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**Connecticut Library Association
134th Annual Meeting
Mystic Marriot Hotel & Spa, Groton, CT
Monday, April 28, 2025, 8:30 AM**

- I. Call to Order: President Scott Jarzombek
Called meeting to order at 8:31 AM.
- II. Approval of Minutes 2024 Annual Meeting
Motion to approve minutes made by Colleen Bailie and seconded by Kate Byroade. No oppositions. One abstention.
- III. CLA President's Report: President Scott Jarzombek
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Margaret Khan
- V. New Business
 - a. 2025/2026 Slate of Officers: Sarah McCusker
 - b. Bylaws Revision-Lisa Miceli
 - c. New Membership Tiers and Member Rate Approval- Lisa Miceli
- VI. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn made by Kate Byroade and seconded by Scott Brill. Adjournment at 8:45 AM.

Connecticut Library Association
Annual President's Report
April 28, 2025

First and foremost, I want to thank the board of CLA. We are completely a volunteer organization and the amount of work that goes on there. We all have paying jobs, and the amount of time, energy, and passion that gets put into the work that we do is absolutely incredible. I also want to thank the membership. Part of my job for the last ten months has been promoting libraries and the work that you all do- sometimes defending a little bit. But there's never been a group that's been easier to defend and brag about and talk about than you. Every day in your work, you make the world a better place. You positively influence and impact the people you serve, and it's really great to represent you. So, thank you and give yourselves a round of applause.

This year was really about building a stronger legislative agenda. It was about creating relationships, not just with elected officials, but also advocates that could be on our side. I want to call out the Legislative Committee for the work that they did. I want to call out the Connecticut library Consortium and Ellen for the work that was done there and also our colleagues in CASL, which we might touch on a little bit later. We've created a stronger relationship with our school librarians who do an incredible job. Again, easy to defend, easy to brag about.

I look forward to what we're going to do in the future. It's not going to be easy; we all know that the world is a very different place just in the last 120 days. We're going to keep doing the work, and we're going to keep having their back, we're going to keep making space for everyone at the table. Thank you and it's an honor to represent all of you all.

Connecticut Library Association
Annual Treasurer's Report
April 28, 2025

Good morning everyone!

My name is Margaret Khan and I am the treasurer of the Connecticut Library Association. Thank you for joining us for our annual meeting and our annual conference. If you are not a member of the Connecticut Library Association, I encourage you to join as soon as possible – our first-time member rate is just \$25 and comes with all the benefits of a regular membership for a full year.

Last year we completed a comprehensive review of our financial plan and this year we were able to implement key components of that plan. First, we opened a savings account, a key step in guiding the association towards restarting investing. Once we have saved twice our annual operating expenses we can move onto investing. We are hopeful that we will reach that milestone within the next several years.

Secondly, we created contingency accounts within our savings earmarked as reserves for the following: emergencies, conference, and stabilization. With designations of \$20,000 each, these funds are in place to act as a safeguard for any unexpected expenses or unforeseen changes to our revenue.

As we work towards our goal of beginning investing, we remain focused on earning revenue through our annual conference and membership fees. In recent years, our Development Committee has been successful in bolstering fundraising efforts, exceeding anticipated revenue and expanding CLA's outreach. We also look to our many sections and committees to engage with our greater library community, attract new members, and earn money through workshops and special events.

Thank you to Alessandra Cassiello for her leadership in our sustainability efforts which resulted in our revised financial plan, and all her work with the Development Committee. Thank you to our President and President-elect Scott and Erin for taking the time to help set up our new accounts and for their assistance in executing this financial plan. Lastly, thank you to our administrative team Robert and Michelle Scheier for their expertise and continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Thank you, and I hope you all enjoy the day!

New Business

a. 2025/2026 Slate of Officers- Sarah McCusker

Vice President/President Elect: Brenda McKinley

Secretary: Shannon Angelone

Region 1 Representative: Heather Aronson

Region 3 Representative: Drusilla Carter

Region 5 Representative: Emily Rush

NELA Representative: Sarah McCusker

Motion to approve made by Kate Byroade and seconded by Sheri Szmanski. No oppositions or abstentions.

b. Bylaws Revision- Lisa Miceli

Motion to append bylaws made by Ellen Paul and seconded by Kate Byroade. No oppositions or abstentions.

c. New Membership Tiers and Member Rate Approval- Lisa Miceli

Motion to approve made by Kate Byroade and seconded by Drusilla Carter. No oppositions or abstentions.