



Minutes: September 3, 2020

Online (via Zoom Meetings)

Approved

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

Guests: Jen Nelson, State Library Services; Maggie Snow, Minitex; Sam Walseth, Capitol Hill Associates (joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Liz Lynch.

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>MOVED BY</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
Motion to approve draft Agenda	Trojanowski/Ross	Approved
Motion to approve July 23, 2020 minutes	Trojanowski/Vrieze	Approved

Motions to accept Financial Reports

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| ● CRPLSA Fund | No action required |
| Waiting to be billed by MLA; SELF-e invoices in Oct.; CRPLSA needs to review fund balance. | |
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| ● CRPLSA Library Legacy Fund | No action required |
| Previously approved 4 author programs; still have unspent statewide Legacy funds. | |

Motion to approve MLA contract	Hokanson/Lydon	Approved
On August 25-26, 2020, CRPLSA voted by e-mail to approve the agreement with MLA for lobbying services to be provided by Capitol Hill Associates to MLA, CRPLSA, ITEM, and the Multitypes.		

Motion to approve MLA conference support	No action needed
On August 27, 2020, CRPLSA voted by e-mail to approve sponsorship for the 2020 MLA virtual conference. The e-mail vote was unnecessary as sponsorship was approved during the May 28, 2020 CRPLSA meeting.	

Minitex Report

Maggie noted that Minitex has submitted a “final report” to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE) that has yielded lots of “fresh” statistics. She also discussed PressBooks, the

Minnesota Digital Library/MDL, Cooperative Purchasing (all 50 states have been “touched”). Ebooks MN saw a 133% increase over the previous year and an assessment survey is coming soon. Minitex is working with seven other library cooperatives and consortia on shared workshops and resources.

State Library Services

Jen reported that ACHF payments would be out by Sept. 15 and the OGANS should be out next week. A reminder that September 30 is the end date for the Hot Spots grants/projects (invoices need to be closed, etc.). The “Race in Storytimes” workshop was last week; it was not recorded but might be if it is repeated in the future. Another equity/diversity/inclusion program being shaped. Working with MN Secretary of State Simon on voting-related matters. Also again mentioned the “LiveMore ScreenLess” initiative. Working with the Blandin Foundation and a “Libraries Without Borders” project. Jen referenced the “Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian” program and a project relating to school librarians. Other topics related “Digital Navigators,” Literacy Minnesota, CARES Act funds, the North Star portal, and a possible IMLS grant.

Legislative Report

Sam noted that Special Legislative Session #4 is expected to be held on September 11. The State of Minnesota cannot do anything with bonds and bonding before at least September 19. Not clear whether a bonding bill will need to wait until the 2021 Legislative Session.

2020 Legislative Forum/2021 Legislative Platform

The MLA Legislative Committee met yesterday and approved legislative priorities for 2021.

CareerForce (MN Department of Employment & Economic Development (DEED))

The group discussed existing relationships between libraries and CareerForce.

Library Services & Reopening/COVID-19 Q&A

- a. CARES Act Funding: Viking looking into “digital inclusion” focus; TechPak project at the Ramsey County Library; Why didn’t regional library systems qualify for CARES Act dollars?
- b. Resuming Programming: pressure mounting in various libraries to allow access to facilities.
- c. Legal Forms/COVID Waivers: question as to whether these are legally enforceable?
- d. Meeting Room Use: Karen shared a “preparedness plan” from Stay Safe MN about seating and also referenced the guidance from the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust/MCIT that she shared on March 17.
- e. Other: the results of the REEALM Study (#4) were released today and there was discussion about the quality of the results.

Committee & Liaison Reports

- MN Center for the Book: Alayne has sent out an e-mail about the wrap-up for “Chapter 2” (i.e. book #2) = there were 23,000 views of the e-book in 82 MN counties. Chapter (book) #3 to be Louise Erdrich title (October 19-December 13) and there’s a possibility of an audiobook version being made available via Mackin.

Other

Stephanie announced that Kitchigami has a Tech Services Manager! There was mention of possibly using the remaining Statewide Legacy dollars for something related to “One Book Minnesota.” The next meeting agenda might include a report from Matt Rosendahl (University of Minnesota, Duluth) about a cooperative collection development initiative.

Next Meeting

Thursday, October 22, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon (via Zoom).

There being no further business to conduct, Chair Lynch adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Jim Weikum, 2020 CRPLSA Secretary