

# Business Meeting Minutes

## 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting

### MLA Midwest Chapter

Bloomington, IN | October 28, 2022

#### I. [Call to Order](#)

Kate Lambaria called the meeting to order at 12 p.m. Eastern Time.

#### II. [2021 Meeting Minutes Approval](#)

Kate Lambaria referred attendees to the chapter website to review the 2021 business meeting minutes. Minutes were approved.

#### III. [Secretary/Treasurer's Report](#)

Anne Shelley shared that chapter finances are healthy. Because there was no in-person meeting in 2021, there were no related expenses. The one expense in the 2022 report reflects a gift on behalf of the chapter to the Grace Haynes Memorial Tree at Michigan State University. Expenses from the 2022 meeting will be reflected on the 2023 treasurer's report.

#### IV. [Committee Reports](#)

##### Bylaws

- Therese Dickman reported the committee would be meeting in the weeks after the chapter meeting. Details will be shared on the chapter email list.
- The committee is looking at amendments to the Bylaws related to Secretary/Treasurer roles on standing committees, as a previous vote was not done correctly.

##### Membership

- Kate Lambaria reported on behalf of chair Mallory Sajewski. The committee is seeking new members and a new chair. This is a great way to get involved with and meet other people in the chapter. If you're interested in joining, please contact the chair.

##### Program

- Chair Michael Duffy acknowledged other committee members Emma Dederick and Ellen Ogihara. He also acknowledged sponsors for the meeting.

##### Publications

- Kate Lambaria reported on behalf of chair Mallory Sajewski. The committee has been making progress on the written chapter history. 1977-1986 has been posted

on the website and 1987-1996 is almost ready to be posted. Kathleen Haeffliger has created a name index for the first document, and Therese Dickman is working on an update to the Foreword and Acknowledgements text to note Lynne Weber's passing and our gratitude for her tremendous work in compiling these two decades of chapter history. The committee will meet following the chapter meeting; all are welcome and details will be sent via the chapter listserv once confirmed by the committee. The committee will be looking for a few new members so please contact the chair if interested.

#### Scholarship

- Kate Lambaria reported on behalf of chair Kristi Bergland. No scholarship applications were received for this year's meeting. Donations are still welcome. Please encourage people to apply in 2023.

#### V. Election Results

Kate Lambaria announced the results of the chapter's 2022 election. Paul Cary is Chair-Elect. Kate thanked Carla Williams for agreeing to run. She also thanked the nominating committee for their service.

#### VI. Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

#### VII. New Business

- Kate Lambaria asked attendees to join her in a moment of silence to recognize Chapter members we've lost since the 2021 meeting: Grace Haynes, Peter Lisius, Lynne Weber, and Don Roberts.
- Kate recognized student attendees and first-time attendees.
- Kate thanked Mike Duffy for his work as Program Chair.

#### VIII. Announcements

- Kate Lambaria announced future meeting locations: Lexington, Kentucky in 2023, and Detroit, Michigan, in 2024. She encouraged anyone interested in hosting a meeting to contact her.
- Kate will send a post-meeting survey to attendees in the coming weeks.

#### IX. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 1 p.m. Eastern Time.