



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 Director; Sam Walseth, Lobbyist (Capitol Hill Associates); Jen Nelson, MN State Library Services Director (joined meeting at approximately 11:24 a.m.)

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

| <u>ACTION</u> | <u>MOVED BY</u> | <u>RESULT</u> |
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| Motion to approve draft Agenda | Lydon/Ross | Approved |
| Motion to approve January 23, 2020 meeting minutes | Trojanowski/Vrieze | Approved |
| Motion to approve March 13, 2020 meeting minutes | Vrieze/Trojanowski | Approved |
| Motions to accept Financial Reports | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CRPLSA Fund Website hosting & domain name, Pressbooks, MLA lobbyist (2nd quarter). | Hokanson/Ross | Approved |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CRPLSA Library Legacy Fund No new expenditures. | Trojanowski/Smith | Approved |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CRPLSA FY2020 Budget | Trojanowski/Smith | Approved |

East Central & Great River discussions with Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange (CMLE)

Committee & Liaison Reports

- Continuing Education = no report
- CRPLSA Fund Committee = see above
- Legislative Committee = Jami Trenam working on plans for a “virtual” Library Legislative Day
- Marketing Committee = no report
- Website Committee = no report
- MN Center for the Book = Erin noted an upcoming call re the MN Book Awards
- LegWork Committee = Carla is participating
- Minitex = see report below
- Legislative Steering Committee = no report
- Multitype Directors = online meeting held earlier in the month; group discussing support for teachers going into a Media Specialist program

Minitex Report

Maggie has been on the job for all of three weeks. All Minitex staff now working from home. Vendor demos for ELM database products now online. ASK MN still lived & active. Ongoing discussion on how to resume Delivery when the situation improves, and what will ILL look like once it resumes.

Legislative Report

Sam noted that the MN Legislature is reconvening today, although some legislators are staying home. He noted that there are disagreements about continuing to pay K-12 staff during the emergency. Sam is still trying to determine if the Education portion of the emergency funding bills contain any provisions for libraries. Regional directors are encouraged to stay in touch with their respective legislators, primarily via e-mail, about desired changes in the RLTA language allowing broader language for allowable expenditures. Sam indicated that it is likely that Minnesota will face a huge budget deficit in the near future. Sam also counseled trying to anticipate future realities including possible 2021 delays in funding allocations and a possible threat to what remains of the library Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements.

COVID-19 Round Robin

Liz had suggested a variety of topics including: Staffing; Layoffs; Staff development & training; Alternative service options; Serving schools and child care providers; Partnering with other organizations; Library staff doing work outside of traditional responsibilities; and Online programming. Discussion ensued. Break at 11:00 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 11:16 a.m.

State Library Services

Jen joined the meeting. Karen asked if libraries are considered “critical infrastructure” and it was noted that many such determinations are made through local decision-making processes. Jen indicated that there might be some loosening of the deadlines for spending Legacy dollars.

Future Meetings during the Emergency?

Liz asked the group about having regular calls/online meetings during the current crisis. The group decided to meet again on ***Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.***

There being no further business to conduct, Chair Lynch adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Jim Weikum, 2020 CRPLSA Secretary