TMLA Spring Business Meeting (virtual)

Minutes

3/9/23 2:00 – 2:50 PM CT

Attendance: 16 people

Decisions:

- Agreement to not apply for MLA Chapter Grant in 2023, but plan for 2024
- TMLA Fall Meeting 2023 at University of North Texas, Denton, TX - October 20-21, 2023

Action items:

- Blaine will send out invite to join an MLA Chapter Grant task force
- Kristen will work on moving webpage to Wordpress
- Info will go out about Nominating and Program committees

Welcome (Blaine)

Officer Updates

Blaine Brubaker - TMLA Chair

- Executive committee has met twice. Discussed role of web editor, this position continues to play a role in nominating committee, will help upload handbooks on website, and will attend Exec meeting - but not a voting member on Executive Committee
- Meeting at Baylor went well, we will continue to do hybrid meetings in the future – best way to include everyone
- Will be sending out info for Local Arrangements Committee for UNT meeting in the fall

Madelyn Washington - TMLA Immediate Past Chair

- Unable to be at this meeting
- Reminder that the Nominations Committee will be forming in May

Charley Roush - TMLA Vice-Chair

- Membership Committee updates
    - Continuing on last year's work with outreach
        - Discussions about outreach to students in library programs/music programs
        - Working with MLA Membership Committee on outreach ideas
    - Preparing materials for this – creating a Press Kit
    - Putting together program committee for fall

Beth Farwell - TMLA Secretary/Treasurer

- Met with Donna Arnold regarding transfer of Treasurer and bank account signature authority. Have received letters from Donna and Blaine, and will work with Wells Fargo to get signature authority and look into setting up an online account which should give TMLA quicker access and more transparency on account. May have Chair as backup with account information if moving online, so not just Beth with access to the account.

TMLA Website updates

Transition from YM platform to Wordpress (MLA is asking all chapters to move from "your management" platforms to Wordpress) so that is what we are going to do
NOTE: We are using both for our website at the moment.
Kristin: should be more streamlined having everything on Wordpress – meeting with MLA web editor to get help in the transition.

MLA Chapter Grant

Discussion of Texas Chapter and future MLA Chapter Grants

There is still a lot of interest in the Chapter to apply for an MLA Chapter Grant
2 ideas that continue to stay on our radar:

- Open Access platforms for TMLA handbooks (and other documentation?)
  - With new Google Drive space, this need is not as critical and with work on Chapter webpages, this may not be the best idea for a grant right now.
- Texas Composers Database
  - Need an open access platform

Other ideas for grant:

- Streaming set up for our hybrid meetings, maybe collaborate with another chapter on this for additional expertise. Concerns with this idea: how do you manage equipment (where would they be held?, how do you get them places? storage?...)
  - Maybe streaming is not viable at this point in time. Most computers/software have better capabilities than previously
  - Example of difficulty in keeping up with equipment for previous Oral History project. Bruce has transcript currently on his computer and will get to Blaine.
- donations to build travel grants and might even be a candidate for a chapter grant

Blaine proposed putting together a task force to discuss grant ideas and have ready for fall 2023 meeting that also includes a project budget and other info points for grant. This should have us in good shape to submit for 2024 grant. Attendees agreed this was a good plan.

TMLA Fall Meeting

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Ideas from last year's meeting Fall 2022 / Baylor

Attended online – technology was very good and he felt involved
If we keep going with hybrid, what will that look like for new folks? How do we onboard authentically in a hybrid environment?

- social rooms online / maybe for new people we have breaks with social places online
- virtual opening reception before the conference
- build in space for new librarians to ask questions
- virtual holiday scrapbook / introduce themselves that way

    - maybe a hybrid career Q&A session / can be anonymous / lots of tools to use to do this

Travel grants: last year we awarded one travel grant

- Last year we decided we would award up to 3 travel grants – total of $900 w/ 300 per person
- These can be used for more than travel : If you need help with childcare / elder care , etc. even if hybrid --- you can ask for the grant --- it is more of a participation grant.
- need to revise the language and list ideas of what it can cover
- donations to build travel grants and might even be a candidate for a chapter grant

Adjourned

Minutes taken by Beth Farwell