In attendance: Eugene Giudice (President), Caren Luckie, Amy Noll, Bria O’Brien, Jill Strand, Martha Foote

Call to Order

Eugene called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. EDT.

Conference Recap

Eugene and Jill attended in person. Eugene said that the conference was a positive experience. Our table at Main Street SLA had 55 visitors. In future, we should have more volunteers to staff the table. The conference sessions were well done. Eugene noted that the LGBTQ issues panel had a large audience with good questions. The no-host dinner went well and some board members and board candidates attended. Jill noted that the small size of the conference made it easier to connect with people. About 600 people attended the conference.

Eugene will scan the business cards that he collected from our booth and send them to Bridget MacMillan for marketing purposes and to Bria for membership purposes.

Community Governing Documents

The board was satisfied with the draft governing documents. Martha will send them to Seema Rampersad for review by SLA’s Governance and Strategy Committee. Martha will ask Seema about the procedure for the Legal Community formally to adopt the revised governing documents.

SLA/MLA 2023 Conference

Jill and Eugene reported on this morning’s SLA Town Hall. The 2023 conference will be held jointly with the Medical Libraries Association (MLA) in Detroit. Community business meetings will not take place at the conference, although we could hold our business meeting as part of another event. The level of vendor sponsorship in 2023 is uncertain. Eugene said that we need to begin to work on our educational sessions and vendor support now. Jill confirmed that the conference will have a virtual component. Details of the joint conference are still being worked out. There will not be a separate SLA track. SLA will have a liaison to the MLA conference planning committee. We could partner with other SLA communities on conference sessions.
The Future of SLA

SLA is not looking at merging with another association at this time as the time line would be too long and the membership was not enthusiastic about the idea. SLA is looking at partnering with another association and will be engaging a different association management company (AMC). MCI will work with SLA during the transition to a new AMC. Misinformation has been circulating about SLA. Eugene is positive about the future of SLA. Martha asked about demographics. What is the average age of our members and are new information professionals joining associations such as SLA? If not, how are they engaging with their peers?

Webinars for the Remaining Year

We would like to hold at least one webinar before the end of the calendar year. Martha will contact Mark Schwartz. Eugene will contact Mike Bernier and Tracy Maleeff. Amy suggested a session about transitioning to new roles and used her own example of moving to a role in conflicts management. Bria suggested giving a voice to new information professionals: what does the field look like to them and how are they making professional connections?

Announcements, Other Business, etc.

Eugene said that we need to discuss succession planning at the September meeting. We will need a new chair-elect and a new secretary for 2023. We will also need someone to take on Amy’s work with social media, the website and awards as she plans to step down from the advisory board. The next meeting was rescheduled to September 30.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m. EDT.