

LLAM Board of Director's Meeting

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

1pm (ET)

Location: Virtual/Zoom

Present: Chi Song, Liz Graham, Carly Roché, Jenna Wolf, Jennifer Chapman, Rachel Englander, Tanya Thomas, Julia Roberts, Sara Billard

Welcome (Liz Graham, President)

- Liz welcomed meeting participants and called the meeting to order

General Business/Announcements

- Minutes from last meeting – a motion was made and carried to approve the minutes
- Treasurer's Report – we have an additional membership; also, we have earned additional interest; motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve/accept the report
- LLAM Taxes – Tanya filed our Maryland annual form; federal – it seems that we should have been filing our federal returns, but haven't done so; we have lost our tax exempt status; Tanya consulted with Kevin Hughes; we will need to re-apply for tax exempt status; it may cost about \$400 - \$1,000; he promised to get back with referral information; in the interim Tanya checked into further professionals and obtained a list of 5 names of accountants who specialize in non-for-profits and tax-exempt status; would like to move forward with top choice to ask for a quote; Chi suggests pre-approving \$1,000 to handle it; motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve/accept; this issue should not impact our liability insurance, but Liz/Rachel will check the AALL forum to see how others have approached similar experiences
- Frederick County Adult Detention Center Update by Jenna – Joe reached out to Jenna; Joe was unexpectedly banned from his own library and from the detention center; books considered contraband; Joe allegedly did not use proper channels; Joe has requested a letter of support from LLAM; can we speak to the importance of the provision of in-person library services?;

Joe indicated to Jenna that he has operated in the same way for the last 9 years; all county materials removed from the library following Joe's ban from the library; follow-up contacts – Liz/UMd – Access to Justice, Carly/Ubalt – Access to Justice; Tanya/UMd – Kristen Moore follow-up

- Service Award – Carly sending a reminder to Liz in November of 2022

Committee Reports

- **Archives** – no report
- **Communications and Technology** – no report
- **Government and Vendor Relations** – Rachel/Register inquiry; we could potentially write a letter; the original intention was to see if we could cause a change to conform to the spirit and the letter of the law; we could campaign; possible article; do we see enough interest in the issue? Carly to reach out to Prof. Arnold Rochvarg; Jennifer to reach out to possible contact; Sara – notice is lacking; Rachel notes the difficulty of using the search function, COMAR online is difficult to navigate; it is clearly a financial decision; Sara – reaching out to *The Daily Record*
- **Grants** – no report, Jim is not feeling well today; we are sending good wishes to Jim; Liz will connect with Jim
- **Membership** – Sara, no report – wants to let Nominations and Spring Fling team know that she will send current membership list
- **Nominations** – Chi – has asked, nothing to report now; likely next month gentle reminders will go out; in the chat, Carly volunteered to serve as Secretary for another term
- **Placement** – no report
- **Programming** – Rachel – suggested we consider late-May to early June for the Spring Fling; brainstorming/possibilities: The Baltimore Zoo, Cylburn Arboretum, WellSpring of Life Farm, and First Fruits Farm

Meeting adjourned: 1:45pm (ET)