

LLAM Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 5, 2026
11 am (ET) | Virtual/Zoom

General Business/Announcements

- November 2025 meeting minutes approved without amendment
- Recent Votes by Email
 - Dec 1: Board approved up to \$1300 for the holiday party (Julia)
 - Event photos from Zanada. Chi and Kristee will add to website, Joe will add to archives
 - Jan 23: Board approved up to \$300 for the MLA Library Legislative Day (Joan)
 - Tues Feb 10th: 7am Calvert House on State Cir. Breakfast until 9:30. Leave in time to go to State house proclamations starting at 10a. Then libraries speak with their legislators
 - Make sure you bring your ID to get into the state building if attending
 - Priorities: funding for SLRC and county libraries
 - Joan went to online training; we were on the sponsor sign!
- Financial Report (Jill)
 - Currently \$3571.99. Since last meeting:
 - \$1755.70 in expenses: Ecwid, Wordpress, Holiday Party, MLA Leg Day
 - \$1280: Holiday party tickets and donations, membership dues

Committee Reports

- Archives [not present]
- Communications and Technology (Chi & Kristee)
 - Send us anything you want on the website!
- Government and Vendor Relations (Joan)
 - Info from AALL Government Relations committee: waiting to potentially hire a government relations professional, but will not happen until Executive Director is finalized
- Grants (Jim)
 - AALL 2026 Registration not yet open. Early Bird ends May 20
 - Typically get formal Board approval for the funds
 - Anticipating making the announcement/request for apps in March
 - Applicant numbers have been down in recent years—does this change our approach?
 - Discuss further at next month's Board Meeting
- Membership (Gabby)
 - Currently ~49 members total
 - UB and UMB folks officially renewed
- Placement (Teresa & Brian)
 - Teresa posts on Fridays, Brian on Tuesdays

- Nominations: no updates currently, but requests for noms coming soon. Looking for a VP/Pres-Elect, Secretary, and Board Member

New Business

- LLAM Guidelines Review: Approved without amendment. Jessica to update approval date, Chi and Kristee to add to website, announcement to go out to membership
- Programming – LRI (Julia)
 - Currently looking at early May
 - Virtual only: 2-3 days over 1-2 weeks with themed days
 - Theme ideas; AI and legal research, legislative day (history, updates), sharing current events and projects from your own library
 - Each day would have 1-2 featured speakers but also invite folks to give shorter, possibly more informal mini presentations
 - Not many physical costs: possibly gifts for speakers, swag for attendees. Sara to explore corporate sponsorship
 - Registration
 - Considering one flat fee to give all attendees access to all days as opposed to different costs for one day vs. all days
 - Member vs. non-member rates: If we had split rates LLAM, AALL, MLA would all get Member rates (standing agreement)
 - For non-members, maybe their LRI registration fee gets them a year of LLAM membership as a bonus
 - The LRI is an important money maker for us—may need to consider an additional fundraiser if registration costs are particularly low
 - Public librarians need continuing ed credits—if we could offer this it may encourage attendance
 - Based on timing, the final in-person social event may be the Spring Fling rather than a separate event