Reference Section Meeting transcript from 1/26/17

Dennis: Hi, will I need to have my speakers on, or will we be communicating through the chat box? Thanks!

Louisa & Cassidy: Hi Dennis. Chat only, thanks!

Andy W: GREETINGS MORTALS

Louisa & Cassidy: Hello everyone, going to give a few more minutes to gather before we start.

jenne Heise: Wow, this is excellent

Sophie Brookover: Hi, all!

Karen Vaias: Hello!

Rich Wiest: Hi!

Andy W: Is this the meeting where we are changing the name of the section to "Reference and Other Stuff, Ya Know"

Dennis Kuhn: Hi everyone

Louisa & Cassidy: We are going to start with the by-laws -- as they required 15 days of notice to make changes to.

Sara Weissman: Andy, it’s the Alternate Fact Section

Louisa & Cassidy: While constitutional changes required 30 days

Dennis Kuhn: ()

Louisa & Cassidy: Are there any thoughts or discussion on the proposed by-laws changes -- we saw some suggestions regarding being less specific with mentioning ASF as to not tie down future boards to fulfill the CE requirements.

Nancy Berkenfeld: Hi I just joined in

Jen Schureman: I do think we need to discuss the Co-Presidents and how the second President would be selected/appointed.

Louisa & Cassidy: So, yes -- Louisa and I have been talking about that with members and I we feel that there is no proper way to codify it.

Louisa & Cassidy: And that it’s time to just rip the band off and eliminate that.

Louisa & Cassidy: Previously without an examination of by-laws anything was possible but now we see that it is no longer possible...

Jen Schureman: Also, what are the duties and responsibilities of the Members-at-Large?

Dennis Kuhn: So there will no longer be two presidents or two vice presidents (although we don’t have two right now)?

Louisa & Cassidy: Members-at-Large are a general position which can do almost anything needed.

Louisa & Cassidy: Correct - there will only be one VP/president elect and one President going forward

Beverly Rowan: Here is an example from an ALA committee for members at large:

Beverly Rowan: The responsibility of the Member-at-Large is to represent the general membership on issues of interest or concern relative to the charge for the CaMMSExecutiveCommittee. The Member-at-Large is expected to attend the CaMMSExecutive meetings at Midwinter and Annual, and to participate in the business of CaMM throughout the year.

Louisa & Cassidy: Do you think there should be descriptions for the MAL and LS rep positions?

Beverly Rowan: Sorry, no space.

Dennis Kuhn: Yes, just so that everyone knows the responsibilities.

Jill S: The Children’s Services Section by-laws does have a description for the MAL so we may want one...
Jen Schureman: This is the description from Diversity & Outreach: Members-at-large must attend a minimum of five meetings per year, shall participate in the decisions of the Board.

Jen Schureman: YA Section also has a description for MAL

Theresa: We can leave the option of having co-presidents for the future, correct?

Jill S: For the president's duties you may want to leave in the part about submitting an end of year report. I was required to submit one last year.

Theresa: We do not need to VP's, but some presidents may preference to split duties, as done in the past and now.

Jen Schureman: Usually the Past President and VP can help with the duties

John Daquino - MPL: Greetings sorry I am late, I can only do chat, I'm on the desk now.

Jen Schureman: Who is going to be designated to liason to the Conference Committee?

jenne Heise: I'm a little confused: are we advocating for adding the co-presidents language, or removing it, or just not putting it in.

Karen Vaias: What does conf committee liason entail? I might be able to do it.

Sophie Brookover: @Jen the VP is the Conference Committee Liaison for the other sections I'm in; I think it makes sense for this section to match the others.

Jen Schureman: I have no problem with co-presidents, I just think we need clarification on how the second president would be selected/appointed?

Louisa & Cassidy: We are adding the definitions right now

Louisa & Cassidy: Bear with us as we get them to Doug :)

Dennis Kuhn: Jen, I thought that the President(s) are the liason and will relay information to us? Is there a specific person who does that? If so, that is new information to me.

Jen Schureman: @ Sophie, the same with the sections I am in

Theresa: It makes sense to give the VP clear duties. Right now they only have the responsibility of assisting the president(s)

Jen Schureman: @ Dennis, yes, each section has one person designated to liason with the Conference Committee, in the other sections it is the VP

Louisa & Cassidy: Does anyone have qualms about the VP being conference committee liason

Dennis Kuhn: Not if that's what is done with the other Sections, we should try and keep to what everyone else does.

Theresa: I like that

jenne Heise: *agrees*

Karen Vaias: No. May as well be consistent

Nancy Berkenfeld: I agree with the consistency with other sections

Rich Wiest: I also agree since it lines up with the other sections.

Louisa & Cassidy: Hopefully Doug will be able to upload the changes we just made

Louisa & Cassidy: Once you get the revision please take a look as we want to vote TODAY

Tierney Miller: Hi all, sorry I'm late - technical difficulties

Dennis Kuhn: Just on the bylaws right?

Louisa & Cassidy: Hi Tierney!

Louisa & Cassidy: Yes, just the by-laws
Theresa: Just out of curiosity, since we are making changes that other may not have seen, and everyone cannot be present for this meeting, could the vote be delayed?

Theresa: This could be made available as a Google doc that people can comment on before the vote?

Louisa & Cassidy: Unfortunately we are on a deadline and gave the membership the required notice....the vote is today BY-LAWs only

Louisa & Cassidy: Theresa, it was available as a Google doc ...

Louisa & Cassidy: Hold up, Doug there is a more recent copy

Jen Schureman: Since we are changing the document that is being voted on are we required then to give the membership notice and 10 days to review changes?

Louisa & Cassidy: that includes the addition of the VP being Conference liaison

Jen Schureman: Since we are now not voting on the document that you proposed

Louisa & Cassidy: Jen - we gave notice to the membership though that this discussion and vote were going to happen at this meeting and this is what we are working with: Bylaws may be adopted or amended: A. By a vote of a majority of the qualified members present at any business meeting provided that the specific notice of such change has been given in the call for such a meeting at least 10 days prior to that meeting; or Notice of changes to bylaws in reference to this meeting was given 10 days prior and section was given notice we would be voting on changes at meeting

Doug Baldwin: I'll check you latest send to me and post last thing I have

Louisa & Cassidy: Thanks Doug

Doug Baldwin: posting now

jenne Heise:

Louisa & Cassidy: As far as the Constitution goes, it seems the name change and the mission of the section are a tandem discussion that needs more time for discussion so we are leaving that at the leadership of next year

Tierney Miller: ah so it looks like we're okay to make changes today, since membership had at least 10 days notice

Louisa & Cassidy: That said -- continue the conversation on the name and the mission!

Tierney Miller: to the by laws i mean

Louisa & Cassidy: ^yes, Tierney

Louisa & Cassidy: This is the latest one -- thank you, Doug!

jenne Heise: Nitpick, do we still need to remove "(or Co-Presidents) in I.A. ?

Jen Schureman: Yes, I believe we do

Louisa & Cassidy: Thanks, Jenne! Sending it Doug

Louisa & Cassidy: Any other comments?

Dennis Kuhn: Looks good

Beverly Rowan: Looks good to me, too.

Tierney Miller: Thumbs up

Sara Weissman: Fine...go

Karen Vaias: There are a few minor grammatical errors in D1 and D2

Rich Wiest: Good to go.

Louisa & Cassidy: We will proof-read all grammar before submitting to the exec board

Sophie Brookover: Shall we take a vote, then?

Sara Weissman: (thanks for fast work, Doug)

Louisa & Cassidy: Do we have a motion to accept the by-laws changes as proposed pending grammatical
corrections (there's a way to vote on the top tool bar of Adobe)
Sara Weissman: so moved
Louisa & Cassidy: Do we have a second?
Beverly Rowan: I second it.
Louisa & Cassidy: Also those in favor, please vote using the raised hand icon
Louisa & Cassidy: Do we have any opposed? (please use the disagree icon)
Louisa & Cassidy: And for absences please use the step away icon
Sophie Brookover: You may wish to clear everyone's status
Nancy Berkenfeld: I am in visual overload and can only locate hand icon for those who voted
Nancy Berkenfeld: oops found it
Doug Baldwin: Use the arrow next to the hand icon to access other options
Nancy Berkenfeld: I need to logoff as I need to go to dinner to stay on schedule.
Doug Baldwin: Need to discern what those using green checks are voting
Jen Schureman: Green checks mean agree in drop down box
Doug Baldwin: ok so using hands up and green checks as same thing - just want to make sure so there is no issue later :)
Louisa & Cassidy: Alright, the changes have been accepted by a majority vote
Louisa & Cassidy: (I think you can clear your individual statuses)
Louisa & Cassidy: Thank you everyone for getting through that
Louisa & Cassidy: Anyone interested in taking a position for next year?
Doug Baldwin: I am willing to continue as MAL - I wish I could commit more :
Louisa & Cassidy: Doug, you earned your MAL cred today with the uploads
Louisa & Cassidy: Please continue thinking about joining the executive board - please ask any of us any questions you have
Louisa & Cassidy: (We're all up to date on the roles and responsibilities now :)
Sara Weissman: Q here...
Jenne Heise: Q: is there any way to find out information about NJLA section boards?
Sara Weissman: Does section or Assn have a position
Jill S: I'm sorry but I need to run. Bye everyone!
Sara Weissman: on grabbing federal, web pages/sites
Sara Weissman: before they are scrubbed?
Sara Weissman: Have to scoot at 4 so I'll leave you with that. Thanks
Louisa & Cassidy: I need some clarification on both of the questions..
Doug Baldwin: regarding info on sections and committees: http://njlamembers.org/
Beverly Rowan: I have to leave, too.
Karen Vaias: bye everyone!
Tierney Miller: I'm off too - bye everyone!
Louisa & Cassidy: Bye everyone..
Rich Wiest: I also need to leave.
Doug Baldwin: I am not aware of an official position on that topic Sara - the NJLA Board would have had to vote on a prepared statement in taking any position such as that and not one I am aware of
Jenne Heise: Thank you, that was what I was looking for.
Louisa & Cassidy: For those remaining, the NJLA virtual meeting today had a few announcements. Registration opens for the conference on Feb. 1st!
Louisa & Cassidy: Also, we will need members to assist with marketing and creating fliers, memes, and gifs

Louisa & Cassidy: Reference will launch all promotional materials for our conference programs on Feb 28 so please volunteer to help!

Jenne Heise: I'd be happy to help. [heise@drew.edu]

Doug Baldwin: I can try and assist with that since I will be doing a piece for the conf website to highlight ref section programs

Louisa & Cassidy: Thanks Jenne!

Louisa & Cassidy: Okay, Doug - let us know what we can help you with

Dennis Kuhn: I can help too with fliers or memes

Louisa & Cassidy: FYI - we had 7 out of 10 program proposals accepted

Louisa & Cassidy: Yay memes!

Louisa & Cassidy: And several of our co-sponsoring programs were accepted as well

Jenne Heise: Wonderful!

Louisa & Cassidy: Be sure to volunteer in the follow-up email we will be sending out

Louisa & Cassidy: Thank you, Dennis

Louisa & Cassidy: OKKKK so since we are running out of time... that's all FOLKS! Thank you for attending!

Jenne Heise: thank you.