoom Virtual Meeting (Combined Summer and Fall Meeting Due to COVID-19 Pandemic)**

**Present:** Michael Gilley, Kelly McBride, Jody Hanshew, Steve Vest, Brandi Porter, Shannon Steffey, Carolea Newsome, Cathy Hanshew, Jane Caldwell, Marci Myers, Lorraine Abraham, Paula Beasley, Sally Jones, and Julie Short.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Michael Gilley.

**Committee Reports:**

**Children's MALiA Committee:** No report.

**Contracts Committee:** Carolea Newsome reported that all contracts are current and valid through June 30, 2021. Carolea announced her retirement from the position of MALiA Contracts Manager effective December 31, 2020. The Contracts Committee will serve as the hiring committee.

**Program Committee:** Sally Jones reported that the University of Virginia's College at Wise hosted the Fall 2019 meeting with a presentation on STEM programming; appreciation was expressed to Shannon Steffey and Carolea Newsome. Discussion ensued about the feasibility of hosting an electronic virtual conference for the next program. Appreciation was expressed to Sally and her committee appointment was extended for another year.

**Scholarship Committee:** Steve Vest reported that a \$2,000 scholarship had been awarded to Amber Combs of Smyth County, a University of Tennessee student. In April, Alecia Foster was awarded a second scholarship and Stephanie Griffin a first. The scholarship window of application is currently open for Spring awards.

**Old Business:**

**At-Large Representatives:** Jody Hanshew made a motion, seconded by Kelly McBride, to appoint Jim Blanton of Buncombe County Public Libraries and Paula Beasley of Easley Library, Bluefield College to serve as At-Large Representatives on the Executive Committee.

**Secretary:** On a motion made by Kelly McBride, seconded by Carolea Newsome, Julie Short of Lonesome Pine Regional Library was appointed Secretary of the Executive Committee.

**Program Committee:** Lorraine Abraham made the motion to appoint Mackenzie Dickenson from Wampler Library, Mountain Empire Community College to the Program Committee joining Sally Jones. Kelly McBride seconded and the motion carried.

**New Business:**

The Treasurer's Report was presented with no follow-up questions. The Board reviewed and discussed a proposed budget for FY2021. Kelly McBride made the motion to approve the budget as presented; Steve Vest seconded and the motion carried.

Carolea Newsome updated the Board on the contract renewal process. The Materials Contract may be renewed for one more year, but the Serials and Supplies Contracts are due for a procurement process which should begin in Spring 2021. On a motion made by Kelly McBride, seconded by Jody Hanshew, the Board authorized renewal of the Materials Contract through June 30, 2022.

Cathy Hanshew presented a request from MASERVIC, a division of the Maryland Counseling Association, to join the MALiA membership for the purpose of obtaining books at a discounted rate for the organization's book discussion groups. After consideration and in-depth discussion, Brandi Porter made the motion not to extend membership to the organization. Kelly McBride seconded and the motion carried.

Michael Gilley announced that the Winter Meeting will be held January 12, 2021.

On a motion made by Kelly McBride, seconded by Jody Hanshew, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Short