

**Business Meeting Minutes – 79th MWMLA Annual Meeting
Online, October 23, 2020**

- I. **Call to Order.** Mike Duffy called the meeting to order.
- II. **2019 Meeting Minutes Approval** – no minutes were taken in the absence of the Sec/Treasurer. A floor motion was offered to accept no minutes, seconded and approved by Zoom poll.
- III. **Treasurer’s report** – Greg MacAyeal. The chapter cash balances are healthy. Scholarship designations are robust enough to support ongoing distribution. The Sec/Treas is happy to report a higher than usual number of member commitments as donations to these designations in lieu of a meeting registration. The Treasure’s Report holds more details on chapter finances.
- IV. **Committee Reports (only reporting committees are listed)**
 - a. By-Laws - Deb Morris New member Therese Dickman was welcomed, and the committee extends a farewell to Sheri Stormes.
 - b. Membership - Mallory Sawjeski. They are looking at national MLA for outreach models to increase chapter membership.
 - c. Program – Members jointly expressed happiness that Zoom has not imploded.
 - d. Publications – Carla Williams More chapter history is being compiled, with great thanks to Lynne Weber. The 1977 – 1986 installment is ready for publication on the chapter blog, with another to follow in January 2021. Work is developing on the 3rd decade chapter history. Therese Dickman is looking for suggestions on who she should interview for this next installment.
 - e. Scholarship – Kristi Bergland No scholarships were awarded this year as the conference is online. The committee feels the balances are fine to support a few more years of awards, but more contributions are sought. Grace Haynes is a new member, and Sheri Stormes rotates off.
- V. **Old business** – none.
- VI. **New Business** – Mike Duffy introduced Chair-Elect Kate Lambaria, and thanked Emma Dederick for agreeing to run.

The chapter will need a new web editor to begin by early 2021, and interested parties are encouraged to contact Mike.

Mike Duffy acknowledged the many non MWMLA members in attendance.

Mike Duffy acknowledged student members and first-time attendees.

The floor was opened for other new business and discussion.

Mark Scharff asked what aspects of the online meeting experience can we carry forward to future meetings? In the ensuing discussion, attendees made points about the ease of attendance because no costs are incurred for travel or registration, funding is in jeopardy at many institutions and the schedule is less tiring. Some committee work can be moved to Zoom to free up time/space for other programming. Publications committee and TAPS both reported higher than normal attendance. Mike Duffy will send a survey to membership to further investigate the use of an online synchronous mode for future chapter meetings. Additional comments were made in the chat and the transcript is recorded here as part of the minutes. (see Appendix).

Marianne Kordas congratulated retiring members Sheri Stormes and Wendy Sistrunk.

VII. **Adjournment.** The meeting was ended by a called motion by Mike Duffy, so moved by Emma Dederick, seconded by Wendy Sistrunk and the adjournment received a favorable vote by means of Zoom poll.

Appendix

These comments were recorded in the Zoom chat

13:18:41 From Mark Scharff : Discussion point: are there aspects of this that we should carry to future meetings? What would tech support in our budget?

13:19:25 From Liza Vick : As chapter liaison I've attended a number of virtual chapters but it sounds like MW wins for pet variety

13:21:23 From Kate Swope : This has been a great experience from the perspective of a first time attendee! Thank you!

13:23:00 From Amy Edmonds : I appreciated attending a session on archival practices. We don't have a music archivist, so I am forwarding the info to our generalists.

13:23:01 From Allison McClanahan : If nothing else, I think perhaps a hybrid business meeting?

13:23:13 From Bonnie Finn : That's a good idea!

13:23:20 From Katie Buehner : And the committee meetings, the same.

13:23:20 From Anna LoPrete : I was thinking the business meeting as well, and maybe a happy hour or social thing

13:23:35 From Amy Edmonds : Zoom pre-conference? Or mentoring for newbies?

13:23:36 From Allison McClanahan : CMC Vocab meeting in Norfolk we managed in-person and remote hybrid participation

13:24:02 From acker : I sent this accidentally to only Therese, but it's possible to have a Zoom camera at presentations and meetings

13:24:05 From Rebecca Belford : I found hybrid was harder to run than one or the other.

13:24:06 From Heather Fisher : That would be helpful for me as well. As liaison to almost 1,000 students October is a really hard time to get away for a conference.

13:24:32 From Anna LoPrete : I've pretty much given up on chapter meetings

13:24:51 From Angela Pratesi : The Instruction Subcommittee at MLA 2020 also held a hybrid meeting to ensure all members could participate regardless of funding

13:26:17 From Melissa Moll : This might be too radical, but perhaps consider alternating between physical and virtual meetings?

13:26:53 From Amy Edmonds : If we go live again, I probably won't have the money for it. Having zoom for the facilities tour would be awesome, since I love visiting others' digs.

13:27:01 From Angela Pratesi : I think alternating physical and virtual would be great. Funding is always a challenge and is only going to get worse.

13:27:14 From Kathleen Haefliger : As a retired- MWMLA member, it is really great to see all the faces (and environments behind them) of so many colleagues and friends met--in person-- throughout all the years. Thank you all

13:27:20 From Liza Vick : Virtual meetings are a great option: don't forget that you can consider applying for chapter grants from MLA national (call in spring). Some chapters have used it for travel proposals or tech support

13:27:28 From Rebecca Belford : Alternating or a supplemental virtual sounds attractive.

13:28:02 From Jennifer Martin : I miss the campus tours and being with people, but I do like the virtual meetings and that they have been free thus far because I am job hunting and travel is sort of impossible. (I'm a recent UWM graduate)

13:28:09 From Anna Grau Schmidt : Also great for involving interested but not yet committed students!

13:28:10 From Kirstin Johnson : Yes I like the idea of alternating. In an ideal world students often find chapter meetings more accessible from various standpoints.

13:28:12 From Rebecca Belford : Virtual: afternoon blocks better than all day.

13:28:14 From Conal McNamara : It's only my second MWMLA, but it looks like student attendance has exploded for this.

13:28:39 From Jennifer Martin : @Conal agreed!

13:29:12 From Jennifer Martin : I like the afternoon blocks as well because it allows for more time to get things done before the meeting starts