

Michigan Cooperative Directors Association
Minutes – February 19, 2010
Board Room – Library of Michigan

Attending:

Suzanne Dees, Denise Hooks, Rick Hulsey, Jim Lawrence, Roger Mendel, Joanne Mondowney, Jim Pletz, Jim Seidl, Bryon Sitler, Sandra Wilson and Art Woodford.

Guests:

Nancy Robertson, Sheryl Mase and Sonya Norris – Library of Michigan
Randy Dykhuis – MCLS

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

No objections were raised or alterations made to the agenda. Minutes from the December 18, 2009 meeting were presented by the Secretary, Jim Pletz. Sitler moved, supported by Woodford, “to accept the Minutes for December 18, 2009 as presented.” **Motion Carried**

Treasurer Report

Bryon Sitler, Treasurer, reported the balance stood at \$1,936.03 with no outstanding invoices. Pletz moved, supported by Wilson “to accept and file the Treasurer report as presented.” **Motion Carried**

Library of Michigan Reports

State Librarian Nancy Robertson provided a sobering perspective on the FY 2011 Budget. The Library of Michigan budget would be cut by \$1.1 million and must reduce Full Time staff by 13. This reduction would eliminate maintenance and oversight of the non-Michigan Genealogy Collection, the Federal Documents collection and the Regional Depository program. In addition, remaining collections would not circulate, interlibrary loan would cease and the budget for collections would be reduced. State Aid to Libraries would be reduced by 2.5% to \$5,850,000.

Sheryl Mase distributed copies of the Library of Michigan statistics, prepared by Terry Assif. Jim Seidl will place the data report on the Woodlands Cooperative website. The success of the Michigan State University Round One stimulus grant is groundbreaking for Round Two applications which have a deadline of March 15 for submittal. Details for equipment and software purchases are still being drafted. Unlike the Gates Foundation Grant, there are no administrative fees available. Administrative overhead went directly to MSU for organizing, compiling and writing the final application. In addition, the grant, as a teaching model, built in use of MSU students to install software for the grant. Round one successfully provide funding to 15 of 83 counties in Michigan. Sheryl emphasized that Round Two proposals must be LARGE in focus and expenditures. MSU, like they did for Round One, will coordinate all data collection and author the Round Two grant.

Library Legislation Committee

Roger Mendel reported the committee held a meeting via conference call. The previous stated need to consolidate library legislation into one, updated bill covering City, Village, Township and County libraries was rejected, after discussion. A Headlee impact was cited for any new legislation, for which the revision/rewrite might apply. The committee approved a draft process, by Anne Seurnyck, to update existing legislation, as an alternative to proposing new legislation. Roger also reported the program committee for the 2010 MLA Annual Conference was very interested in hosting a program presentation on library legislation.

OCLC and ILL

Randy Dykhuis, Executive Director of the newly created Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS), reported his inquiry to OCLC about a reduced, one stop site for Michigan ILL use of OCLC produced little price change. At this time, OCLC wants the full amount paid by cooperatives, for one site or multiple sites. Michigan generated 19,000+ in requests which had a fill rate of 9,000 actual loans. Bryon Sitler, White Pine Cooperative, continued to offer their services to be a one stop ILL site for the state, if OCLC would negotiate a lower annual fee. Currently, filled loan requests in Michigan run a cost per loan rate of a low \$12.50 at White Pine to a high of \$35 at TLN. Average fill rate per loan equaled \$26.70. Randy agreed to go back to OCLC and see if a more reasonable rate could be provided for a one site, one site Michigan center. Randy and Nancy asked if there would be any interest in discussing a statewide delivery service. Current contracting with ProMed is up for negotiation this year. Members indicated an interest in developing the statewide concept. Jim Seidl Appointed a cooperative directors committee to assist in the review process consisting of Art Woodford, Sandy Wilson, Jim Seidl and Jim Pletz to serve as members, to assist Nancy Robertson and Randy in the process. Models of delivery from Massachusetts and Wisconsin will be explored.

Michigan Library Association

Gretchen Couraud, MLA Executive Director, and Larry Neal, MLA President, provided an update on MLA priorities, concerns and activities. Gretchen stressed the two main priorities for MLA are first, preserving state aid at \$6 Million, and second, to insure Tax Capture. These efforts require a great deal of lobbying to secure support. Membership needs to become more vigilant and press their legislators for support and “call them out” when they vote against libraries. The only issue which gains legislators attention is how to save monies and maximize limited resources. Both Gretchen and Larry pointed out the value of having a legislative voice in MLA. A major reason institutional membership should increase rather than decrease in tough economic times. Communication with membership and conference support was also addressed. The Annual MLA conference, moved to November, needs downstate support for programs and attendance. Mid year MLA training programs are planned, including a June 4 Directors workshop for directors.

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Salary Survey Update

Jim Seidl reported the Salary Survey, hosted on a Google survey site, produced a request from the Kentucky State Library to copy the form. There are now updated results which can be reviewed by going to the Google site.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM, with some members staying to participate in the Round Two stimulus grant conference call.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Pletz
Recording Secretary