



**Minutes: March 26, 2020**

**Online (via Zoom Meetings)**

## **Approved**

Attendees: Ann Hokanson, Stephanie Johnson, Michele Leininger, Carla Lydon, Liz Lynch, Laurie Ortega, Karen Pundsack, Krista Ross, Erin Smith, Jim Trojanowski, Scott Vrieze, Jim Weikum

Guests: Maggie Snow (Minitex), Sam Walseth (Lobbyist, Capitol Hill Associates)

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:01 p.m. by Liz Lynch.

### ***Legislative Strategy***

Krista described ongoing efforts by SELCO staff to work with Senator Carla Nelson on various aspects of possible changes to Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS) language and funding and previously proposed changes to Regional Library Telecommunications (RLTA) language. For the time being, there will be no effort to persuade Senator Nelson to modify the language in her bill relating to policy language surrounding data and dates relating to RLBSS calculations. Sam will work with House contacts to introduce a bill that just contains the proposed RLTA language discussed during the 2019 Session. Once the two bills move to a conference committee, Krista will reach out to Senator Nelson and thank her for including all of the policy changes, but given the differing language between the bills, the RLTA language is important to get accomplished in the 2020 session

**Motion to approve strategy**

**Trojanowski/Lydon**

**Approved**

### ***Talking Points***

Liz shared three (draft) documents relating to initiatives for the 2020 Session of the Legislature: Bonding/Capital Investment (Public Library Construction Grants); RLBSS; and RLTA. Each document generated discussion and suggestions. Karen and Scott agreed to work on language pertaining to the RLTA document.

### ***COVID-19 Round Robin Discussion***

Members of the group shared what's happening in their regions in terms of closures, service modifications, etc.

### ***MLA & PLD Requests***

MLA was requesting that CRPLSA provide \$400 "for the mailing of the Legislative Postcard for the Library Legislative Fair. Although there was an online poll earlier in the day to support this request, with Minnesota Library Legislative Day expected to be cancelled, this request was deemed to be moot. CRPLSA had budgeted \$300 to support the Public Libraries Division (PLD) Day event on April 17, but a request has been made by PLD to increase that amount to \$500.

**Motion to approve funding increase**

**Trojanowski/Lydon**

**Approved**

### ***Status of the March CRPLSA Meeting***

The group discussed the likelihood of meeting in person as scheduled on March 26 and 27. The general consensus was that an online meeting was more probable and the Chair would monitor the evolving situation relating to the pandemic and constraints on meetings.

**There being no further business to conduct, Chair Lynch adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.**

*Jim Weikum, 2020 CRPLSA Secretary*