



Minutes: May 23, 2019 10-12am via Zoom

Attendees: Karen Pundsack, Gerri Moeller, Jim Weikum, Ken Behringer, Krista Ross, Kristi Hanson, Laurie Ortega, Carla Lydon, Liz Lynch, Jim Trojanowski; Ann Hokanson

Guests: Jennifer Nelson, State Library Services; Sam Walseth, Capitol Hill Associates

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Karen Pundsack.

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| Motion to approve agenda | Behringer/Trojanowski | Approved |
| Motion to approve March 2019 meeting minutes as amended | Lydon/Trojanowski | Approved |

Add discussion was had about upcoming changes to PERA Aid

Financials

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| Motion to accept CRPLSA Fund financials | Hokanson/Trojanowski | Approved |
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Ross noted that only change since last meeting is expenditures to MLA/PLD for sponsorships and payment of 3rd quarter lobbyist contract

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| Motion to approve CRPLSA Library Legacy Fund | Trojanowski/Lynch | Approved |
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No changes since last meeting

Legislative update – Sam Walseth

Walseth reported that the legislative session has adjourned. Will reconvene on 2/20/20. Higher education bill only one that got done in normal session as the leadership didn't reach a plan until Sunday. Deal included killing gas tax and permanent reinstatement of health tax.

Tax conformity will net zero dollars for next biennium. Education target was \$543 million. Education budget included 2% increases in each of next two year to the general education formula. Also special education and preK funding. That committed \$530 of the \$543 million. Committees are calling meetings to walk through agreed upon bills. Education committee met yesterday. Governor will call a 1 day special session either tomorrow or may wait until next week.

Legacy bill – libraries received \$2.55 million per year. None of the problematic language was included in the bill.

E12 bill – nothing was done. No policy changes on RLTA – left the library article alone.

Reach out and Read received \$75,000 per year.

Center for the Book received \$125,000 per year for two year.
HCL Director – legislation was changed. An amendment was added to show preference for the degree.
Bill passed over the weekend and will likely be signed into law.

Question about the timeline for RLTA language. Supplemental budget request will occur likely the first week of March. Sam advises CRPLSA work with MDE well in advance regarding unspent RLTA money. Will likely be a Spartan supplemental bill. Unspent money will be flagged and reappropriated. Jen Nelson suggested a meeting in early July to discuss this issue. Krista, Liz, Karen, Carla and Ann expressed willingness to have conversations.

State Library Services Update – Jen Nelson

RLTA Category 2 – if there are more requests, get them in next week. \$1.7 million will expenditures. MELSA may still have more. SLS has requested wavier with IMLS for MOE. Language mentions allotments not expenditures. SLS asking if it can be sufficient that the state appropriated the funds even if they weren't spent.

Staffing changes – Hannah Buckland has been hired. Joe Manion is retiring.

ACHF – FY17 funds expire on June 30. One system hasn't notified MDE that funds were expended yet.

FY20 – work with children's museum to provide session at sites across the state. Also working with pollution control agency on pollination task force. Working on equity training with governor's alliance. Karen attended this training in Grand Rapids and it was excellent. Encourage others to attend.

LSTA grant notices go out this week. Will be \$160,000 short if IMLS waiver is not approved.

B3 guidelines

Pundsack shared GRRL experience with Kimbal project. B3 guidelines are part of the library grant approval process. Guidelines are becoming more stringent. New project will need to produce 2% of their energy on site (solar or wind). 2020 guidelines will ramp up more. Library improvement grant funds – need to be aware of this at the beginning of the project.

LSTA timeline

Nelson commented that is it based on when state hears from IMLS. No earlier than December and sometimes as late as April. Takes 6-12 weeks to ramp up grant program. Discussion about the logistics of application timelines and needing to get Board approval. Jen reminds group that they will accept applications without complete signatures if timing is an issue. Jen will also update the calendar of things to watch for from MDE and send.

Governor's Taskforce on Broadband

Hannah Buckland was appointee prior to joining State Library Services. Appointment ended in 2019. Discussion about library representation on task force. Jim Weikum agree to apply as library representative.

Motion to issue a letter of support for Jim Weikum

Hokanson/Moeller

Approved

Edge Assessment

Discussion about this benchmarking tool and whether there would be interest in a subscription at a statewide discounted rate. Pundsack to bring more info to July meeting.

Bylaws Committee

Draft was presented for feedback. Final approval to be on agenda for July meeting.

Proposed changes:

- Removed youth services committee
- Liaison to MCMT directors changed to MCMT director
- Less specific meeting dates
- Changed formula language to be more general to include other state funding sources
- Broadened language around parliamentary procedure
- Revised list of items to give to new directors

Once upon a reader trademark

Pundsack will check possibility of fraud as it was thought this trademark had been moved to CRPLSA not the Friends. To be discussed further in July.

Committee & liaison reports

Will make new appointments in July

- Marketing – AMC – Dec 9 & 10 in St. Cloud
- MLA Board – focused on conference
- Website – will update with new branding
- Center for the Book – MN Book award locations – was successful
- Multitype Directors – meet in Rochester next week

Sharing & Round Robin

- MLA Conference proposals – library professional development will have a conference session. Intro to regional systems was accepted as well.
- Plum Creek will be reposting Director position through ALA

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Next meeting: In person – July 24-25 in Arrowhead