

## METROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Thursday August 17, 2017 at 2 P.M.  
Central Piedmont Community College, Harris Campus, Room 1226  
3210 CPCC Harris Campus Drive, Charlotte

**Attendance:** Brenda Almeyda, Paula Brown, Mark Coltrain, Rebecca Freeman, Valerie Freeman, ~~Michael Frye~~, Jason Hazard, ~~Jo Henry~~, Kaetrena Davis Kendrick, Andrea Kincaid, Rae Lovvorn, ~~Laura McShane~~, ~~Lajuan Pringle~~, ~~Heather Smith~~, Betty Thomas, Michael Winecoff

**Minutes** from the May MLA Board Meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Andrea announced that we have \$9,325.35 in our bank account. The only expenditures since the conference was the \$10/month for our Quickbooks account. Last year, we had \$600 more in the account.

### This Year's Conference – Follow-up

Michael mentioned streaming some sessions next year. The debriefing meeting notes are on Google Drive. Andrea pointed out we need to review those notes carefully for next year's conference. Rebecca reported on survey results. Those who responded were fine with Fridays as a conference day. Poster space was a concern. Everyone enjoyed the keynote presentation. The Profit and Loss Statement is posted on Google Drive.

### Fall Program

**Program:** Diversity and inclusion in the library. Lajuan and ALA working group would do program. Andrea and Mark will set up a WebEx session. No F2F program. Michael to contact Lajuan tomorrow to get update.

**Date:** First week of October or last week of September would be preferable with SCLA and NCLA.

**Promotion:** Rae to promote once details are determined.

**Price:** No one would be charged for session. Members would have additional benefit because it would be archived on the members side of the MLA website. Mark to look at options for registering through WebEx or MLA website. Rae suggested adding a membership link to registration.

### Winter Luncheon

**Program:** Rachel Hildebrandt of the Global Literature in Libraries Initiative. Rae to contact her.

**Location:** Art Institute. We have had an excellent experience there in the past; the food would be a draw; 60% of membership is from Charlotte so closer in would be better.

**Price:** Membership price \$25, nonmember \$30, membership + registration \$45. (Food costs \$20/person)

**Time:** 11:30 to 1:30 pm. One hour for food and one hour for presentation/discussion.

**Date:** December 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>. Rae to contact speaker and set date.

Website should indicate limited seating.

We should cover travel expense/gift card for speaker.

## Next Year's Annual Conference

### Venue Options:

**UNC Charlotte Main Campus or UNC Charlotte Center City Campus** - \$2200 includes parking, not lunch. Food would be through Chartwells. Library space on main campus includes seating for 100 people but not really feasible for changing up for lunch tables. Kaetrena suggested not providing lunch and allowing time for people to go out for lunch.

**Levine Center at Queens University.** The facility has a large room that would accommodate 100 people with breakout classrooms. There is also a parking deck with free parking. Paula suggested getting pricing with food and without food. Jason will get details for next month.

**Baxter Hood Building at York Tech** – backup option only.

### Keynote Speaker:

**Ismail H. Abdullahi** -- Associate Professor in Library and Information Sciences Department at North Carolina Central University. Highly recommended by Kaetrena. She will contact him.

Gary Price (INFOdocket), Richard Ashby, Jr. (Dir., Yeadon Library), and Eli Pariser (filter bubbles) were considered. Concern for speaker charges and travel costs. Brainstormed for someone who would appeal to all types of librarians: school, academic, public, and special. The idea of having a virtual keynote was discussed. Local presenters also bring conference attendees from his/her institution.

### Date:

A date in June where school librarians can attend and before the ALA conference.

## Elections

Board positions that will be open: Vice President and Secretary

Rae volunteered for VP; Paula volunteered for Secretary.

There would be a call for nominations, elections in Oct/Nov, and announcement at the December lunch.

## Statement from the Board about Current Events

Kaetrena asked about a statement coming from the MLA Board reaffirming our values. Mark to draft statement and post on Google Drive for review. Rae to publicize.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.