



**Meeting Minutes: January 28,
2021 Online (via Zoom Meetings)**

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

Guests: Sam Walseth, Capitol Hill Associates; Rob Vanasek, Capitol Hill Associates; Jen Nelson, State Library Services; Matt Lee, Minitex; Maggie Snow, Minitex

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chair Scott Vrieze.

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>MOVED BY</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
Motion to approve draft Agenda	Hokanson/Ross	Approved
Motion to approve January 8, 2021 minutes	Ross/Leininger	Approved
Motion to approve CRPLSA Fund Financials	Hokanson/Lynch	Approved
Motion to approve CRPLSA Library Legacy Fund	Ortega/Lydon	Approved
Motion to adjourn	Lydon/Ross	Approved

Legislative Update

Governor’s Budget

Sam W. reported that the Governor’s budget was released January 26. The budget proposal includes the recommendation that MDE establish a Library Legislation Advisory Group: *“The purpose of the group is to review, advise and, make recommendations as needed for rewriting library statutes (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 134) to the commissioner.”*

RLBSS

Sam also reported that he and Liz L. met with Senator Mark Johnson regarding the RLBSS bill proposal. Senator Johnson is chief authoring a redraft of the 2019 RLBSS bill with a \$2 million increase in funding for RLBSS. The group discussed potential chief authors for a House version of the RLBSS bill. [Update: Sam and Karen P. met with Representative Dan Wolgamott and he will chief author the House companion bill).

Legacy

It was reported that Sam and Erin S. have a meeting scheduled with Beth Burns, President of the Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library, on Monday, Feb. 1 regarding including a direct appropriation for the Center for the Book in the Library Legacy bill. *[Updated: Following the meeting and subsequent follow-up meetings with legislators, Representative Mary Murphy chief authored the Library Legacy bill, which includes \$2,500,000 in FY22 and \$2,500,000 in FY23 for grants to the 12 regional systems and also includes a separate direct appropriation of \$125,000 in FY22 and \$125,000 in FY23 as an appropriation for the Minnesota Center for the Book. Following outreach efforts by Michele L., a companion bill in the Senate has been chief authored by Senator Weber]*

Broadband bill

Sam reported that the House has introduced a bill for a \$120 million state investment in the Boarder-to-Border Broadband Grant Program over two years and the Governor's budget includes \$50 million a year for broadband.

Minitex Update and Minitex/Overdrive Discussion

Maggie S. reported:

- the budget for Minitex remains flat, at \$5.9 million, in the Governor's proposed budget.
- The Minnesota Digital Library and Minnesota Reflections websites are being merged and Minitex is working on rebranding for these collections.
- The MnLINK Library Users group discussed possible replacements for VDX and that process. Maggie also reported that all MnLINK sites are now open and borrowing is up 40% over the previous quarter of this fiscal year.

Matt L. reported on an RFP to possible platform vendors for Ebooks MN. The discussion of pursuing a potential statewide ebook collection was continued. The different models ("nesting doll option" "reciprocal lending agreements") of statewide/sharing platforms were discussed. The potential merits of a statewide emagazine collection was introduced. There was agreement that a collection like this should be very cost-effective if it is to be entertained. Matt L. will request a quote for a state-wide emagazine collection from Overdrive. Scott V. will also invite Overdrive representatives to attend the March CRPLSA meeting to give a presentation on what a statewide ebook collection could look like and what it might cost.

State Library Services Update

Outgoing State Librarian, Jen Nelson, was thanked for her work on behalf of Minnesota libraries. Ann H. extended an invitation to Jen N. to attend a future CRPLSA meeting 18-24 months after settling into her new role as the State Librarian in New Jersey and report back to the group.

Standing Committee Reports

- Bylaws—none
- Cont. Ed.—none
- CRPLSA Fund—none
- Legislative Committee—none
- Marketing/Conventions—none
- Website—none

Liaison and Other Appointed Positions Reports

- Center for the Book—Erin reported that the MN Book Award ceremony is scheduled for April 29th and will be virtual again this year. Finalists were recently announced. The Fourth Chapter of One Book | One Minnesota is in the works with more details forthcoming soon.
- Legwork—Carla L. reported virtual Library Legislative week will take place towards the end of February
- Minitex Advisory Council—none
- MLA-ITEM Steering Committee (Minnesota Library Partners)—none
- Multitype Library Directors—Krista reported that the multitype directors met last week on the strategic planning process and are meeting this afternoon regarding legislation.

Committee Assignments

Bylaws:

Erin S. (Secretary)
Scott V.
Krista R.
Jim W.

Cont. Ed.

Ann H.
Carla L.
Laurie O.

Council Fund

Scott V. (Chair)
Jim T.
Krista R.

Legislative

Karen P.
Liz L.
Scott V.
Ann H.

Marketing, etc.

Liz L.
Krista R.

New Director Orientation

Jim W.
Liz L.

Website Management

Liz L.

Ad Hoc

Legwork Committee, Carla L.

Liaisons

Center for the Book, Erin S.
MLA Board, Liz L.
Minnesota Library Partners, Jim, W. and
Scott V. (alternate)
Minitex Advisory Council, Jim T.
Multitype Library System Directors, Krista R.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, March 25 (and in theory, March 26th) 2021

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Erin Smith, 2021 CRPLSA Secretary