

**SLC Advisory Board of Librarians (ABL)
Tuesday, February 18 at 10am CT/11am ET**

MINUTES

- I. Introductions/Comments
Shawn Andary, Jeremy Morelock, Pam Malmsten (Superiorland), Megan Buck (Dickinson), Mary Hook (Manistique), Lynne Wiercinski (Ironwood), Amanda Winnicki (Menominee), Dillon Geshel (Portage), Eric Magness-Eubank (Alpena), Lisa Waskin (Superior District) Cheryl Hoffman (Spies), Carolyn Stacey (Escanaba)
- II. Minutes from Previous Meeting
- III. SLC Committee Reports
 - a. ABL Policy – chair: Lisa Waskin This committee has not met.
 - b. Database – chair: Amanda Griggs RB Digital presented a session on new products, including everything they have available. They are in competition with Overdrive. Shawn will send out a recording of the session via email with information about the pricing and discounts. SLC needs to respond during mid-March. Shawn reported that the audiobook options are extensive, but there is a concern about an embargo on RB Digital audiobooks. There will be access to all the magazines in their catalog. Shawn will be sending information and pricing on Freegal (streaming music). Shawn reported that Overdrive may open up reciprocal borrowing for ebooks and audiobooks. Jeremy reported a 16% increase in circulation last fiscal year. The committee will be meeting this afternoon on an app called SORA. The committee will be meeting again in early March.
 - c. Grants – chair: Lisa Waskin No update from grants committee.
 - d. Plan of Service – chair: Eric Magness-Eubank This committee has not met. The plan is on the website.
 - e. Prof. Dev./Continuing Ed. – co-chairs: Megan Buck and Carolyn Stacey Will meet soon! Shawn requested that the Committee look at ways to make use of Niche Academy.
 - f. Programming/Technology – chair: Alycia McKowen Shawn discussed process for submitting proposals for grants and modeling it after Library of Michigan. The Library of Michigan reminded SLC of the small “lightly competitive” LSTA grants that are due in March that can be used to buy supplies and items for summer programs. Lynne indicated that the grant is very simple
 - g. RIDES – chair: Amanda Winnicki Shawn reported that she had a conversation with another vendor for delivery who would like to submit a quote. The RIDES committee will take a look at it. Megan mentioned some concerns relative to the borrowing / lending ratio with the new MeL rules and suggested that the local RIDES committee should meet prior to the next MCLS RIDES meeting. Shawn said they would meet in March.
- IV. Updates from SLC Director/SLC Staff
Pam reported that the Northern Michigan Library Network (NMLN) is well on its way to being dissolved. This will eliminate unnecessary administrative work and fees. Participating libraries are submitting resolutions supporting the action. The ILS Committee met twice. Lissa Potter and Ellen Moore are Co-Chairs. They are currently putting together survey for member libraries about what is important in an ILS and what is lacking in our current system. This will be for all staff, not just directors. SLC is just beginning the second year of a five year contract, so there is plenty of time to explore options. Pam reported that the UPRLC Board approved a 1% increase in ILS maintenance fees to member libraries for the upcoming year, this is down from the usual 2% increase.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Report from ABL Representation on SLC Finance Committee. Pam reported that there has not been a committee meeting. January YTD financials are complete and are posted on the SLC website.
 - b. Report from ABL Representation on Personnel Committee . Shawn reported that they have been working on the SLC Personnel policies and will have a report soon.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Upcoming – February 27th – SLC Board Meeting

- b. Group Purchases Discussion. Lisa and Shawn discussed the possibility of group purchasing of titles of interest to U.P. libraries. Shawn will follow up with Jim Flury of TLN and library directors.

VII. Communication and Collaboration

- a. Ride Sharing Opportunities. Shawn and Jeremy are going to Rural and can ride share. Lisa is going on Sunday (Easter) and can ride share.
- b. Programs/Promotion. Megan mentioned the prom dress swap coming up in Dickinson. Lynne mentioned doing some census education in the community. Eric mentioned that Alpena will be hosting David Sedaris and Dr. Mona with the Great Michigan Read. Hancock will be hosting Dr. Mona in August.
- c. Think Tank Time. Shawn mentioned that SLC would help to coordinate logistics to encourage participation in MLA Advocacy Day on April 22nd.

VIII. Next Meeting Date The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 19th at 10:00 a.m. CST/11:00 a.m. EST

IX. Adjournment