

Minutes of the MAALL Business Meeting

Friday, October 7, 2005

Grand Forks, North Dakota

President Janet McKinney called the meeting to order and announced that Lou Lindsey would serve as Proxy Secretary for Lorraine Lorne.

New Members were Introduced

Darin Fox, Director of the Law Library, University of Oklahoma

Cornelius Pereira, Acquisitions/Catalog Librarian, Southern Illinois University Law Library, Carbondale, IL

Eric Brust, Electronic Services Law Librarian, Jackson County, Kansas City, MO

Darla Jackson, Reference Librarian, Oklahoma City University Law Library

Gretchen Ehlen, Library Technician, United States Court of Appeals 8th Circuit Library, Fargo, ND

Robert Hegadorn, Librarian I, University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law Library

Nina Miley, MALSCS Executive Director

Barbara Ginzburg, Washburn University of Topeka School of Law Library

Approval of Previous Minutes

Janet asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2005 business meeting at San Antonio. Gary Vander Meer noticed a parenthetical statement which needs to be removed on the second page, second full paragraph. Kay Andrus moved to adopt the minutes as corrected. Susan Goldner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Sharon Kern, could not attend the meeting, but sent the Treasurer's report which was handed out at the business meeting. Gary Vander Meer moved to accept the report. Susan Goldner seconded. The motion was approved.

Executive Board Report

President Janet McKinney recommended two goals be carried forward into the upcoming year: 1) work on a MAALL Strategic Plan; 2) develop an archival policy for the web site. She noted that during the past year MAALL did develop policies on honorariums for non-member speakers.

Janet announced that the 2007 MAALL annual meeting will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, with Richard Leiter, University of Nebraska as being the host.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee Report

Since none of the Nominating Committee (Paul Callister, Patti Monk & Donna Barrett) was present, Janet read a statement from the Committee which Paul submitted. The

statement included the process the committee used attempting to achieve a diverse slate representing a variety of levels within the profession. The Committee would have liked to have produced a more diverse slate with more women, but was pleased with the caliber of the nominations that resulted:

For Vice President/President-Elect	John Christensen & Gary Vander Meer
For Treasurer	Rob Mead & Lee Peoples

Janet asked but received no nominations from the floor.

After all members present had voted, then counted by Darla Jackson and Brenda Foote, Janet announced the elected officers: John Christensen for Vice President/President-Elect and Rob Mead for Treasurer. Janet thanked Gary Vander Meer and Lee Peoples for being on the ticket.

Janet McKinney will continue as Immediate Past President.
Brian Striman as President.
Lorraine Lorne will continue as Secretary.

Bylaws Committee

Gary Vander Meer gave the report from the Bylaws Committee, as follows:

MAALL Bylaws amendments

The MAALL Bylaws Committee addressed changes in the bylaws to permit electronic elections, and to change the time frame for the election cycle. There also was a change in how changes to the bylaws become official.

As the bylaws now exist, officers are elected at the annual meeting. This limits the participation in the election to those able to attend, and has the winning officers taking office immediately, without any preparation period.

The changes presented by the committee shifted the election cycle so it is to be completed at least two months before the annual meeting. This allows those who will take office to make arrangements to attend the meeting, and prepare for the office to be assumed.

The election will be by secret electronic means, and run for 21 days. At least 45 days prior to the election, the nominating committee will present the names of candidates to the President, and the membership will have the names of the candidates for at least 30 days before the election. Additional nominees can be submitted to the President. Procedures for determining the winner of a tie election were also changed, since there will be no ballots available from which to choose one candidate.

Changes to the bylaws can now take effect after they are agreed to by the AALL Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, and are published in the MAALL newsletter, or (and new) published on the MAALL website.

At the meeting, the original committee suggestion of a one week election period was extended to 21 days, and the word secret was added to the phrase “The regular election of officers of the Association shall be by electronic ballot...”; immediately before the word electronic.

The bylaws amendments recommended by the Committee were approved without dissent.

Grants Committee Report

Needra L. Jackson gave the report of the Grants Committee. The following members were recipients of grants, after two substitutions were made:

Eric Brust, Reference Librarian/Information Specialist
Jackson County Law Library/Johnson County Public Library
Kansas City, MO

Brenda Foote
Assistant Reference Librarian, Thompson Coburn LLP
St. Louis, MO

Darla Jackson
Reference Librarian, Oklahoma City University Law Library

Louise Lindsey
Associate Director, Mabee Legal Information Center
University of Tulsa College of Law

Robert Hegadorn (received the Jo Ann Humphreys Travel Grant)
Reference Librarian
University of Missouri-Columbia Law Library, Columbia, MO

Local Arrangements 2006

Lou Lindsey extended an invitation to the Tulsa Oct. 19 – 21, 2006 meeting on behalf of the Local Arrangements 2006 Chair, Richard E. Ducey. Lou announced that the 2006 meeting hotel is a brand new Best Western, adjacent to the location of the evening opening reception – the Oklahoma Aquarium. She and current 2005 Local Arrangements Co-Chair, Kaaren Pupino raffled off items in a basket of “Made in Oklahoma” products. Those who took home Oklahoma food, wine, book, playing cards, or bath products were: Heather Buckwalter, John Christensen, Nancy Gray, Darla Jackson, Roger Jacobs, Corinne Jacox, Ellen Jones, Lynn Koperski, Jim Lau, Rob Mead, and Kaaren Pupino.

NEW BUSINESS

Education Summit Report

Janet reported that James Duggan was MAALL's representative at the Education Summit. He provided a report that Janet will distribute to the membership rather than read, due to lack of time. Janet also stated that it was her understanding that there would be responsibilities for Chapters if the Summit's recommendations are carried out.

Passing of the Gavel

President Janet McKinney thanked the group for the opportunity to serve. She said it's been a good year for MAALL, and a personally enjoyable year for her as President. Janet passed the gavel to incoming President, Brian Striman.

Words from the Incoming President

Brian Striman, new MAALL President, highlighted some of the goals he hopes to see MAALL accomplish during his Presidency, including the development of a strategic plan. He said he will be asking for volunteers to write a concise plan, modeled after AALL's. Brian thanked Janet for her work as an officer. He mentioned that the MAALL Executive Board approved \$300 be given regarding the request from Ann Fessenden for a monetary donation to help support AALL St. Louis Local Arrangements. He invited everyone to visit the exhibitors.

Brian adjourned the meeting.