

Michigan Cooperative Directors Association  
Minutes – December 18, 2009  
Hannah Building

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

Guests: Nancy Robertson, Sheryl Mase and Sonya Norris – Library of Michigan

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

No objections were raised or alterations made to the agenda. Minutes from the October 16, 2009 meeting were presented by the Secretary, Jim Pletz. The minutes were *corrected to reflect the appointment of Denise Hooks to the Legislation Committee...* Sitler moved, supported by Wilson, “to accept the Minutes for October 16 as presented and corrected...” **Motion Carried**

#### **Treasurer Report**

Bryon Sitler, Treasurer, reported the balance stood at \$2097.13.

#### **Library of Michigan Reports**

Nancy Robertson, State Librarian, reported the transition from HAL to the Department of Education continues to move smoothly. The Superintendent of Education has voiced support for the move, citing libraries as a pivotal partner in the education process. The Library of Michigan is preparing a budget which will reflect a 20% decrease in funding for 2011 per the Governor’s Executive request. Actual levels will be determined by Department of Education budget discussions. There are no projections for new revenues. The Library of Michigan Foundation Board has decided to continue without an Executive Director for the near future. Michigan Reads, Notable Books and MAP will all be supported by the Foundation during FY 2010. The continued prospects of reduced funding will impact State Aid to libraries, staffing levels at Library of Michigan, the book distribution center and maintenance of effort required to support Michigan ELibrary services funded by LSTA federal dollars. Library of Michigan staffing levels are at a record low level and vacant positions will remain unfilled for the near future.

Sonya Norris reported on the successful implementation of the pilot Plinkit website program. Five pilot libraries completed 2 ½ months of work and training and are going live with their new websites. Applications to become a Plinkit library will be taken online at the Library of Michigan website. Priority for selection are; 1. Library currently has no website; 2. Library has website with no input and 3. Library seeks standard product with greater control over daily management. Priority will also be given to expanding Plinkit sites to a maximum number of cooperatives. New libraries will be added quarterly, at a maximum rate of five, with training provided around the state.

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Sheryl Mase reported the Beginning Workshop, aka Library Boot Camp, will be held May 24-26 at the Otsego Country Club and Resort, Gaylord. Cost is \$125 and registration opens January 11. A New Director's Workshop will be hosted at the Library of Michigan on September 22. An updated certification manual will be posted on the Library of Michigan website in January. Updated QSAC revisions, effective in March, will also be posted on the Library of Michigan website. Sheryl thanked the cooperative directors for supporting the MeL Study and Survey. Also for hosting the highly successful Reader Advisory workshops featuring NoveList creator, Duncan Smith. Sheryl distributed The Michigan Center for the Book 2010 Grant Program requirements fact sheet and The E-Rate Funding 2007-2009 Funding for Michigan Libraries. Census 2010 materials are ready for distribution after the meeting. Sheryl reminded everyone to watch for Broadband and Census workshops coming statewide in 2010. The Census 2010 effort will be supported by Question Assistance Centers (QAC) located statewide. The news of the first round of federal broadband grants looks promising. Round Two applications will be taken starting in January and ending in February.

### **OCLC – ILL – MLC**

With one exception, Michigan Library Cooperatives have dropped OCLC fees for Interlibrary Loan (ILL) services as a result of the 40% reduction in state aid. The potential for a centralized ILL/OCLC service for all cooperatives was discussed. The members present supported a request to have the Michigan Library Consortium prepare a proposal for centralized access to ILL services and send a representative to the February Cooperative Directors meeting. White Pine volunteered to be the OCLC agent for all the cooperatives – if this is allowed by OCLC.

### **Library Legislation Committee**

Roger Mendel reported the committee held a meeting via conference call and established the need to consolidate library legislation into one, updated bill covering City, Village, Township and County libraries. That modified bill would be drafted by Anne Seurnyck. Mendel moved, second from Pletz, "to retain the services of Anne Seurnyck, from the firm of FosterSwift, at an initial fee of \$500." **Motion Carried**

### **Department of Education**

Deputy Superintendent Carol Wolenberg welcomed everyone to the Department. She remembered when the Library of Michigan was previously part of the department and promised the Library community will be well served by the new assignment. Wolenberg said the Department of Education has a priority focus on programs and services which collaborate with new partners and maximize limited funds. Wolenberg extended a hand of cooperation to the library world and voiced interest in exploring ways for libraries to fit in as a vital partner in statewide educational services.

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**New Business**

Roger Mendel presented information on the Friends of Michigan Libraries organization. Established to support nuts and bolts educational services for libraries. The new focus for the group is Trustee training and development. A service in response to the new focus of the Michigan Library Association on individual member concerns and limited emphasis on Trustees. The fee for membership is \$35.

The meeting adjourned at @ 2:00 PM with members following Sheryl Mase to the Library of Michigan to pick up their Census 2010 promotional materials.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Pletz  
Recording Secretary