**Chapter Council**

**Submitted by:** Melissa Ratajeski

**Leadership Roster:**

* Chair: Melissa Ratajeski
* Secretary: Dina J. McKelvy
* Web Editor/Community Manager: Lisa A. Ennis
* Chair, Elections Committee: Gary Kaplan
* Cochair, Roundtable Committee: Mina Davenport
* Cochair, Roundtable Committee: Annie Thompson
* Chair, Majors Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year Jury: Janene Batten

**Executive Summary:**

Chapter Council facilitates communication for chapters to discuss issue related to the functioning of their individual organizations. Topics discussed this year included:

* MLANET AMS/membership/community/events platform
* endowment funds
* exhibitor rates
* chapters having own statements affirming core values

**Group Strategic Plan:**

Goal: Update Chapter Council manuals to align with 2017 bylaws, updated Board policies and desired changes.

* Strategies:
  + - 1. Have each committee chair review their respective sections
      2. Appoint a sub-committee of Chapter Council members to review the current manuals and suggest changes
* Status: The current Chapter and Section Council Chairs and the incoming Section Council Chair have met with MLA headquarters staff to discuss and agreed upon the timeline: Update manuals (respective Councils - September - October 2017); Approve manuals (respective Councils - November 2017).

**MLA Strategic Plan:**

N/A

**Facts and Data:**

Chapter Mergers

* As of March 27, 2017 the NY-NJ Chapter voted to move forward with a merger with the Philadelphia Chapter.
* Next steps will be to form a Merger Committee with representatives from each group. Chapter chairs and representative will be meeting during the annual MLA meeting to begin this process.

Nominating Committee

* The Nominating Committee worked with the Hawaii Pacific Chapter to address their concerns about the Nominating Committee Election process. The below statement was included in elections information.

“Thoughtfully review the candidate information….” and “Please consider diversity, regional representation, and type of library in addition to electability by the general membership.”

* The Committee used the MLANET survey module to conduct elections without problems (results below).

Majors Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year Jury

* The Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year was awarded to the Midwest Chapter of MLA for their project entitled: *A Pilot Mentoring Program for Library Students and New Graduates to Better Prepare for Interviewing for Health Sciences Librarian Professional Positions.*

Roundtable Committee

* The event will be held on Sunday **May 28, 2017 at the annual MLA meeting. C**ost is $40.
* **Thirteen topics are being offered (**[http://www.mlanet.org/page/roundtables](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mlanet.org%2Fpage%2Froundtables&data=01%7C01%7Cmar%40pitt.edu%7Caf9d1383a28645314be708d4804cb705%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1&sdata=S6GQj%2BqIqOW2nr%2Bt45j7%2BkNdgI7%2BsGmTSq%2B9815GSHw%3D&reserved=0)**); 3 of them are new for this year:** Diversity and Inclusion in Libraries; Librarian Involvement in Interprofessional Education and Collaboration; and Makerspaces.
* Registrants as of April 7, 2017 were 127.

**People Update:**

* All chapters voted in the nominating committee elections. The six nominees picked by Chapter Council to go on the MLA general election ballot in the fall are:
  + Julia M. Esparza (South Central)
  + Emily S. Mazure (Mid-Atlantic)
  + Elizabeth Irish (Upstate New York and Ontario)
  + Ramune K. Kubilius (Midwest)
  + Andrea L. Ball (Pacific Northwest)
  + Jenny Pierce (Philadelphia Regional)
* Liaisons rolling on after the annual meeting have been submitted. Still recruiting for **MLA News Chapter Column Editor**.
  + Lia**ison to MLA Credentialing Committee: Jeff Coghill**
  + Lia**ison to Membership Comm: Janene Batten**
  + Lia**ison to 2019 NPC: Daniel Burgard**
  + Lia**ison to** Education Steering Committee: Donna Berryman

**Actions Required by the Board:** NO - This report is informational and requires no action by the Board.

**Documents or Motions Attached:** 0 files uploaded