



**Attendees:**

Jennifer Bowen, Nancy Bulgarelli, Diane Gardner, Iris Kovar-Gough, Mary Hanson, Barbara Harvey, Margaret Hoogland, Juliet Mullenmeister, Alexandra Sarkozy, Stephanie Swanberg, Jill Turner, Betsy Williams

1. Call to order Alexandra Sarkozy  
Meeting was called to order at 10:05am.
2. Approval of minutes Barb Platts  
One correction was made to the minutes (to correct spelling of name for Heather Symon Bassett). Motion to approve was made by Juliette, seconded by Mary, and approved.
3. President's Remarks Alexandra Sarkozy  
Alexandra's remarks were brief, and she encouraged us all to support each other during this chaotic time of social distancing.
4. Treasurer's Report Jennifer Bowen  
A deposit of \$3000 was paid to the conference hotel. The checking account has a balance of \$9430.53; the CD has a balance of \$15440.70.
5. Bylaws Mary Hanson  
Mary is collecting changes for the bylaws. She has some suggested changes for the Research Committee, and we will need to change information related to the Nominating Committee since there are only two regional groups. We could have one At-Large member or all three members could be At-Large. With changes anticipated for our annual conference beginning in 2021, Juliette suggested that references to the conference date be changed (for example, election of officers at annual conference). Alexandra volunteered to assist Mary in compiling the bylaws changes.
6. Archivist's Report Alison Konieczny  
No report presented at this time.
7. Review of Committee Reports
  - a. Communications Andrea Kepsel  
Iris presented the report for Andrea. Newsletters will be going out June 15 and December 15.
  - b. 2020 Conference Report
    - i. 2020 Local Arrangements Jennifer Bowen  
Room spaces and menu options have been finalized with the hotel. The Wednesday evening opening reception will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> floor of the hotel. The Thursday special event will include a Detroit History bus tour with a stop for dinner. We will be providing our own audio-visual equipment in order to save money. Jennifer made a motion for the board to accept the proposed budget. Alexandra seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ii. 2020 Education Margaret Hoogland  
The speakers and schedule are pretty well set. We will be receiving a GMR/NLM expert speaker award, which will help with expenses.

iii. 2020 Vendors Betsy Williams  
Three vendors have responded to the Save-the-Date emails: Wolters Kluwer (who will also sponsor a lunch), Thieme, and Springer. Betsy will create the information for the vendor registration web page and send it to Sandy McCarthy. The "Invitation to Exhibit" emails will go out when the registration page is up and running, probably in late April or early May.

8. Membership Iris Kovar-Gough  
Renewals will go out in April.

9. Nominating Caralee Witteveen-Lane  
No report presented at this time.

10. Outreach & Advocacy Stephanie Swanberg  
The pop-up conference on July 27 at MSU is still scheduled, but we can go 100% online if needed. They need panelists for the "Methods of Support for Adult Learning" panel. Stephanie is working on promoting the pop-up conference, and there was a question about opening it up beyond Mi-ALA and MHSLA. Stephanie will check with her committee.

#### 11. Regional Group Reports

a. GMR Regional Council Barbara Platts  
Alexandra presented the GMR report for Barbara Platts. There are a number of funding opportunities, one of which is the Consumer Health Information Specialist. Andrea Kepsel has participated in this program and can answer questions about it.

b. MDMLG Nancy Bulgarelli  
MDMLG is sponsoring the March 25 MLA webinar on statistics. They have a full slate of candidates for upcoming elections. The April business meeting may be moved online.

c. WMHSLA Barbara Harvey  
WMHSLA met on February 13. We would love to have any of the folks from the former mid-Michigan group join WMHSLA!

#### 12. Other Business

a. COVID-19 updates

b. Remote conferencing discussion

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing, Alexandra asked the group if we should form a task force for online learning opportunities. Juliette thought this would be worth pursuing and the task force could perhaps address platform issues. We might want to send out a survey to learn what technical/web conferencing options work at our sites. Participants on the call were asked to email Alexandra if they are interested in working on this project.

With no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.