



Utah Library  
Association

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# ULA General Board Meeting

Date

September 11, 2020

## Attendees

### Via Zoom

Daniel Mauchley, LeeNichole Marett, Kacey Tate, Vern Waters, Kim Fong, Allyson Mower, Liz Gabbitas, Rita Christensen, Marissa Bischoff, Allie McCormack, Pamela Martin, Angela Edwards, Jessica Breiman, Mike Goates, Peter Bromberg, Casandria Crane, Shawn Steidinger, Anna Neatrour, Patrick Hoecherl, Ben Harry, Emily Darowski, Rachel Jane Wittmann, Meagan Lloyd, Javid Lal, Barbara Hopkins, Alexander Sundt, Becca Lael, Chaundra Johnson, Christopher Davis, Colleen Eggett, Dan Broadbent, Dan Compton, Jen Kirk, Linda Liebhardt, Lisa Grant, Nicole Lewis, Robin Newell, Stephen Sweeney, Tyson Thorpe, Michael Whitchurch, Valerie Buck, Carla Zollinger, Katie Wegner, Alexander Sundt, Camri Kohler, Greg Reeve, Nena Schvaneveldt, Orem Public Library?, Provo City Library?

## Opening

### Call to Order

Daniel Mauchley, President, calls the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

### Minutes

The minutes from June 5, 2020 were approved.

# Agenda

## Old Business

*No old business*

## New Business & Reports

1. Ratification of Presidential Appointments
  - a. A motion was made by Anna Neatrou to ratify the appointment of Dan Broadbent as the Academic Section Vice-Chair, Dave Castelli as the Health Roundtable Co-Chair, and Allison Heffernan as the Health Roundtable Co-Chair. Motioned seconded by Pamela Martin. Motion passed unanimously.
  
2. Quarterly Financial Report
  - a. Javaid Lal reported on the financial status of ULA. The association started the year with approximately \$110,000 and currently has approximately \$102,000. There has been a significant decline in membership renewals, likely due to changes with ULA conference. Conference is the major event that impacts financials.
  
3. Discussion and Approval to Possibly Transition ULA 2021 Conference to Virtual
  - a. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is proposed that the 2021 joint ULA and MPLA conference be transitioned to a virtual format. The first deposit has been made on the Mountain America Expo Center in Sandy. However, unless Salt Lake County is in green by May, the venue will not be able to accommodate the amount of conference attendees we regularly have. Many organizations still have travel moratoriums that would also impact in-person attendance.
  - b. Stephen Sweeney, Mountain Plains Library Association President, stated that in a normal year, MPLA brings 100-200 out-of-state attendees to the joint conference. However, this year there are many concerns about out-of-state travel. MPLA is in favor of pursuing an arrangement that would allow for a joint in-person conference in 2024.

- c. Christopher Davis said the Conference Committee has been researching platforms that allow for virtual conference sessions to be recorded and archived. The Conference Committee will work together to select the best platform for a virtual event.
  - d. A motion was made by Angela Edwards to move the 2021 ULA & MPLA Conference to a virtual format. Motion seconded by Tyson Thorpe. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- 4. Budget Special Session
  - a. After discussion, a motion was made by Mike Goates to hold a special session of the General Board on Oct. 2, 2020, for the purpose of setting the budget for fiscal year 2021. This will allow the Conference Committee to adapt the budget to a virtual conference. Motion seconded by Rita Christensen. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- 5. Approval to transition the Copyright Education, Rural and Small Libraries, and Outreach and Community Engagement Committees to Roundtables
  - a. After discussion, a motion was made by Carla Zollinger to transition the Copyright Education, Rural and Small Libraries, and Outreach and Community Engagement Committees to Roundtables. Motion seconded by Emily Darowski. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- 6. Discussion of Recent Bylaws Revision Changes
  - a. Article 2 was edited to add Friends of Libraries to Category 3 alongside trustees.
  - b. It was suggested that ULA shorten the period to retain voting rights and be listed on the membership to three years of having dues in arrears. It was also suggested that those with dues in arrears for any length of time not be given membership rates for ULA conference.
  - c. The bylaws call for an organization calendar, but do not detail who is responsible for creating or maintaining it. It is proposed that the Board take responsibility for the calendar and set it each year in March.
  - d. The verbage "business meeting" was removed. Business is conducted at the membership meeting.

- e. The procedure for filling positions if both the President and Vice-President vacate was taken from Robert's Rules of Order and added to the bylaws.
- f. Committees previously did not have a purpose listed. Steve Decker made a suggestion for the purpose of committees that has been added.
- g. Language was added to the nondiscrimination statement to include "any other class protected by future law or regulation."
- h. The ULA mission statement says "leadership and direction will be provided," but it is not defined. Daniel Mauchley would like the board to think about it and submit their ideas rather than debating it today.
- i. The bylaws allow for dismissal from meetings for disorderly conduct, but do not contain a code of conduct. ULA has used the American Library Association's for conferences and could implement it for meetings as well. Rita Christensen suggested a thorough review of ALA's code as a starting point.
- j. It is proposed that sections be allowed to have members-at-large. The board supports that change.

#### 7. Approval of Units' Program Goals

- a. A motion to approve the units' program goals was made by Kim Fong. Motion seconded by Pamela Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 8. Discussion of Unit Election Ballots

- a. Barbara Hopkins has researched possible tailoring of the election ballot so that everyone votes on association leaders, but only votes for leadership of groups to which they belong. Survey Monkey does not appear to allow for that. She will continue to research possible solutions.

#### 9. Discussion of Virtual Workshops including Fall Workshop

- a. Valerie Buck outlined plans for the upcoming virtual Fall Workshop. Each registrant will be sent information to access the presentations. Sessions will be archived, unless there are copyright issues. Each presenter will be asked for permission to record their session.

## Closing

### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

### Next Meeting

Friday, October 2, 2020, via Zoom.

**Minutes approved 10/02/2020.**