

SLC Advisory Board of Librarians (ABL) October 27, 10:00 EST/11:00 CST

DRAFT MINUTES

I. Introductions/Comments

Megan Buck, Dickinson; Pam Malmsten, SLC; Cheryl Hoffman, SPIES; Barbara Bartel, West Iron; Lynne Wiercinski, Ironwood; Dillon Geshel, PLDL; Eric Magness-Eubank, Alpena; Alycia McKowen, St. Ignace; Andrea Ingmire, PWPL; Jessica Holman, Negaunee; Amanda Winnicki, Menominee County; Carolyn Stacey, Escanaba; Jesse Shirtz, Ishpeming, Lisa Crommell, Munising

II. Minutes from Previous Meeting in September – look good!

III. SLC Committee Reports – no reports

- a. ALB Policy – chair: Lisa Waskin
- b. Database – chair: Amanda Griggs
- c. Grants – chair: Lisa Waskin
- d. Plan of Service – chair: Eric Magness-Eubank
- e. Prof. Dev./Continuing Ed. – co-chairs: Megan Buck and Carolyn Stacey
- f. Programming/Technology – chair: Alycia McKowen
- g. RIDES – chair: Amanda Winnicki

IV. Plan of Service FY 2020-21

- a. Tech Services – Committee Chair Eric reported that response to the tech services survey of member libraries received great response and confirmed how critical tech support is to SLC libraries. Pam reported that Byron has moved and taken a new job in Alaska. Two full-time tech positions are in the budget, including a Network Administrator and an I.T. Specialist. There will be no additional charges to member libraries for this fiscal year for tech services. The salary has been increased for the Network Administrator to draw in new candidates. Both positions will be posted soon. Niche Academy was dropped. Megan indicated that no new activities have been added, and old or completed activities will be removed (for example “Lunch Bunch,” 3-D printing activities, video camera purchasing,) Allocations to committees have changed slightly and will be updated in the document. Changes to the Plan of Service are primarily to clean it up and restructure service categories to be more inline. In terms of tech services solutions, Barb B. made a suggestion of dividing the service area geographically and assigning areas to different people to make it more manageable. Plan of Service committee members clarified that the FY 20-21 plan is an interim solution and that the issue of how tech services is structured and funded will continue to be evaluated going forward. Ideally, new staff in place will be able to assist with this planning. The plan will go to the SLC Board on November 5th.

V. Updates from Cooperative (Pam)

- a. Jean is assisting part-time until new staff can be hired. The SLC budget has been revised and balanced.

VI. Nomination and Election of ABL Officers

- a. Current officers: Megan - Chair, Dillon - Vice-Chair, Carolyn – Secretary
- b. Nominations that were elected include Andrea for Chair, Dillon – Vice Chair, Secretary – Carolyn through September 30, 2021.
- c. ABL Committees should plan on meeting after Plan of Service is adopted. Megan will send out existing committee assignments for review.

VII. Communication and Collaboration

a. COVID

Lynne has dialed back to curbside. Spies has two staff out sick and is doing curbside and appointments. Cheryl is retiring after 34 years!

On issue of accommodations and masks – Dickinson has not had to use them yet, but has talked about offering appointments prior to open hours (Escanaba – same) Dillon mentioned that there is a community of people who are volatile about masks and that PLDL will require masks but have reasonable accommodations to offer.

Amanda has finished 2nd wifi installation with her townships and will have two more soon. The project has been very positive. Barb B. talked about how they are accommodating older patrons who don't like to use card catalog by marketing new titles in a low-tech way, also selling books on social media.

VIII. Next Meeting Date – Next COVID director chat is November 13th. There isn't a date yet for the next SLC Board meeting. Once that date is set, ABL will set its next meeting.

IX. Adjournment 12:06