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Margaret Stone, MLA President
State of the Association

- Strengthening our organization
- Developing and equipping our leaders
- Educating & activating a library support network
- Engaging our members
Membership

*2014 Membership numbers may not be accurate as we found several duplicates in database that have since been cleaned up.
Treasurer’s Report
Kate Anderson, MLA Treasurer
MLA Net Assets by Year

- 2008: $150,547
- 2009: $184,362
- 2010: $202,982
- 2011: $229,910
- 2012: $210,941
- 2013: $172,791
- 2014: $154,463
- 2015: $158,689
2015 Revenue Sources

- **Conference Registrations**: 47%
- **Advocacy Support**: 17%
- **Membership Dues**: 19%
- **Exhibitor Fees/Sponsorships**: 13%
- **Foundation/State Grants**: 4%
2017 Legislative Platform
Jamie Trenam, Incoming Legislative Committee Chair
Legislative Platform Process

- Planks were developed by MLA and ITEM members present at the annual Legislative Forum with input from Legislative Committee members.

- Conceptual/working draft: language may change as the election unfolds and budget projections are made.

- It will be crucial to include the “why” behind our asks and communicate the impact funding will have on communities.
Proposed Legislative Platform

1. Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS) and Multitype funding

- RLBSS: increase funding from $13.57 million annually to $15.57 – $16.57 million annually and a potential corresponding formula change (CRPLSA)

- Multitypes: increase funding from $1.3 million to $2 million annually (multitypes)
2. Legacy

- MLA and ITEM support a $4.25 million allocation of Arts and Cultural Heritage funding for the 12 regional public library systems
3. Regional Library Telecommunications Aid (RLTA) and Technology Equity Aid (TEA)

Minnesota’s libraries play a critical role in providing convenient, reliable broadband access to enhance economic development, college career readiness, and e-government services.

- Sustain funding for Regional Library Telecommunications Aid (RLTA) at current level of $2.3 million annually (CRPSLA/State Librarian)

- Restore funding for Telecommunications Equity Aid (TEA) $6 million per year to $9.75 million annually (METN)
Proposed Legislative Platform

4. Bonding

- MLA and ITEM support the appropriation of $10 million over the 2017–18 biennium for construction and remodeling of public library buildings through the State’s currently authorized matching program (M.S. 134.45).
Proposed Legislative Platform

Policy statements include:

- Minnesota Library Association supports funding for ELM, Minitex, Minnesota Digital Library and MNLINK

- MLA and ITEM support the ongoing growth of Ebooks MN, a collaborative effort between the MDE and Minitex, in order to provide an accessible, equitable Ebook platform for all Minnesotans

- MLA and ITEM support afterschool and community programs that recognize the essential role of libraries and librarians in fostering early literacy and providing quality out-of-school learning activities to reduce the achievement gap
2017 Plans

Amy Boese, Incoming MLA President
2017 Board of Directors
Phil Dudas, Chair Nominations Committee
Nominating Committee

Chair
Member-at-large
Member-at-large
Member-at-large
Member-at-large

Phil Dudas
Carla Lydon
Kristen Mastel
Jill Smith
LeAnn Suchy
2017 Board of Directors

President – Amy Boese
President elect –
Past President – Margaret Stone
Secretary –
Treasurer – Kate Anderson
Member-at-large – Deborah Bifulk
Intellectual Freedom Chair – Megan Kocher
IFC Chair Elect –
Legislative Committee Chair – Jami Trenam
Legislative Chair Elect –
ALA Chapter Councilor – Sara Ring
Academic & Research Libraries Division –
Public Library Division –
Trustees & Advocates Division –
In Memoriam

Geraldine (Gerry) King
1936–2016
MLA President ‘73/’74
Resolutions or Questions?
See you next year

In Rochester!