

Minutes Business Meeting

Joint MLGSCA & NCNMLG Meeting Conference
January 23rd 2018,
Embassy Suites, Scottsdale, AZ

Present

Jennifer Dinalo, Bryan Nugent, Andrea Harrow, Kelli Hines, Sydni Abrahamson, Lisa Marks, Carrie Grinstead, Janice Hermer, Deb Schneider, Cinda McClaire, David Bickford, Antonia Osuna-Garcia, Kristin Gonnerman, Nancy Showalter, Alan Carr, Susan Shelby, Rikke Ogawa, Nisha Mody, Kelly Akin, Youngmi An, Keir Reavie, Danielle Linden, Bethany Myers, Janene Wandersee, Helen Seaton, Kay Deaney, Hal Bright, Jackie Davies, Kathy Lynch, Caroline Marshall, Kevin Balozian

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Caroline Marshall at 9:00

Documents distributed for meeting.

- Treasurers Report: 1st QTR & 2nd QTR 2017-2018
- Treasurer's Report: MLGSCA Location of Assets

Officers, Committees and Other reports

Jennifer Dinalo, Treasurer, presented the quarterly financial reports for 1st and 2nd QTR 2017-2018 and the MLGSCA location of Assets for the same period. Of note were \$2700 in membership receipts, higher than last year.

Kelli Hines, President Elect, reported:

- Conference CE classes had small attendance but participants still seemed to enjoy.
- Kelli had surveyed the membership for their CE needs prior to the conference and shared the results with Kelli Ham, NNLM.
- Proposed that MLGSCA could offer MEDLIB-ED webinars at a cost of \$200
- Hosting an MLA webinar costs \$235 to the sponsor site, this option allows for librarians to meet up but not sure about actual usage
- Member suggested idea to target content to staff at site, could also seek to engage public libraries
- Shorter 3 hr. CE classes more popular but longer workshops needed for deep diving into a topic
- Longer, full-day workshops could work better at conferences
- MLA annual meeting is offering a number of CE classes
- MLGSCA could provide their own content
- More promotion of NLM classes

Nominating Committee: Bryan Nugent

President Elect and secretary position up for election this year. Bryan and Caroline to create a slate of candidates by March 1st 2018,

Membership: Caroline Marshall reported that we have 222 members: 176 returning; 35 student; 11 retired. Question was asked about number of student members over time.

Awards: Caroline Marshall reported for Laura Stubblefield

- Marketed the Paraprofessional of the year award and awarded it to Elaine White
- Working on Donation button to be located off the website
- Marketed the Professional Development Awards and gave one to Ellen Aaronson
- Marketed the Scholarship awards and is in the process of evaluating them
- Professional Development award deadline is February 15. Send applications to laura.stubblefield@sharp.com
- Louise Darling award deadline is Feb 15. Send applications to Laura.

Professional Issues: Andrea Harrow reported. (see attached)

- looking for a co-chair
- wants to work with other committees to send committee interest form as a separate promotion to try and get more member involvement in the committees.
- Kelli Hines to look at streamlining process, tighten up application and include a small piece on what will be required for each committee
- Explanation is needed on the committee interest form: everyone who expresses interest is actually joining that committee so if more than one committee is chosen, they will be joining them all. Perhaps change name to Committee Membership Form.

Chapter Council Rep: Hal Bright, reported.

- we had 125 attendees total. 90 members and 24 vendors
- more attend when conference is held in California
- WoltersKluwer lunch helped with required catering expenditure

Nominating Committee: Bryan Nugent and Janene Wandersee reported.

- Slate is put together 30 days prior to Spring meeting, March 1 is goal.

Group Discussion: Merger with NCNMLG raised by Rikke Ogawa.

- NCN does not have enough members, creating Western/SW chapter is desired
- Member opinion that merger could help to address inertia and create more exciting chapter
- Precedence was cited with SLA-AZ merger
- Question of NCN debt was raised but later determined NCNMLG are financially sound.
- Previous MLGSCA [resident Bryan Nugent reported that the merger appeared to be labor intensive and was not pursued.

- Question about the geographic area of proposed merger being too large. Answered by: if we are virtual chapter then size doesn't matter, other chapters cover greater area. Expanding community is beneficial to keep viable.
- Kevin Balozian, MLA CEO suggested that technical issues be put aside and focus on business and legal simplification.
- MLA is not legal counsel but he offered MLA help in providing a template and checklist re issues that would need to be addressed, a business decision with a business process to be mapped out
- Balozian suggested that Mission statement of organization be looked at. Use change management as a strategy.
- Julie Kwan, formerly at NNLM kept detailed notes on the previous merger discussion. Alan Carr at NNLM or Danielle Linden, previous president could access these
- There was an overwhelming show of hands at the meeting to re-explore the merger.
- A motion was passed to survey MLGSCA members about their interest in a merger, "Would you support a discussion of a NCNMLG, MLGSCA merger?" and provide enough context to members for them to cast an informed vote
- Suggestion to use outside, objective expertise. Retired, AZ local, nonprofit professionals could be asked to volunteer their expertise, pro bono
- Danielle Lindon also agreed to forward all the work that had been done so far on a previous merger attempt.
- It was suggested that a small work group, two from each chapter, be formed to work on the merger.
- Kelli Hines and Rikke Ogawa to draft a survey for the membership re merger.

Motion to Adjourn 10:00am