Minutes Business Meeting

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

Present

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](mailto: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 for 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