

Michigan Cooperative Directors Association
Minutes – October 16, 2009
Library of Michigan – Lake Erie Room

Attending: Suzanne Dees, Denise Hooks, Rick Hulsey, 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

No objections were raised or alterations made to the agenda. Minutes from the August 28, 2009 meeting were presented by the Secretary, Jim Pletz. Sitler moved, supported by Wilson, “to accept the Minutes for August 28 as presented.” **Motion Carried**

Treasurer Report

Bryon Sitler, Treasurer, reported the balance stood at \$2193.60, with the MLA conference support fee paid.

Library of Michigan Report

State Librarian, Nancy Robertson reported she was very pleased with number a variety of nominations for the Library of Michigan Foundation’s State Librarians Excellence Award., including one from a school. Robertson will present the award on Thursday, November 5 at the MLA conference luncheon. Michigan Reads will continue with support from Target. The transition from HAAL to Department of Education continues. New procedures for purchasing are the biggest change to date. Most of the Library of Michigan staff, displaced by buildings remodeling and corrective reconstruction, will move back over the next six weeks.

Sheryl Mase reported staff is busy providing continuing education workshops on a wide variety of topics. The Phase One Broad Band stimulus grant, using Michigan State University staff facilitated statewide collaboration has produced a grant endorsed and supported by Governor Granholm. Phase 2 and 3 may be much more competitive. E rate training starts in October with two workshops.

Efforts to protect state aid to libraries continue. Reductions in state aid will eventually impact the level federal support for MelCat and Mel data bases. Funding Michigan’s libraries will be a key topic at the MLA pre conference.

Print and AV Discounts

Jim Pletz presented new documents for vendors offering discounts. The group, by **common consent**, requested TLN to continue the process of identifying and securing vendor discounts for statewide cooperative access.

State Aid Forecast

Nancy Robertson reported on the impact of MLA efforts to preserve the Library of Michigan, full state aid and the future forecast for funding. Library support produces major changes in the Governor's Executive Order The effort most continue to be positive and stress the important place of libraries in the state as the fight goes to the next round ... saving schools, Promise Grant, Revenue Sharing and aid to Libraries.

Library Law

Suzanne Dees introduced the topic of library law, as it relates to public, district and township board authority. PA 164 needs some major reworking. Dees said she would check with her attorney, Anne Seurnyck, to see if the issues the attorney raised could be copied to the cooperative directors. After a great deal of discussion, Chairman Seidl appointed Roger Mendel to chair a Legislative Review Committee to include Suzanne Dees, Bryon Sitler, Jim Pletz and Anne Seurnyck (Pro Bono).

Plinkit Update

Jim Pletz reported the five test libraries had completed training and would bring their websites live the week after MLA annual conference. As the initial steering committee, the following general recommendations were approved and forwarded to State Librarian, Nancy Robertson, for final approval:

- Up to five libraries will be added quarterly
- Priority give to libraries with no website; libraries with static websites; and rural libraries
- Training will be taken statewide
- Advisory Committee to have five participant members and one cooperative director;; two year terms, staggered to permit new member libraries representation and Cooperative Director to serve one year
- Next cycle of training to start January 2010
- Open enrollment via state website

Futuring Conference

Jim Seidl reported the group met recently with minimal attendance. The group will reconvene after the MLA annual conference and discuss plans.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Jim Pletz
Recording Secretary