TMLA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
for the virtual joint conference of TMLA and AMS-SW, Saturday, September 26, 2020, 9AM

Attendees: Bruce Evans, Donna Arnold, Rahni Kennedy, Pamela Pagels, John Brower, Susannah Cleveland, Geo Flores, Michelle Hahn, Cari Alexander, Adam La Spata, Carrie Moffett, Jean Harden, Allison King, Mary Brower, Anna Wodny, Janelle West, Charles Roush, Corinne Forstot-Burke, Maristella Feustle, Kristin Wolski, Felicia Piscitelli, Ralph Hartsock, Bruce Hall, Liza Vick, Christine Moore, Beth Farwell, Virginia Whealton

The meeting was called to order by chair Bruce Evans at 9 AM.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the last meeting, which was held at the Norfolk MLA conference, were approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Bruce Evans thanked Pamela Pagels for all of her hard work on the program committee for this conference and for getting election ballots prepared and sent out; he thanked all who participated in the TMLA-AMS-SW meeting.

He reported on the preparation of the wording for the constitutional amendment to enable electronic voting. He thanked the membership for providing feedback on the wording at last year's meeting at Rice.

The job ad for the web editor was finalized and sent out; the search was successful.

Our nominees for Best of Chapters from the fall 2019 meeting were Madelyn Washington and Blaine Brubaker. Bruce also highlighted

the fact that Charles and Katrina Roush's presentation had been accepted for inclusion in the MLA 2020 program.

The executive committee met on April 16 and August 13 to work on all of these matters.

VICE-CHAIR/CHAIR ELECT'S REPORT:

Rahni Kennedy reported that work began on the membership committee after the Norfolk meeting. A call for new members was sent out in July, and Adam La Spata and Kristin Wolski volunteered to serve.

PAST CHAIR'S REPORT:

Pamela Pagels, as is the past chair's duty, convened the nominating committee for new officers; Carrie Moffitt and Charles Roush agreed to serve; Madelyn Washington and Corinne Forstot-Burke agreed to run for Vice-chair/Chair-elect.

The amendment to our constitution to allow online voting went forward and was approved.

It was announced that Madelyn Washington is our new Vice-chair/Chair-elect.

TREAURER'S REPORT:

Donna Arnold reported that the treasury is in good shape; we have about $4,500 in our account.

Meeting virtually via Zoom greatly reduced our expenses. For example, since our original plan to meet in person at Texas Tech in Lubbock would have necessitated a long journey for many potential participants, we had planned to offer four travel grants in the amount of $400 each. This was no longer necessary.

WEB EDITOR'S REPORT:

Our new web editor, Kristin Wolski, greeted us and expressed her pleasure in starting her work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Rahni Kennedy reported that the membership committee met in early August. He outlined the committee's goals:
1) to reach out to institutions that formerly participated in TMLA but have not been active lately and identify potential new members;
2) to establish a mentoring program so that long-term TMLA members can work with new members and encourage them to participate;
3) to increase our social media presence, for example, by starting a Facebook page.

Susannah Cleveland expressed her strong support for having a mentoring program, which would have good potential at the local level.

Regarding social media: A suggestion was made to focus this on social media platforms where our users are. For example, Facebook may not reach all age groups.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

Pamela Pagels told about the original plan for our fall meeting to take place jointly with AMS-SW at Texas Tech. She acknowledged the hard work of planning committee members Stacey Jocoy, Brian Anderson, Blaine Brubaker, Kendra Leonard, and Virginia Whealton. In late May the decision was made to have our meeting

virtually. She thanked Kendra Leonard and Brian Anderson for their multi-faceted technical assistance. She thanked Clayton Crenshaw, outgoing web editor, for serving on an interim basis till a new one was found, and for updating our website with the latest conference information. She said that she was going to draft a handbook for virtual conferences, based upon her experiences planning for this conference.

MLStEP LIAISON'S REPORT:

Geo Flores, who is a liaison to MLStEP, MLA's Music Library Student and Emerging Professionals Interest Group, reported on its activities. He told us that a Slack channel has been created as an informal space for this group, and provided the URL for it. It includes chat capability, and there is an MLStEP blog. The Slack channel needs more participation.

NEW BUSINESS:

As part of our conference, on September 25 a focus group met to discuss TMLA's and MLA's strategic plans. Host Charles Roush summarized the questions posed to participants, the main ones being:
What is MLA doing well and doing right?
What does it need to do better?
The MLA strategic planning committee will receive a report on our focus group.

Bruce Evans mentioned that having a mentoring program would be helpful in promoting MLA and TMLA.

Susannah Cleveland mentioned that user engagement at the chapter level is needed.

NEXT YEAR'S MEETING:
Bruce Evans announced that Baylor University has agreed to host the 2021 TMLA meeting.

Jean Harden asked that online participation be made possible for those who are, for whatever reason, unable to travel. Ralph Hartsock expressed his agreement. John Brower mentioned that online participation would be beneficial for those whose travel money has been cut.

It was noted that MLA has policies for streaming meetings.

It was suggested that TMLA have social get-together meetings apart from the annual TMLA meeting.

Outgoing chair Bruce Evans passed the gavel to new chair Rahni Kennedy, who adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Arnold, Secretary/Treasurer

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