Business Meeting Minutes

84th MWMLA Annual Meeting
Online via Zoom – October 16-17, 2025
Business Meeting, October 16, 4:00PM EST

I. Call to Order

Paul Cary called the meeting to order at 4:01PM EST.

II. 2024 Meeting Minutes Approval

Sarah Ward moved to approve the 2024 Business Meeting minutes with no changes or corrections. The motion was seconded by Mattie Tempio.

III. Treasurer's Report

Jill King reported that this year's virtual meeting received 92 registrations, including 29 first-time attendees. The Chapter's most recent membership roster includes 69 members, including 59 "Regular" members and 10 "Student/Retiree" members. Chapter funds were relatively steady this year due to holding a virtual meeting with no costs. Our current checking account balance is $16,786.44. We've made it easier to donate to Chapter scholarship funds throughout the year by adding Donate buttons and links to the website (donations were previously only accepted through the meeting registration process), and we promoted donating to scholarship funds in lieu of registration costs for this year's meeting. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we raised $715 toward Chapter scholarships!

IV. Committee Reports

- **By-Laws** – Therese Dickman shared that her term as chair is coming to end. Bylaws have been posted on the Chapter website; please reach out to the committee with any questions. More information will be shared about ongoing leadership of the committee.

- **Membership** – Sarah Ward shared that Midwest Chapter membership is shrinking in line with MLA. There has been concern over a drop in Midwest Chapter membership but, in fact, we are on track with national membership numbers. Ideas for growth are shared in a narrative report: Sarah pointed out growth opportunities, especially among public libraries and other non-academic library types.

- **Program** – Jacey Kepich thanked members of the program committee for their work on this year's meeting: Carla Williams, Jackson Harmeyer and Sarah Helen Carter. Program committees

will be formed for next year's meeting in Evanston, IL and the joint meeting with SEMLA. Jacey also asked attendees to keep an eye out for a post-meeting survey.

- **Publications** – no report
- **Scholarship** – no report

V. Election Results – none

VI. Old Business – none

VII. New Business

Paul shared a reminder that MLA has moved away from management by A-R to Capitol Hill Management on August 1. Capitol Hill will provide access to robust services, including graphic design, etc.

Paul provided information about moving the MWMLA-L listserv to Indiana University (IU). The list was previously hosted by the University of Kentucky for many years, but they are no longer supporting external groups. IU seemed like the natural choice, as they already host MLA-L. It's nearly set up, and Paul will import a roster in the next week or two.

Greg MacAyeal shared an invitation to the 2026 Chapter meeting in Evanston, IL, date forthcoming.

Paul shared that the 2027 Chapter meeting will be a joint meeting with SEMLA. They are hosting a joint meeting with Atlanta this year and will have experience to share.

There is no meeting location set for 2028, so please contact Paul or Jacey if you would like to discuss a location.

VIII. Announcements

Michelle Hahn asked that members reach out to her directly if they notice any updates or new information needed on the Chapter website.

IX. Adjournment

The business meeting adjourned at 4:35PM EST.

-Submitted by Jill King