Minnesota Academy of Reading

Executive Board Meeting

August 6, 2012

1. **Welcome and overview of the meeting—Deb Peterson**
2. **Treasurer’s Report—**Bobbi Gale submitted the treasurer’s report via e-mail just prior to the meeting.
* $1927.52 is the current balance
1. **Active Council Report**
* Bobbi submitted the Active Council Report, including meeting agendas, descriptions of three council activities, newsletter articles for MRA, and membership information.
* Deb submitted the Officers Report to IRA, including a directory of people and positions.
1. **Discussion of the Reading Leader License**
* A meeting will be held at MDE on Friday, August 10, 2012.
* Confirmed participants include Karen Moroz, Amy Smith, Gail Jordan, Terri Christenson, Pam Solvie, Kari Ross, Dan Bittman, and JoAnn VanArnum. A pre-meeting call will include Karen Bahlmer.
* Discussion included perceptions of the reading leader license, need for the license, audience for the license, concerns about who will offer the license, and options for offering the license—as well as pros and cons of each option. Consideration of multiple universities and or MAR assuming roles in the delivery and or administration of the license were discussed. Concerns include the market for the license, consideration of who might benefit from pursuing this license and for what positions it might be required.
* Terri Christenson will draft formal questions and an agenda for the August 10th meeting and send them in advance to MAR Board members and to confirmed participants for the meeting.
1. **Short and Long Range Planning for MAR**
* Short range planning included a follow-up discussion about a MACTE session proposal. MACTE’s November 20102 focus will be on Quality Teaching, Technology, and Testing. Amy Smith will send the request for proposals document to MAR Board members. Chris, Kate, Deb, Gail, Eva, and Amy will work together on an academic language session. Participation will be open to all MAR Board members who wish to join in this work.
* Other short range plans were made for the third annual January policy event which will be titled, “Policy Issues in Literacy Education: Implications for Literacy Educators in an Era of Common Core”. The event will be held January 9, 2012 from 1:00-4:00 at the Woulfe Student Center on the St. Paul campus. Ideas for the meeting include a welcome and updates, a speaker to present information on the Common Core followed by a panel discussion with participants sharing their work and experiences with the Common Core. Table talk will extend conversations and allow PreK-Higher Ed participants in attendance to share Common Core success stories. Another idea discussed included preparing a letter with talking points to take back to Pre-K-12 districts and higher ed institutions.
* In other short range planning, Kate is completing work on an article for Reading Today.
* Discussion on long range planning included the following:
	+ Submitting a proposal for a roundtable for OTER
	+ Participating in NCTE to be held in Minnesota in 2015
	+ Surveying MAR members to understand perceptions and expectations concerning MAR
	+ Becoming more strategic about supporting networking across institutions and providing professional development for members
	+ Continuing to post MAR minutes on MRA’s website
	+ Holding additional focus groups to invite input on literacy issues
1. **Next MAR Executive Board Meeting Date**
* September 14, 1:30-3:00
* Barnes and Nobel Conference Room (HarMar Mall)

**Members in attendance:** Terri Christenson, Kate Kelly, Karen Moroz, Deb Peterson, Amy Smith, and Pam Solvie