Business Meeting Agenda

82nd MWMLA Annual Meeting
Lexington, KY – November 2-4, 2023

I. Call to Order

Kate Lambaria called the meeting to order at 12:53 p.m. Eastern Time.

II. 2022 Meeting Minutes Approval

Kate Lambaria asked attendees to review provided copies of the 2022 business meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by a motion and a second.

III. Treasurer's Report

Anne Shelley reported the 2023 meeting had 56 people registered, 42 in person and 14 virtual. Expenses for this reporting period (October 26, 2022-November 2, 2023) are $8,287.27. Income for this reporting period is $9,464.64. The total balance for the chapter's funds is currently $25,595.83. More details regarding expenses and income are available in the Treasurer's Report on the chapter website. Shelley thanked those who have donated to the chapter. While any contribution is most welcome, the Schoonover scholarship that covers student attendance at the meetings would benefit from more funding.

IV. Committee Reports

By-Laws

Therese Dickman reported that Greg MacAyeal is joining the committee, replacing Sheri Stormes. She thanked those who voted on by-laws changes and described the changes voted on. The committee will meet after the chapter meeting. Therese invited members to suggest more by-laws changes.

Membership

Sarah Ward reported the chapter has 112 members in good standing, and 26% of the chapter members are students. Ward shared the committee's activities for the past year, including:

- Completed a strategic assessment of current committee procedures and documentation and began building administrative infrastructure to formalize the practices of the committee, create templates for common communications, and preserve institutional knowledge
- Connected with MLStEP MW-Chapter Liaison to provide support for the development of and actively participate in the student/emerging professionals dinner at chapter
- Connected with MLA Membership chair, Lisa Shiota, to begin the work of assessing MWMLA growth opportunities for NASM schools in the Midwest (174 schools on the list)

Ward also shared the committee's goals for the coming year:

- Encourage student participation in this committee
- Determine if the current wording of the chapter by-laws regarding the Membership Committee should be updated to reflect the new emphasis on not only attracting, but supporting and retaining existing membership as well

    - Current language: “C. The Membership Committee, comprising no fewer than three voting members appointed by the Chapter Chair, **shall be responsible for attracting new members to the Chapter**. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as a voting member of the Membership Committee.” [emphasis added]
- Begin outreach to interdisciplinary librarians who cover music/performing arts but do not currently belong to MWMLA

Program

Program chair Paul Cary thanked presenters and everyone attending the meeting. He also thanked the other members of the program committee (Jack Nighan, Paula Hickner, and Michelle Rivera) and Katie Buehner for coordinating streaming. Cary shared that a post-meeting survey will be coming out after the meeting and encouraged attendees to fill out the survey. He also invited people to share ideas with him directly. The executive committee is considering changing various elements of the meeting, so feedback from the survey will help inform those decisions.

Publications

Kate Lambaria shared that chair Mallory Sajewski is attending virtually and was not able to participate in the Business Meeting.

Scholarship

Kristi Bergland announced that three scholarships from the Phyllis J. Schoonover Scholarship fund were awarded this year. The recipients are Tarren Sexton, Nicole Cowan, and Lauren Bennati. Bergland noted that the Schoonover fund needs to be replenished. The Leslie Troutman Scholarship is currently well-funded, and Bergland suggested that attendees encourage colleagues at their institutions to apply.

Bergland thanked Paula Hickner and her colleagues at the University of Kentucky for handling local arrangements.

V. Election Results

Kate Lambaria announced that Jill King was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Lambaria thanked Victoria Peters for running in the election and thanked Anne Shelley for her service. Lambaria also recognized members of the nominating committee – Melissa Moll, Rob DeLand, and Mike Duffy. Lambaria also shared that for next year’s election the committee will solicit self-nominations.

VI. Bylaws Revisions

Kate Lambaria shared that the proposed changes passed and will be implemented in the by laws soon.

VII. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

VIII. New Business

There was no new business proposed.

IX. Announcements

Kate Lambaria announced that the 2024 chapter meeting will be held in Detroit, MI. Serena Vaquilar is handling local arrangements and reported that details are being worked out.

Lambaria also shared that the 2025 meeting will most likely be held online. An attendee asked about the timeframe for an online meeting (such as a couple full days or spread over a longer period of time) and suggested this could be posed in the post-meeting survey. Paul Cary stated the executive committee would like to hear what people's expectations are for an in-person meeting in a couple years. Another attendee asked what other chapters are doing for online meetings. Dialogue followed in which attendees stated that every chapter is doing something different. Sylvia Yang announced that MLA National has signed a one year contract for a streaming platform for the upcoming 2024 MLA Annual Meeting and chapters may have the option to use it, too. The platform was selected based on feedback from members for the last MLA national meeting. An email will be sent shortly after the meeting with more information. An attendees asked about online meeting logistics: would an online meeting have both local arrangements and program? Paul Cary answered that only the program committee was involved in preparing past online meetings, and perhaps the program committee could expand to include more people.

Kate Lambaria encouraged attendees to consider volunteering to host the 2026 chapter meeting.

Lambaria recognized student and first-time attendees.

X. Adjournment

The business meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m. Eastern Time.