



**VLA Council Quarterly Meeting
Libbie Mill Library & Virtual
Henrico, VA 23230
Friday January 20, 2023**

Attendees

Executive Committee

Kimberly Knight (President), K.T. Vaughan (Past President), Nan Carmack (President-elect), Kerri Copus (ALA Councilor), Lisa Varga (VLA Executive Director), Rebecca Purdy (Secretary); Zach Elder (Second Vice President)

Council

Kathy Clevenger (Professional Associates Forum), Kelsey Cheshire (Scholarship Committee), Nico D'Archangel (LGBTQIA+), Olivia Hasan (Librarians of Color Forum), Annie Hatton (Local and Family History), Amy Sanders (VLA Administrative Assistant), Tom Shepley (Legislative Committee), Rekesha Spellman (Awards), Reynor Jones (New Members Roundtable), Vanessa Salo (Cardinal Cup), Jennifer Stout (VLACRL), April Watkins (Youth and Family Services), Keith Weimer (Intellectual Freedom), Christine Woods (VLACRL), Babak Zarin (Conference Committee)

Call to Order

Kimberly Knight called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Secretary's Report

Rebecca Purdy directed attention to the draft of the minutes of the September 16, 2022 Council meeting which were posted on the VLA website. Kathy Clevenger moved to approve the minutes; Kimberly Knight seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Lisa Varga presented the 2022 Statement of Activities and indicated that total expenses and total revenue were very close for the year. She stated that there were more expenditures at the 2022 Annual Conference than anticipated due to increased costs.

Lisa Varga also presented the 2023 Budget proposal which includes anticipated income and expenses for reinstating the Professional Associates Conference. She announced that there is also an anticipated increase in conference expenses again this year and that this year's keynote speaker fees are higher than typical. She directed the Board's attention to the Administrative line item as Bank Charges on the line below were inadvertently added twice. Nan Carmack moved to approve the 2023 budget; Kerri Copus seconded. The motion passed.

Executive Director's Report

Lisa Varga submitted a written report to the Council and highlighted that she has been presenting throughout the state on intellectual freedom issues. Kimberly Knight thanked Lisa for her efforts in this area.

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ALA Councilor Report

Kerri Copus stated that the bylaws are being updated and anticipates that the final draft will be approved at ALA.

2023 Budget

This was presented and voted on as part of the Treasurer's Report.

Executive Committee Report

Kimberly Knight notified Council that the September meeting dates are September 21 and 22, 2023. Lisa Varga shared that institutional membership fees will be increasing in order to cover the entire salary of the legislative liaison who advocates on behalf of the organization; currently VLA pays the difference.

Designated Agenda

Kimberly presented the proposed 2023 Designated Agenda. She stated that IX is new and charges VLA with creating recruitment tools to bring more people into the profession and to increase our diversity. Kelsey Cheshire moved to approve the Designated Agenda as it stands; Kerri Copus seconded. The motion passed.

VLA Council Meeting Dates

Upcoming Council dates were shared.

- Friday, April 21
- Friday, June 2
- Friday, September 22

VLA Annual Conference

Babak Zarin reported that the Conference Committee shared that the 2023 conference theme is Come Together Conference Centennial Celebration and there will be no virtual option this year. Kimberly Knight shared that this is the 100th anniversary since the first VLA conference even though it is only the 98th conference to be held since a couple of years were missed for various reasons. She also announced that Jason Reynolds is the keynote speaker. Lisa Varga shared that this year's social will be a silent disco which will allow those who want to dance to hear music through headphones and those who want to play games or talk to do so. She also shared that the ACRL conference within a conference will occur again.

Legislative Committee Update

Tom Shepley announced that there is bipartisan support for a budget amendment in both the House and Senate which includes a 2.5 million increase, but that some money was removed from the final budget. He shared that work is underway to reinstate the funds. He directed the Council's attention to the written Legislative Report.

Zach Elder moved to approve the Designated Agenda as it stands; K.T. Vaughan seconded. The motion passed.

Lisa Varga discussed her role as advocate for freedom to read as part of her role as VLA Executive Director. Keith Weimer and Lisa Varga provided an overview of several of the bills that are being presented to the state legislature. Lisa announced that messaging is forthcoming to facilitate communication with legislators using OneClick software; there is not currently a timeline for when this will be available, but it is being coordinated with upcoming committee meetings. She shared that the software does not provide for anonymous communications.

Unit Reports

Committees

Awards and Recognitions: Rekesha Spellman shared that 12 members are serving.

Continuing Education: Not present.

Cardinal Cup: Vanessa Salo shared that this is the first year that the new name will be used. She shared that she would like additional representation from regions 1 and 4 in the future. She shared that she has heard from large publishers and is still waiting to hear from some of the smaller publishers. Zach Elder shared that there have been additional applicants

Nominating: K.T. Vaughan has formed a committee with Kevin Smith, and Lisa Broughman to identify a president-elect from public or special libraries, a 2nd vice president from academic or special libraries, and a treasurer from academic or special libraries. She invited the Council to email suggestions.

Scholarship: Kelsey Cheshire shared that the 2022 conference basket raffle was a tremendous success and raised a record-setting \$4,095. She announced that the Kaleidoscope platform that streamlines the award and scholarship application process should be live and posted before the end of month.

Forums

Collections & Technical Services: Not present

College & Research Libraries (VLACRL): Christine Woods shared that the forum is working on a free presentation on Occupational Stress in Academic Libraries.

LGBTQIA+: Nico d'Archangel announced that the forum will rotate programs throughout the regions and use hybrid events to maximize attendance. Nico shared that they are also collaborating with the Youth Services Forum to increase safe spaces across the state.

Librarians of Color: Olivia Hasan reported that a successful brunch was held in December at Salamander Resort and Spa and that they are working on a summer mentorship series.



Local & Family History: Annie Hatton is the first chair in a while and is working on redeveloping the forum.

New Members Roundtable: Reynor Jones shared that they had a well-attended meeting yesterday and is developing a system for connecting mentors and mentees. Reynor shared that they are looking for more participation in region 1.

Professional Associates: Kathy Clevenger thanked Vanessa Salo for joining the Professional Associates Committee in addition to chairing the Cardinal Cup. The Committee has been working on the first conference since 2018 which will be held April 23-25 in Newport News.

Public Services Forum: Not present

Youth Services: April Watkins, vice-Chair, stated that they are developing a spreadsheet of YS heads across Virginia, starting a new collaboration with LVA and will have a feature in their monthly newsletter. She shared that they will also help host LVA's jam session. April expressed that the forum is excited about their collaboration with LGBTQIA+ Forum. She also shared that there are vacancies in regions 1, 4 and 6.

Virginia Libraries Journal: Rebecca Purdy reported on behalf of Tracey Berning who wanted to welcome the newest editors:

Amy Poe-- Women's Military Memorial, Arlington

David Black-- Mary Baldwin University

Kristen Shuyler--James Madison University

Other Business

There was no other business

Adjournment

K.T. Vaughan moved to adjourn with Kelsey Cheshire seconding. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Rebecca Purdy , VLA Secretary

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