Music Library Association California Chapter

2018 Business Meeting

Minutes

September 21, 2018

25 attendees at Business Meeting

Conference Attendance: 28 registered attendees

Meeting started 11:20 am

1. Report from the Chair, Lindsay Brown
   1. MLACC made a donation to the UC Public Library Foundation in honor of Laurie Bailey
   2. Next year’s meeting location has not yet been determined
      1. The location does not have to be at an institution with a member on site
   3. Elections in Spring
      1. There was uncertainty which positions would need to go up for election.
      2. The board will look into term expirations
2. Report from the Secretary/Treasurer, Taylor Greene
   1. Operating budget as of 9/19/18: $8,636.32
      1. Last year’s balance as of 9/30/2017: $7,954.34
   2. No travel grant awarded this year
      1. A recipient was chosen but was unable to come to the meeting
3. Report from the Membership Director, Taylor Greene
   1. Membership (as of September 14, 2018): 73 members

Regular members: 44

Honorary members: 3

Paraprofessionals: 11

Retired Members: 4

Student members: 3

Sustaining Members: 8

* 1. Last year’s membership at our meeting on October 19, 2017: 32 members
     1. Membership grew to 46 members by the end of the fiscal year in June 2018.

1. Other Business
   1. Lindsay Brown noted that last year, MLACC led a successful chapter challenge to raise funds for the Diversity Scholarship
   2. This year the Chair would like MLACC to take the lead on contributing to the MLA Public Library/Paraprofessional Travel Grant
      1. The grant is currently about half endowed. An initiative led by MLA regional chapters could significantly help to raise the rest of the $25,000 needed to be fully endowed.
      2. Joe Boonin motioned to create a challenge for MLACC members: MLACC will spend up to a total of $1,000 to match contributions by members.
         1. After our challenge has concluded, we will challenge other chapters to contribute as well.
      3. The motion was seconded and carried.
   3. Other projects and ideas to spend our healthy budget
      1. Susannah Cleveland provided suggestions, including oral history projects, creating finding aids for local collections, streaming services for chapter meetings, outreach, or funding a member to attend a non-MLA meeting
      2. Abbey Thompson suggested a chapter grant to aid members in attending MLA national meetings.
         1. Scott Stone recommended that we look into keeping the grant financially sustainable
         2. Abbey Thompson and Lindsay Brown volunteered to begin work on developing this idea
         3. Lindsay Brown suggested adding a new type of MLACC Sustaining Membership that could be used to fund the grant. There were some questions about whether the technology could support this.
      3. Streaming meetings
         1. John Shepherd expressed a potential drawback may be decreased attendance
         2. Joe Boonin noted the outreach potential of streaming meetings
         3. Susannah Cleveland noted that the Midwest Chapter is planning to create best practices for streaming chapter meetings
      4. Rachel Smiley raised the idea of collaborating with the Theatre Library Association (TLA)
         1. Susannah Cleveland expressed interest in MLA pursuing partnership with TLA, e.g., on joint meetings or projects.
2. Report from MLA Vice President/President-elect, Susannah Cleveland
   * 1. The MLA board has been especially concerned with the culture and climate of the organization
        1. E.g., possible changes to MLA-L, a climate survey in development, discussions in St. Louis about cultural barriers to participation
        2. Their goal is to make it easier and more pleasurable to participate in MLA.

Meeting adjourned 12:04 pm.

Submitted by Taylor Greene