**Minnesota Academy of Reading Executive Board Minutes**

Thursday, March 1, 2018

1:30-2:30 PM

Barnes and Noble at the Har Mar Mall, Roseville, MN

**Members in Attendance:**

* Wendy Richards
* Bobbi Gale
* Keitha-Gail Martin-Kerr
* Deb Peterson
* Lisa Krall

**Officers Report:**

* Secretary**-** The minutes from February 15, 2018 were approved.
* Treasurer**-** No report at this time.

**Old Business:**

1. MRA Updates-

* Celebrate Literacy Event has been postponed to May 2018
* ILA and MRA Transitions
  + Local Councils will not be required to change their names
  + MRA will be affiliated to ILA but on the lowest level
  + MAR has four possible choices tied to funding/financial accounts
    1. Be non-revenue generating
    2. Be a state budget line item (combing our funds with MRA and MRA monitors funds, writes checks, uses credit cards, and completes the role of treasurer for MAR)
    3. Be a state opened bank account (working under MRA, but MAR has a treasurer, a checkbook, and a possible credit card—we would need to switch banks from Wells Fargo to US Bank to be with MRA)
    4. Be a separate Charter (needing to separate from MRA with own charter, activities, membership, assets, and revenue)
  + MRA will send members to discuss these possibilities with MAR. Deb may serve in this role.
  + A decision will need to be made by May 2018
  + MAR members will discuss this at the Spring Mixer on April 21, 2018
  + Questions for MRA-
    - If selecting #2-
      * How would we collect receipts and pay-back MAR members for MAR events?
      * How does MAR reserve rooms, speakers, etc. without a credit card?
      * How do we receive membership dues/funds?
      * How do we send people to conferences?
    - What are the ramifications to the ILA Honor Council process?

**New Business:**

1. MAR Executive Board Elections- March2018- One week to vote. **Lisa will send out the ballot to MAR members.**

* Treasurer- Bobbi has agreed to continue on in this role and to help train in a new person to take on this role.
* Secretary- Joan Sax-Bendix has offered to run for this office.
* Co-Presidents- Wendy Richards and Lisa Krall

2. Spring Mixer- The Spring Mixer will be held on April 21, 2018 at 1-3PM Pierre Bottineau Library (<https://www.hclib.org/about/locations/pierre-bottineau> )

* **Deb will bring coffee**
* **Bobbi get Panera coffee cake**
* **Lisa will put information on the MRA website for the free event**

3.Summer 2018 Book Club**-** *RTI in the Common Core Classroom*by Sharon Vaughn

4. January MAR Symposium 2019**-**

* We will discuss the possibilities focusing on dyslexia and working with the new MDE Dyslexia Specialist.
* **Deb will contact Pam Solvie about dates and holding the symposium at Northwestern January 17th or 18th, 2019**

5. Planning for 2018-19- Topics discussed include:

* LiRN is a line item of MRA
* We will revisit and/or establish a goal and vision for MAR
* Currently we have about 40 members in MAR
* We need to encourage graduate students and undergraduate students to be part of MAR
* We may look more closely at legislative connections for the future
* **Deb will send *What is MAR?* to Wendy**
* We need to look closer at the MAR bylaws
* We need to look at the Honor Council application completed by Kate. We will do this at the Spring Mixer

6. Next Meeting**- April 21, 2018 at 1-3PM Pierre Bottineau Library** (<https://www.hclib.org/about/locations/pierre-bottineau> )- **We will meet as a Board after the Spring Mixer to discuss MRA/MAR financial decisions and to make plans for the 2018-19 year.**

See **BOLD** for action items.