

**Michigan Cooperative Directors Association**  
**Minutes - August 28, 2009**  
**Woodlands Library Cooperative – Albion – 10:00 A.M.**

Attending: Suzanne Dees, Denise Hooks, Rick Hulsey, Sherry Hupp, Jim Lawrence, Roger Mendel, Jim Pletz, Jim Seidl, Bryon Sitler and Sandra Wilson.

Guests: Nancy Robertson and Sheryl Mase – Library of Michigan

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Chairman, Jim Seidl.

Byron Sitler moved, supported by Roger Mendel, “to accept the Minutes of the June 12, 2009 meeting as presented.” **MOTION CARRIED**

**Treasurers Report:** Bryon Sitler reported the fund balance was \$1,477.23. All bills have been covered to date. 2009-2010 dues of \$100 per cooperative will be assessed as of October 1, 2009.

**Library of Michigan – HAL Update:** Jim Seidl reported that he and Sherry Hupp attended the August 26 hearing held by the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee. While unable to testify, under tight time constraints, the position of the state library community was well represented. During the open hearing questions of four representatives from Governor Granholm’s department staffs, Senators repeatedly challenged the potential cost savings, voiced concerns over the accessibility to collections if broken up and why turn the Library of Michigan building into a High School. Senator Cameron Brown expressed support for keeping all parts of HAL intact instead of dividing it into pieces distributed to other state departments. Senator George was very vocal in stressing the need to keep all Library of Michigan collections intact.

Seidl and Hupp were able to meet, after the hearing, with Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent of Education, and discuss briefly the role of Cooperatives as part of statewide library services. Wolenberg said both she and Superintendent Flanagan have read the initial correspondence from the Cooperative Directors Association and look forward to meeting with the Cooperative Directors in the new fiscal year.

Governor Granholm has amended the Executive Order to establish the position of State Librarian in the Department of Education, appoint one librarian/archivist to serve on the nine member Michigan Center for Innovation and Reinvention, preserve MelCat and insure that essential Library of Michigan collections remain in one place and intact. Seidl urged everyone to keep the pressure up and to attend the September 10 rally in Lansing.

**Library of Michigan Report**

Library of Michigan Director, Nancy Robertson, reported she had a very supportive and productive meeting with Department of Education Superintendent Flanagan. Library of Michigan staff are meeting with their counterpart staff at the Department of Education to



## Michigan Library Association

Jim Seidl presented a request from the Michigan Library Association to fund the Adult Service track at the annual conference. The cost would be \$1,200. After discussion, Jim Pletz moved, supported by Sherry Hupp, "to provide \$600 in funding for the Adult Service Track of the Annual Conference of the Michigan Library Association."

**MOTION CARRIED** Jim Seidl introduced, supported by Roger Mendel, a motion supporting a resolution by the MCDA to resolve, as an organization, support for the Michigan Library Association efforts to oppose Executive Order Number 2009-36, support all legislative efforts to maintain library services and keep their functions whole under the Library of Michigan within state government, maintain state aid to libraries at \$10 million and to retain the position and role of the State Librarian. **RESOLUTION APPROVED.**

## Future Meeting Dates for MLCA

October	16	Library of Michigan
December	18	Library of Michigan or by Telephone Conference Call
February	19	Library of Michigan or by Telephone Conference Call
April	16	Library of Michigan
June	18	Library of Michigan
August	20	Suburban Library Cooperative – Sterling Heights
October	15	Library of Michigan
December	17	Library of Michigan or by Telephone Conference Call

## New Business and Discussion

A flyer from DTE Energy on Dead Ash Tree Damage was distributed for release to libraries served by DTE. A summary of the Thinkfinity project was presented. Suzanne Dees reported SIRIS/DYNEX libraries were getting proposals for 3 – 5 – 7 year maintenance agreements. A list of the Futuring Conference members was presented and it was reported the group will meet on September 24.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM, when all present left to attend a luncheon hosted by the Seidl family at their home. Cooperative reports of activities were presented at the luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Pletz  
Recording Secretary  
Michigan Cooperative Director Association